



Dear Colleagues

I hope you are enjoying the Team GB performance in Rio as much as we are. Below as usual is a short update on recent news and developments.

Independent appraisal of CSPs

The report on the independent appraisal of CSPs has been published and can be found [here](#). Andy Reed was asked by government to undertake the appraisal as part of Sporting Future. The report outlines a new vision of CSPs for the future, showing how they can help deliver both the Sporting Future and Towards an Active Nation strategies, and setting out the roles and responsibilities CSPs should be expected to deliver in future.

Sport England welcomes the report and its conclusions. It calls for a clearer, more tightly defined specification of roles and responsibilities for CSPs, a tougher performance management system, greater transparency and more accountability. There is also a strong recommendation for the CSPN to focus on its membership and improvement, rather than being a policy or lobbying organisation.

The work begins immediately to implement the recommendations and we will keep you updated.

School Games Review

The School Games review is also now complete and the executive summary report has now been published on the Sport England [website](#).

The review has concluded that the School Games is well placed to make a strong contribution to delivering the five strategic outcomes set by Sporting Future and the ambitions of Sport England's strategy, Towards an Active Nation. In summary, the review found that levels one to three of the School Games are working well but recommends improvements to ensure an even greater impact. These are focused around:

- the vision and ethos of the Games;
- how even more children can be engaged;
- better exit routes to community sport;
- improved guidance and support; and
- greater accountability of School Games Organisers.

Regarding level four, the national finals where those taking part are chosen by their sports, more substantial change is proposed. This is focussed on driving down the cost and ensuring a clearer link to and impact on long-term athlete development and competition frameworks.

The review process drew in many partners and organisations, including some NGBs, and we are very grateful for all the input. We look forward to working with a wide range of partners to implement the reviews recommendations. Further information will be available in due course.

Best wishes

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