



OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

7 FEBRUARY 2012

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 4 and 25 January 2012.
4. The panel's examination of the topic of substance misuse by parents and carers is ongoing. To date, Members have considered an overview of the new topic and have agreed areas to be covered by the panel's terms of reference.
5. On 4 January, the panel agreed its terms of reference for the investigation and examined the NHS National Treatment Agency's guidance on the development of a protocol to cover this area of work.
6. This sets out how a protocol between drug and alcohol partnerships and children and adult services can best be developed.

7. On 25 January, the scrutiny panel heard from a representative of Families Forward in respect of support that the organisation provides for families where substance misuse, domestic violence and mental health issues are affecting the safety and wellbeing of children.
8. Members heard examples of support that is provided and how the service is supported by Children, Families and Learning and linked to other support services.

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