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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 the statutory Youth Service provision in Ballymena during February 2009.

The strengths include:

- the very good quality of the learning experiences for young people;
- the very good quality of the care, guidance and support for young people;
- the very good quality relationships with marginalised young people; and
- the good strategic planning between the statutory Youth Service and other government departments.

The areas for improvement include the need to:

- develop further the role of the statutory Youth Service provision in Ballymena in supporting young people through key transition stages; and
- develop structures to monitor and evaluate the overall coherence and progression in the young peoples' learning experiences.

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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