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Report of a Follow-up Inspection

**Rosemount Youth Centre
Londonderry**

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

The original inspection carried out in May 2010, concluded that in most of the areas inspected the quality of the youth work provided was satisfactory; the strengths outweighed areas for improvement in the provision.

A follow-up inspection took place in April 2015 which evaluated the centre as remaining satisfactory and identified an area for improvement in the quality of the provision, which needed to be addressed if the centre is to meet effectively the needs of all of the young people. The area for improvement was the remaining need for:

- the staff to continue to develop their interaction with the young people; in particular, the strategies for engaging purposefully with the young people, to involve them in the planning, implementation and evaluation of their own programmes so that their needs are met more effectively.

The Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) carried out a monitoring visit in November 2015 and a further follow-up inspection in June 2016.

The post-inspection action plan received was of a good quality, and identified the actions the organisation had made, and planned to make, regarding the areas for improvement identified in the follow-up inspection report.

The staff reported that they were very satisfied with the level of support received from the Education Authority (EA). The ETI met on several occasions with the EA area youth officer and team leader as part of the monitoring visit.

The part-time youth worker-in-charge was absent during the second follow-up inspection.

In the interval since the initial inspection, the following key actions which affect the work of the youth centre have taken place:

- an area youth worker has been appointed by the EA since September 2015 with overall responsibility for the training and support for the part-time staff in the centre as well as the development of area youth and community links;
- strategic links have been made with the outer west youth partnership group; and
- a new advisory committee has been established.

Key Findings

- The area youth worker and the EA have a new planned timetable for staff training that includes strategies for promoting positive behaviour, roles and responsibilities of youth workers, safeguarding training and individual support systems for younger members of staff.
- The young people are actively involved in the management of the centre through representation on the advisory group and by their involvement in the centre's youth council. They are also engaged with the Rosemount area youth forum and they are making an important contribution to the development of youth work across the area.

- The staff engage effectively with the young people and providing activities and programmes that are meeting their needs.
- The young people spoke of how they are benefitting from the additional group work sessions, their development of better communication skills and improving their self-confidence.
- There is continued good work of the after-schools club that is making an important contribution to afternoon provision for young people.
- There has been a significant improvement in attendance at youth work sessions since March 2016.

The organisation demonstrates that it now has the capacity to identify and bring about improvement in the interest of all the learners. The ETI will monitor the organisation's progress through its sustained improvement inspection.

The area for improvement is the need to:

- continue to develop the participation of the young people in the management and delivery of the youth work across the centre and in the Rosemount area.

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