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### **Area-Based Inspection**

### **Ballykeel Education Other than at School (EOTAS) Provision**

**February 2009**

## **AREA-BASED INSPECTION - BALLYMENA AREA 2009: STRATEGIC PLANNING, COHERENCE IN LEARNING EXPERIENCES AND TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS**

The Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) carried out an area-based inspection on Ballykeel Education Other Than At School, (EOTAS) provision during February 2009.

### **The strengths include:**

- the commitment of the staff to meeting the pastoral needs of their pupils and the high quality of the relationships observed during the teaching sessions;
- the thorough planning and differentiation to facilitate individual pupil achievement and accreditation;
- the very good individual work with pupils on personal and social development; and
- the good links with the local careers service in order to support these very challenging pupils as they enter adult and working life.

### **The areas for improvement include the need to:**

- develop further the planning for the transition of the young people from the centre into employment or further education and training; and
- address the poor accommodation, and in particular provide greater access to information and communication technology resources for the young people at the centre.

While a few specific areas for improvement have been identified in this report, the composite report from the area-based inspection raises broader issues which need to be addressed by all of the schools and organisations visited.

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