

	Recommendation	Stage	Complete
2	<p><b>That the Director of Children’s Services and the Chief Executive of Education Leeds explore children and young people’s participation in activities and identify barriers to participation in more depth, either by including questions in the next Every Child Matters survey or by developing a separate survey using the Be Heard survey tool.</b></p>	<p><b>4 (not achieved) Progress made acceptable. Continue monitoring</b></p>	
	<p><b><u>January 2011 update</u></b></p> <p>We continue to recognise the importance of understanding barriers to participation. The Every Child Matters survey steering group have considered the scrutiny recommendation, however it is not felt that using the ECM survey would be the best way to build a more detailed understanding around this issue. Officers from different areas of participation work are currently working together to identify the best way to carry an effective piece of research with non-service users. The progress of this is however subject to other areas of work and limited capacity.</p> <p><i><u>Director’s Response</u></i>  <i>It is agreed that understanding barriers to participation is an important area of work. Officers will explore the most appropriate way to gather young people’s views on this. This may involve using the Every Child Matters survey, or the Be Heard survey tool, but it may also be that another approach is considered more likely to gather a wider range of opinions from those young people who do not currently participate.</i></p> <p><i>The new Children’s Trust Board are also investigating opportunities to widen participation and will be working with young people to explore suitable opportunities.</i></p>	<p><b>Propose to monitor again in 6 month’s time.</b></p>	