

Information Requested by Children's Scrutiny – January 2010

At the November meeting of Children's Scrutiny officers were requested to:

- *provide a brief written update on the general wellbeing of the children affected by the fire several months on; and to confirm whether any of the children have been referred for adolescent psychological counselling.*

The Children's Services Department has made contact with each of the schools and early years settings attended by pupils affected to confirm the attendance and well-being of those children and young people. Children will react in different ways to trauma; influenced by a number of intra and inter-personal factors, and most will not require clinical interventions. All schools have direct or indirect access to counselling and clinical child and adolescent mental health services and will continue to be alert to the needs of their pupils for additional support.

Some families may have accessed counselling / post-traumatic support through their General Practitioner but this information would only be shared with schools or the Council with explicit parental consent.

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