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Rates hike for schools and leisure centres is put on hold

By TOM PETERKIN

The Scottish Government has put off a decision on increasing business rates paid by private schools and leisure centres.

Finance secretary Derek Mackay yesterday announced the government would go ahead with the majority of changes to the levy recommended by Ken Barclay's review into the tax.

But he would not be drawn on Barclay's controversial proposal.

Financial advice in GP surgery 'a success'

By HILARY DUNCANSON

A pilot project embedding a financial advice worker in GP surgeries in the east end of Glasgow has resulted in an extra £850,000 going into people's pockets, according to a report.

The Deep End advice worker pilot project placed an adviser from the Greater Easterhouse Money Advice Project (Gemap) into two GP practices in Parkhead.

An evaluation of the project has been carried out by Building Connections - one of the organisations involved in the initiative - and it has been published by the Glasgow Centre for Population Health.

The analysis found that 276 referrals were made to the advice worker between December 2015 and May this year, with 165 engaging with the service.