

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD 27 JULY 2010

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 once, on 8 July 2010.
- 4. At the above meeting the scrutiny panel considered further information on the topic of young carers. Information was submitted regarding aspects of the panel's outstanding terms of reference in relation to:
 - Key legislation relating to support for young carers.
 - Dedicated support services available to young carers.
 - How young carers are identified.
 - Accessibility to support and how effectiveness of service provision is measured.
 - Support regarding young carers' wellbeing.

5. The panel's next meeting is scheduled to be the final evidence gathering on the topic of support for young carers. The panel's final report will be submitted to the overview and Scrutiny Board in due course.

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