

# Report for children and young people about the services they receive on the Isles of Scilly

- Being healthy
- Staying safe
- Enjoying and doing well at school and as they grow up
- Making a positive contribution to society
- Being successful in whatever they choose to do when they are adults

## Why should I read this?

The law says that inspectors must look at and then report on how well local services serve children and young people in an area. This is called a 'review'. Inspectors visited your area recently. You might like to read this, or the full report which you can find on Ofsted's website, to find out what they had to say.

## What did the inspectors do?

Six inspectors visited the Isles of Scilly in February and March 2007 so that they could get a feel of what life is like for children and young people in the area. They:

- ❖ listened to a number of children and young people they met in the school bases, the boarding house, youth clubs and projects and young people attending further education on the mainland
- ❖ talked with adults working with children and young people (such as health visitors, teachers, youth workers, nurses, doctors, police officers and councillors)
- ❖ spoke to parents and other people caring for children
- ❖ met with the school council representatives
- ❖ heard from the council and other agencies what they think about the services they provide for children
- ❖ read a lot of reports; and
- ❖ visited two of the off islands to see things for themselves.

## How well are children and young people doing on the Isles of Scilly?

- ❖ Most children and young people are very healthy.
- ❖ Children with learning difficulties and/or disabilities are mostly well-supported, make good progress in their education and are well-integrated into the community.
- ❖ Children and young people appear, generally, to be safe.
- ❖ Most children and young people enjoy school, attend regularly and make very good progress.
- ❖ Standards of attainment on the Isles of Scilly are significantly higher than the national average and almost all young people go on to further education, training or work at 16.
- ❖ The vast majority of children and young people behave responsibly and many contribute to consultations that help shape local services.
- ❖ There is very little antisocial behaviour and no reported youth crime.

- ❖ Young people who want to live independently on Scilly have difficulty finding a suitable and affordable place to live.
- ❖ Young people enjoy and achieve well from their involvement with the wide range of activities provided by the youth service.

### **What were the main things children and young people told inspectors about your area?**

- ❖ Most children and young people feel the Isles of Scilly are a safe and enjoyable place to live; they feel safe at school and in their local communities.
- ❖ Many children and young people would like more activities available in their leisure time other than sports related opportunities.
- ❖ Most children and young people consider themselves to be healthy.
- ❖ It is generally easy for them to get help, information and advice.

### **What things did the inspectors say are good for children and young people in my area?**

- ❖ Activities in school and in the community that promote healthy lifestyles.
- ❖ The help given by health professionals to young children and their families and to older young people.
- ❖ Support for children and young people to achieve high standards at school.
- ❖ The efforts made to consult children and young people about the services in the area.
- ❖ The work of the youth service, which supports a good range of activities not just for 13-19 year olds.
- ❖ Information, advice and counselling services, which help young people to make decisions about their lives, education and future careers.

### **What things are not so good for children and young people?**

- ❖ The strategy for children and young people who are educated other than at school.
- ❖ There are no independent advocacy or complaints services for children and young people.
- ❖ The council's arrangements to protect some children and young people who may be at risk of being neglected and/or abused.

- ❖ The limited range of vocational opportunities for those at age 16 who want them.
- ❖ The availability of leisure and recreational activities during the winter for older children and those who live on the off islands.
- ❖ Affordable housing for young people who want to live on their own on the islands.