



OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

8 MAY 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 report to OSB, the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel has met three times - on 7 and 28 March and 18 April 2012.
4. An update of proceedings from each of those meetings is summarised below:

7 March 2012

5. This meeting considered further information in respect of its examination of the topic of substance misuse by parents and carers and spoke to representatives of Middlesbrough's Fulcrum Medical Practice. The practice is involved in providing local drug and alcohol treatment services to adults. Information was submitted in respect of:
 - Numbers of children associated with their clients.
 - How any affected young people are identified.
 - How referrals are made to relevant agencies.

28 March 2012

6. At the above meeting the panel heard from officers from Children, Families and Learning and Adult Social Care/Environment regarding progress on development of a joint protocol to address substance misuse issues. Information was also submitted in respect of links between the two service areas, including the referrals process of young people affected by parental substance misuse.

18 April 2012

7. This meeting considered the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel's Draft Final Report on substance misuse by parents and carers. The report is included earlier on the Overview and Scrutiny Board agenda.

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