

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**10 FEBRUARY 2009**

**CHILDREN AND LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL  
- PROGRESS REPORT**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To provide members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB) with an update on the work of the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board notes the updated position.

**BACKGROUND**

3. Since the last update report to OSB, the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel has met twice, on 7 and 28 January 2009.
4. At the above meetings, the panel continued its investigation of Middlesbrough Youth Service and Connexions. Information was considered on the following aspects of the topic:
  - How youth services and Connexions are organised, including the youth service's targeted outreach work and geographical coverage; and the relationship between schools and Connexions.
  - How resources are allocated and services delivered.
  - The accessibility of services.
  - Service effectiveness and how this is assessed/measured.
5. The scrutiny panel is due to hold two more evidence gathering meetings on this topic.

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