

# EQUALITY & DIVERSITY NEWSLETTER



On 1st October 2007 the three equality commissions:

**Commission for Racial Equality (CRE)  
Disability Rights Commission (DRC)  
Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC)**

merged into the new Equality and Human Rights Commission (CEHR) covering England, Scotland and Wales. The CEHR will take on all the powers of the three previous Commissions as well as new powers to enforce legislation more effectively and promote equality for all. The Commission will champion the diverse communities that make up modern Britain in their struggle against discrimination.

The Commission will also promote awareness and understanding of human rights and encourage good practice by public authorities in meeting their 'Human Rights Act' obligations. New powers to take human rights cases will champion the causes of many people suffering discrimination. The Commission will have 'police powers' to take action against individuals if they infringe (by harassing or discriminating or omission) the existing Acts of Parliament or Employment and Vocational Training Laws.

[www.equalityhumanrights.com](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com)

Dear Employees

We have decided that from the 1st October 2007 annual holiday entitlement will be increased from 20 days to 24 days (including statutory holidays).

This entitlement will increase to 28 days from 1st October 2009.

Best wishes - The Government



To.

All Employees

The United Kingdom

*Passionate* about equality & diversity

north east  
england