

## PESSYP New National Strategy

This term marks the transition from **PESSCL to PESSYP** – which is a new strategy, consisting of new work strands, but the objectives remain the same!

The new PE and Sport Strategy for Young People (PESSYP) which was launched in January 2008 expresses the Government's commitment to improve the quantity and quality of PE and sport undertaken by young people aged 5-19 in England. PESSYP builds on the success of the PE, School Sport and Club Links (PESSCL) Strategy for 5-16 year olds, which went live in April 2003. It will see an investment of £755 million over three years to deliver the work announced by the Prime Minister in July 2007, and is now set out in Public Service Agreement target 22.

The strategy is the joint overall responsibility of the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), which works in particular with the Department for Universities, Innovation and Skills (DIUS) in relation to 16-19 year olds (This holds strong links to Department of Health). There are key roles for the infrastructure of specialist sports colleges, school sport partnerships, national governing bodies, county sports partnerships and other community providers to ensure that all 5 -16 years olds have access to two hours of PE and three hours beyond the curriculum, whilst 16-19 year olds have three hours of sport outside of the curriculum. Collectively, this is referred to as the "Five Hour Offer".

An initial outline of the new strategy can be found at [www.teachernet.gov.uk](http://www.teachernet.gov.uk)

The new **PE and Sport Strategy for Young People** has ten Work Strands as follows:

- **Club Links**
- **Coaching**
- **Competition**
- **Continuing Professional Development**
- **Disability**
- **Extending Activities**
- **Gifted and Talented**
- **Infrastructure**
- **Leadership and Volunteering**
- **Swimming**

Work is currently underway to identify the various components of the Five Hour Offer. In essence, it will be important to differentiate PE and sport from physical activity, and provide clear guidance on what is and what is not to be considered as part of the Five Hour sporting landscape.

### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### **School Sport Partnerships**

Under the new PESSYP strategy, School Sport Partnerships will remain the key driver

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young people's high quality sports opportunities within and beyond the curriculum. SSPs will not only retain a responsibility for increasing participation opportunities, supporting the development and delivery of high quality physical education and school sport, but will also become much more outward looking, to ensure that appropriate pathways exist, or are being developed, for young people to access more high quality sporting opportunities beyond the school gates. This will need to be done alongside many community partners, including local authority services, county sports partnerships, voluntary agencies and national governing bodies.

### **Further Education Sport Coordinators (FESCO)**

All 31 pilot FESCO applications were approved at the first meeting of the FESCO Operations Group at the end of March 08. Recruitment is in progress across these partnerships.

### **County Sports Partnerships**

CSPs will play an enhanced role in the delivery of the 5 hour offer. CSPs will lead the delivery of the Extending Activities work strand in addition to their current role within the Step into Sport work strand.

### **National Governing Bodies**

NGBs will continue to play a key role in supporting the delivery of many work strands including Club Links, Step into Sport and Competition manager's etc...

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