

Updated paragraph for Scrutiny report

- 3.1 The three **Children's Trust Board obsessions** have continued to show improvement in Q3. Fewer children are becoming looked after, and the focus on achieving permanence - children returning to their parents, being adopted, or becoming subject to a special guardianship order – is having a positive impact. The numbers of Children Looked After are at a 30-month low: 1395 at December 2012, down 80 (5.4%) from 1475 in March 2012. NEET figures have improved in November and December 2012 compared to 12 months before and the gap to national performance has closed. While the 'not knowns' remain high compared to comparator authorities, numbers are coming down through on-going work with Connexions providers. Attendance at both primary (95.8%) and secondary (93.7%) schools continues to show improvement but there is no new comparative national data since quarter 2. An update on comparative performance will be available at quarter 4.