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Opportunity to have your say as Estyn carries out consultation

Estyn, Her Majesty's Education and Training Inspectorate for Wales, is carrying out a public consultation programme, giving people the chance to have their say on the future of inspection.

The consultation includes a questionnaire that is now available on the Estyn website www.estyn.gov.uk

Views from learners, community groups and interested individuals are being gathered as the first part of a strategic review into how Estyn will inspect education and training services from 2010.

"We want our review to be informed by as wide a range of experiences and expertise as possible and we are hoping that ideas will be put forward that focus on the improvement of services in education and training across Wales," says Susan Lewis, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales.

A cross-section of people across Wales are being asked what kind of inspection service Estyn should provide. For instance, Estyn will be finding out what different groups want from inspection, how frequently they think inspections should be carried out and what type of reports they would find most user-friendly.

As well as consulting other people, Estyn will be looking at the latest developments in inspection and regulation strategy before deciding how to approach the process in future. Estyn's current inspection cycles come to an end by 2010.

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Notes to Editors:

- Estyn, the office of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales, inspects nursery schools and settings maintained or funded by local authorities, primary schools, secondary schools, special schools, pupil referral units, independent schools, further education, adult community-based learning, youth support services, youth and community work training, local education authorities (LEAs), teacher education and training, work-based learning, careers companies, offender learning, and the education, guidance and training elements of the Department for Work and Pensions funded training programmes.

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