

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) – April 2009. Tracking Report – Inclusion – Recommendation 1 (b)

We are pleased to report there have been no reported concerns during this quarter regarding schools' use of delegated SEN funding raised through the school improvement process. From 1st April 2009 there are five dedicated wedge-based SEN Monitoring and Development Officers who will be analysing the funding allocations. Their annual report will be accountable to SISG, (School Improvement Strategy Group).

With regard to the schools identified in January 2009, activities will now be monitored by the new postholders and via Integrated Children's Services monthly meetings.

The progress made by the SILC identified in the January update to Scrutiny has been monitored by HMI and judged to be making satisfactory progress. Work is ongoing with the primary and high schools. Assessment Consultants and School Improvement Advisors are working closely with ICS Teams to support these schools to improve practice in order to raise achievement for pupils with SEN. The schools are engaging well with the support provided and progress is being made.