



OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

6 MARCH 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 once, on 15 February 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 topic; have agreed areas to be covered by the panel's terms of reference; and have considered national guidance/best practice in this area.
5. On 15 February the panel heard information from the following agencies, which are commissioned by the Council to provide drug/alcohol services:
 - Albert Centre
 - CRI (Crime Reduction Initiative),
 - Platform.
6. This was in respect of the following term of reference:

To determine what assistance is provided to affected young people in Middlesbrough, including links with relevant bodies and agencies and also links with other Council strategies and service areas.

7. At its next meeting (7 March 2012) the panel will hear from representatives of the Fulcrum Medical Practice in respect of its involvement with substance misusing parents.

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