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City and County of Swansea Pupil Referral Unit, Swansea local authority

Pupil referral units requiring significant improvement following an Estyn visit after an amalgamation

The City and County of Swansea Pupil Referral Unit is an amalgamation of Key Stage 4 Education Centre, Step Ahead Education Centre, Arfryn Education Centre and the EOTAS pathways project.

The Section 28 inspection of the Swansea Key Stage 4 Education Centre in March 2013 judged that the pupil referral unit was in need of special measures. If a pupil referral unit in need of special measures has closed due to planned reorganisation or amalgamation of one or more pupil referral unit, resulting in the opening of a new pupil referral unit Estyn will visit the new pupil referral unit during the first term after opening. On the basis of the outcome of that visit, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector will decide whether the new pupil referral unit needs to be placed into follow-up.

A team of inspectors carried out a monitoring visit of City and County of Swansea Pupil Referral Unit on 20 and 21 January 2015.

The inspection team has informed me that the pupil referral unit requires significant improvement and I agree. I am concerned about the standards of achievement at the pupil referral unit and the important shortcomings identified by the team and '***in accordance with the Education Act 2005, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector is of the opinion that this pupil referral unit requires significant improvement***'.

The inspection team noted that in particular the City and County of Swansea Pupil Referral Unit needs to:

- R1 Resolve the ongoing leadership issues
- R2 Improve pupils' attendance
- R3 Improve the quality of planning so it meets the needs of all pupils
- R4 Evaluate consistently the performance of staff across all centres

R5

Introduce a comprehensive self-evaluation process that takes account of pupil progress and attainment and is used consistently across all centres

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