

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – PEOPLE**

28 February 2018

Review of Permanent Exclusions – Progress Report

1. Purpose of the Report

To inform the Committee of the progress made by the working group conducting the review of school permanent exclusions.

2. Information and Analysis

This is the second progress report of the review of school permanent exclusions. The members of the working group are Cllrs Twigg (Chair), Fox, Flatley, Chilton, Iliffe, Barker, Frudd and Mrs Deborah Turner.

In recent years there has been a rise in the rate of school permanent exclusions, both nationally and in Derbyshire. The aim of the review is to consider what factors might be contributing to this rise and what steps could be taken to reduce the number of permanent exclusions in the future.

To date the working group has held discussions with the following position holders:

- Assistant Director - Learning, Access and Inclusion
- Head of Service - Behaviour Support
- Representatives from the Inclusion Strategy Group
- Service Director - Schools and Learning
- Service Director – Countywide Commissioning
- Head of Finance Children's Services
- Acting Assistant Director – Specialist Services
- Deputy Head of Service – Child Protection
- Representatives from the School Cluster Groups
- Head of Provision – Support Centres

The working group have also visited the Amber Valley and Erewash Support Centre in Cotmanhay and is scheduled to undertake three school visits in February.

3. Officer's Recommendations

The Committee notes that the review of school permanent exclusions is ongoing.

**Cllr Judith Twigg
Chairman – Improvement and Scrutiny Committee People**