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Watchdog backs council which put child's needs before parents' religion

Posted: Fri, 05 Jul 2019

A watchdog has dismissed a parent's complaint that a council failed to regard his son's "religious heritage" when it placed him in care. [Read More »](#)

NSS reveals councils' spending on discriminatory coroners' service

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The NSS has criticised five north London councils for spending £56,000 on an out-of-hours coroners' service for religious groups. [Read More »](#)

NSS welcomes 'fair and equitable' draft coroner protocol

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The NSS has welcomed a new draft protocol for prioritising deaths reported to a London coroner. [Read More »](#)

NSS asks NHS Choices to review advice on fasting during Ramadan

Posted: Tue, 12 Jun 2018

The NSS has asked NHS Choices to review health advice on its website which draws heavily on Islamic theology. [Read More »](#)

No need to prioritise requests based on religion, says chief coroner

Posted: Thu, 17 May 2018

Coroners in England and Wales are not obliged to prioritise requests which come from particular religious communities, the chief coroner has said. [Read More »](#)

NSS criticises Surrey Police for ‘engaging in evangelism’

Posted: Sat, 28 Apr 2018

The NSS has criticised Surrey Police after it accepted 1,000 branded bibles for distribution amongst officers and staff. [Read More »](#)

Court rules against coroner’s ‘cab rank’ policy

Posted: Fri, 27 Apr 2018

The NSS has said religion must not "automatically entitle people to expedited access to public services" after a coroner's court defeat. [Read More »](#)

Judicial office rejects complaints against equal treatment coroner

Posted: Fri, 23 Feb 2018

A judicial complaints office has rejected all complaints against a North London coroner who treats people equally regardless of religion. [Read More »](#)

NSS criticises Foreign Office for “fetishising” the hijab

Posted: Fri, 09 Feb 2018

The NSS has criticised the Foreign Office for "fetishising Islamic head coverings" after it encouraged staff to mark 'world hijab day'. [Read More »](#)

Religious groups should deliver public services “on an equal opportunities basis”

Posted: Tue, 09 Jan 2018

A minister has told the NSS public services must be delivered "on an equal opportunities basis", including by religious groups. [Read More »](#)

Coroner faces legal threat over refusal to prioritise religious burials

Posted: Fri, 05 Jan 2018

The NSS has expressed support for a North London coroner facing calls to be sacked after refusing to prioritise religious burials over others. [Read More »](#)

Faith groups ‘shouldn’t proselytise when providing public services’

Posted: Thu, 07 Dec 2017

The NSS has written to the Government after a minister said Christian charities need not hide their faith when providing public services. [Read More »](#)

Residents’ anger over council’s £3m gift to ‘homophobic’ church

Posted: Fri, 10 Nov 2017

A council plans to close and partially demolish a public hall in south-west London and build a new Pentecostal church on the site. [Read More »](#)

Police and Crime Commissioner criticised for awarding tens of thousands of pounds to Christian groups

Posted: Wed, 04 Mar 2015

The National Secular Society has raised concerns about a scheme to "nurture, equip and enable" religious organisations to help reduce crime in Northamptonshire. [Read More »](#)

£400,000 Government scheme to “strengthen” faith organisations in Britain

Posted: Tue, 17 Feb 2015

The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) is giving away £400,000 to a religious organisation or consortium, with the purpose of "strengthening" faith groups in the UK. [Read More »](#)

Christian psychiatrist given official warning after forcing her religious beliefs onto vulnerable patients

Posted: Thu, 06 Nov 2014

A psychiatrist has admitted distributing "unsolicited religious material" to her patients, including leaflets and links to religious websites. Dr Antonia Johnson received a formal warning, which will stay on her record for five years. [Read More »](#)

Prime Minister calls on Christians to be more "evangelical"

Posted: Thu, 17 Apr 2014

In his most recent effort to highlight his strong Christian faith and the importance of Christianity within the UK, David Cameron has called for Christians to be more "evangelical". [Read More »](#)

NSS launch legal challenge to worshippers' free parking permits

Posted: Sun, 02 Jun 2013

A legal challenge has been launched against Woking Borough Council's policy of offering free parking to worshippers while charging everyone else. [Read More »](#)

NSS call on EU Presidents to protect women's right to life

Posted: Tue, 27 Nov 2012

The Presidents of the European Council and European Commission today heard a plea for greater protection for pregnant women's right to life following the death of Savita Halappanavar in Ireland. [Read More »](#)

Tower Hamlets council approves £2 million funding to faith groups

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The mayor of one of Britain's poorest boroughs is providing £2 million of funding to religious groups to help improve places of worship. [Read More »](#)

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