

RE-INSPECTION MONITORING OF KNOWSLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Outcome of Re-Inspection Monitoring

The provision of animal care within the curriculum area of animal care and horticulture has been removed to another college. The provision in horticulture was judged to be satisfactory in the full inspection.

Background

Knowsley Community College was inspected in March 2004. Inspectors from the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) and the Adult Learning Inspectorate (ALI) carried out the inspection under Section 62 of the Learning and Skills Act. The quality of provision was found to be satisfactory or better in all areas inspected, except in animal care and horticulture and in work based learning within construction, which were found to be unsatisfactory.

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Re-Inspection Monitoring Visits

In the case of animal care and horticulture, re-inspection monitoring visits were not required. From the end of May 2004, there were no remaining students in animal care and no more will be recruited. From the autumn term the college will no longer be offering courses in animal care. Appropriate action has been taken to transfer the provision to alternative providers.

The re-inspection of work-based learning provision in construction is incomplete and an overall judgement stating that it is now satisfactory cannot be given. This area will be re-inspected within

two years from the time of the original inspection.

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