

PROFORMA

Local Action Mini Review request

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Subject:

The extent of school/college/education exclusion among pupils/students in Croydon and its short and long term implications for the education offer in the borough.

Details: Historically (as reported below) the situation of exclusions in Croydon has not been positive in general and has particularly had more adverse impact for certain groups and areas and schools in the borough. This review will aim at reviewing, analysing and seeking information with the view to dealing with the issue more effectively than previously.

- Croydon also had the second highest rate in outer London for suspensions
- Although minority ethnic exclusion rates remain high this is an issue across the UK; a disproportionate exclusion rate for Black Caribbean pupils was an ongoing concern in Croydon
- Five Croydon academies - Oasis in Shirley Park and Coulsdon, Harris in South Norwood and Crystal Palace, and Quest in South Croydon - accounted for 20 permanent expulsions ...
- Whether schools in Croydon are dealing with them in the appropriate way is for individual schools to look at themselves and decide why they are having to exclude pupils.

Scope and timing of the Mini Review:

1. To review, track and do a comparative analysis of already available and up-to-date information on education exclusion in Croydon.
2. To involve experts – practising and other expert witnesses
3. To hear from parents, relevant pupils/students and interested individuals or groups
4. To hear from centres offering services and support for excluded young persons
5. To see what is happening in neighbouring boroughs including where there is good practice
6. Conclusions, recommendations and the way forward.

In terms of period to cover, perhaps as far back as necessary. The review could run for a period 3/6 months or final report to Scrutiny by the end of this municipal year or TBA.

Please send the completed form to:

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