

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE
SITE VISIT TO WAVERLEY GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 11th November 2003

Time: 12.30-1.30

Attended by: Councillor Eliza Mann, Councillor Veronica Ward and Mr Godson Agomuo [Co-opted voting member of Education, Youth & Leisure Scrutiny Sub-Committee]

Met with: Year 11 Peer Educator group
Paula Ledger [Waverley School PSHE Co-ordinator]
Sarah [Waverley School PSHE Teacher].

Points included:

- Brief explanation of scrutiny review terms of reference
- Sarah previously employed by the Youth Service [Connexions] and now directly by Waverley School. Undertakes drop-in sessions and 1-2-1 work with pupils, refers to BAC as required
- Peer Education programme began as a Peckham Pulse initiative, continued at Waverley due to high number of pupils involved
- Peer Educators volunteered for the programme, which involved 8 weeks of training undertaken in their own time. Some subsequently did work experience at BAC. Training involved running drop-in sessions for adults.

N.B. Following the main visit, Councillor Mann sat in on one of the regular drop-in sessions led by Simone [Brook Advisory Centre] and the Peer Educators – with mainly Year 9 pupils. Simone demonstrated how to use contraceptive devices effectively and discussed different sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases. Those present engaged and interacted very well on the issues discussed. Students showed no inhibition or taboo in speaking about different sexualities and Simone guided them with ample knowledge and demonstration. The Chair was pleased to be allowed to observe the session.