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Report of a Follow-up Inspection
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FOLLOW-UP TO THE INSPECTION OF THE LISBURN RURAL PROJECT, DECEMBER 2016

The Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) carried out an inspection¹ of the Lisburn Rural Project in December 2014, when the overall effectiveness was evaluated as satisfactory².

The inspection report highlighted the following areas for improvement:

- the staff need to plan and evaluate more effectively the learning outcomes identified for the young people to promote continuous improvement;
- the staff require additional professional support and co-working opportunities to develop further their group work skills; and
- the monitoring and evaluation of the provision by management needs to be more regular and focus more sharply on the actions required to improve the provision.

The post-inspection action plan required clarification and was amended regarding the proposed provision for the young people. It identified the actions the organisation had made, and planned to make, regarding the areas for improvement identified in the report. The ETI carried out two interim follow-up visits during the period 2015-16, met with staff from the Education Authority on both occasions and a conducted a follow-up inspection in December 2016.

In the interval since the original inspection, the following actions which affect the work of the project have taken place:

- there has been more regular monitoring and evaluation of the project;
- the full-time youth worker was redeployed to work in other youth provision by the Education Authority until September 2015;
- a new area youth worker has been appointed for the Lisburn area; and
- there have been significant changes in the part-time staff team.

Key findings

- The planning and evaluation of the learning outcomes for the young people is now good.
- The monitoring and evaluation of the provision by the management focuses more sharply on the actions required to improve the provision, and the quality of the support and supervision of the staff has improved.
- the staff have engaged in effective professional development, in particular, group work training.
- The quality of the youth work practice is now good and the young people are encouraged to reflect on their learning.

¹ See inspection report at [Youth Inspection - Lisburn Rural Project | Education Training Inspectorate](#)

² From September 2015, the overall effectiveness of an organisation previously evaluated as satisfactory will now be reported as having important areas for improvement.

- The young people participate in an improved range of youth work experiences, which benefit their personal and social development.
- The staff demonstrate highly effective pastoral support to the young people.

Lisburn Area Project demonstrates the capacity to identify and bring about improvement in the interest of all of the young people. The ETI will monitor how the project sustains improvement in recording the personal and social development of the young people.

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