

Item 3

NFER Update

Purpose of report

For information

Summary

This report provides members with an update on the work of the NFER.

Recommendation(s)

That members note the report.

Action

LG Group officers to action as necessary.

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Background

1. Since the last Children and Young People Programme Board meeting, activity has continued on the LG Group funded NFER programme.
2. Reporting activity has been a primary focus of the programme in July and early August. The suite of three SEN projects have all been signed off and are currently in the publication process with a target publication date of 12 September.
3. Following a request for some minor amendments to the text, we are now finalising the *National Census of Local Authority Councillors in England 2010* report. Two reports on the *Devon Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub* have been published as has *How to Replicate and Sustain Effective Practice*. The *Promoting Engagement in Education, Employment and Training – Pilot Project Evaluation* has been signed off by LG Group with a target publication date for early autumn 2011.
4. *Safeguarding Children – Council Responses to Laming* has been submitted to the LG Group as a final report and *Mapping IAG Sources for CYP Professionals, Local Government Officers and Elected members* has been signed off and a request has been made by the LG Group to now publish this report. Four proposals have been submitted to the LG Group including, two additional SEN projects looking at Alternative Provision and Lead Members Views on Personalised Budgets.

Conclusion and next steps

5. NFER hope to engage elected members in the personalised budgets work and would welcome any support members of the Children and Young People Programme Board are able to give.

Financial Implications

6. There are no financial implications from this report.