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Report of a Follow-up Inspection

**Pennyburn Youth Centre
Londonderry**

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FOLLOW-UP TO THE STANDARD INSPECTION OF PENNYBURN YOUTH CENTRE, LONDONDERRY

The Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) carried out an inspection of Pennyburn Youth Centre in November 2011 and found the quality of the provision to be satisfactory. A follow-up inspection was completed in March 2013 and the provision remained satisfactory.

The follow-up inspection identified the need for improvement in the following key areas:

- to set more specific targets in the action plan, so that progress and outcomes for the young people and the improvements in governance and management can be measured more effectively; and
- to improve the overall quality of the self-evaluative reports for the management committee.

The ETI carried out an interim follow-up inspection visit in November 2014 and a second follow-up inspection in March 2015.

In the interval since the first follow-up inspection in March 2013, the following key actions that affect the work of the youth centre have taken place:

- a new chairperson of the management committee was appointed in April 2014 and is providing good formal and informal support to the full-time youth worker;
- the membership of the management committee has been widened recently, to include relevant representation from the formal education sector; and
- a new full-time youth worker was appointed in October 2014.

The following are the most important improvements since the original inspection:

- the management committee has held five formal meetings and has taken appropriate steps to review their individual roles and responsibilities;
- an appropriate annual action plan has been submitted to the management committee for monitoring;
- the Western Education and Library Board¹ provided effective support for the staff and management of the centre, including support with the development of a new service level agreement;
- there has been a good start made to the self-evaluation process by the full-time youth worker that extends to her staff team; and
- the opening times of the centre have been increased to include an additional night at the weekend.

¹ Replaced by the Education Authority on the 1st April 2015

Conclusion

In the areas inspected, the quality of the overall provision for the young people is now good. Pennyburn Youth Centre has important strengths in most of its youth provision. The inspection has identified an area for improvement, which the organisation has demonstrated the capacity to address. The area for improvement is:

- to improve the quality of self-evaluation and to embed the process, with a particular focus on measuring more effectively the outcomes for the young people.

The Education and Training Inspectorate will monitor, through district inspection activity, the organisation's progress on the area for improvement.

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