A New Approach to Child Poverty: Tackling the Causes of Disadvantage and Transforming Families' Lives DWP and DfE

This poverty strategy, jointly produced by the Department for Work and Pensions and the Department for Education, draws together the government-wide approach. The Annexes describe the strategy indicators, the key structural reforms and the policy delivery timelines.

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