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AREA-BASED INSPECTION - WEST BELFAST AREA 2009: STRATEGIC PLANNING, COHERENCE IN LEARNING EXPERIENCES AND TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) carried out an area-based inspection in Barnardos Travellers Pre-school Service, Belfast during March 2009.

The strengths and areas for improvement were identified as follows.

Strengths include:

- the secure, friendly and caring atmosphere which the staff have created to help the children grow in confidence and to promote effectively their independence and self-esteem;
- the excellent relationships, communication and links established with the parents which encourage them to play a full role in the education of their child;
- the interesting and varied pre-school programme which provides very good opportunities for learning in nearly all areas of the pre-school curriculum;
- the hard-working staff who work well as a team; and
- the quality of the management structure in place, and the appropriate links established with the relevant agencies to provide the best support for all of the children and their parents.

The area for improvement is the need to:

- develop links with the other pre-school providers in the area in order to increase awareness of different cultural traditions, events, and orientations.

The overall composite report for the area-based inspection raises some important recurring areas for improvement. While these are not applicable in all the individual organisations, they are nevertheless important to address across the West Belfast area.

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