

HMIE Inspection of the education functions of The Moray Council

HMIE reported on the first inspection of The Moray Council in February 2004. The follow-up inspection report carried out in December 2005 found that the education authority had made either good or very good progress in relation to the main points for action in the initial report. A second cycle of inspections began in 2006 taking a proportionate approach using the findings of the original inspection and other information subsequently available. The HMIE Report on the education functions of The Moray Council was published in January 2008.

Inspections are conducted within a published framework of quality indicators (*Quality Management in Education 2*), which embody the Government's policy on Best Value.

When HMIE evaluate performance against the quality indicators they use 'standardised' language:

Level	Definition	Description
Level 6	Excellent	Provision which is clearly excellent or outstanding or sector leading.
Level 5	Very Good	Provision which has major strengths.
Level 4	Good	Provision with important strengths that clearly outweigh areas for improvement.
Level 3	Adequate	Provision where strengths just outweigh weaknesses.
Level 2	Weak	Provision with important weaknesses.
Level 1	Unsatisfactory	Provision which has major weaknesses and is unsatisfactory.

The authority has been asked to prepare an action plan indicating how it will address the main findings of the report. HMIE will maintain contact with the authority and will make a return visit within two years to evaluate progress.

Copies of the HMIE report are available in the Members' Library and online.

The Indicators of Quality for education functions of the Moray Council	
Quality Indicator	HMIE Evaluation
Improvements in performance	Adequate
Impact on learners	Good
Impact on parents/carers and families	Good
Impact on staff	Good
Impact on the local community	Good
Impact on the wider community	Good
Vision, values and aims	Good
Leadership and direction	Adequate
Developing people and partnerships	Good
Leadership of change and improvement	Good