



OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

21 SEPTEMBER 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. The Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel has met once, on 31 August 2010, since the last update to OSB.
4. That meeting was the panel's last evidence gathering meeting on the topic of support for young carers. Information was submitted on the involvement of the Social Care Department in supporting young carers, in relation to:
 - Use by Children, Families and Learning of Carers Grant funding from Social Care.
 - Operational practice in Social Care regarding young carers, particularly the involvement of The Junction Project.
 - The current refresh of the National Carers Strategy and the implications for young carers.
 - Use of a Multi Agency Protocol for identification, assessment and support of young carers and their families.

5. A draft final report will be considered at the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel's next meeting and will be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Board in due course.

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