



## **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**15 DECEMBER 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 to OSB, the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel has met twice, on 11 and 30 November 2009.
4. At the 11 November meeting, the panel began its investigation of drugs education. Information was submitted in relation to education within universal and targeted settings such as Connexions, The Youth Offending Service and the Youth Service.
5. Information was also submitted on how the effectiveness of drugs education in these settings is assessed. The panel's next meeting (21 December 2009) will continue work on this topic and will examine drugs education in schools.

6. On 30 November, the Annual School Standards Report was considered by the scrutiny panel. This set out information in respect of educational outcomes (at the Key Foundation Stage, Key Stages 1, 2 and 3), attendance and exclusions for the 2008/09 academic year.

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