



# Norfolk County Council at your service

## **Vetting and Barring Project Communications:**

You will have seen the recent news that the Government is taking the opportunity to review the Vetting and Barring scheme. As a result the voluntary registration of individuals working with vulnerable groups which was scheduled to begin from 26 July 2010 has been halted.

Norfolk County Council has been running a project to put everything in place to meet the new obligations. As result we are in a good position to respond to any changes that might come out of the review.

In the meantime please note the following:-

- The statutory responsibility to CRB check all those who work or volunteer with vulnerable groups remains.
- Norfolk County Council will therefore continue to rollout the system for electronic CRB checks ensuring that we remain at the forefront of efficiencies and modernisation in this area. NCC is one of just a handful of organisations nationally who have made it into Phase One rollout of Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) E-bulk service.
- Employers are still legally obliged to refer information to the Independent Safeguarding Authority if they have moved or removed an individual because they have harmed or there is a risk of harm to a member of a vulnerable group.
- Our E-Learning materials have been temporarily suspended and re-launched once the outcomes of the review are known.

As the Secretary of State asserted the safety of children and vulnerable adults is of paramount importance. Norfolk County Council will continue to hold itself to the highest possible standard in all such circumstances through our existing policy and risk assessment frameworks.