QUARTERLY CHILDCARE REPORT - QUARTER 4 - 2005/6

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Purpose

1. To inform the Partnership of progress against our targets in the Two year Plan for both disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged wards.

Background

- Members will recall that approval has previously been agreed to give the scrutiny role re: progress against targets to the Early Education and Childcare Sub-group but that the report would be ratified by the full Partnership.
- This quarterly report for the first four periods of 2004/05 indicates that the target is being exceeded. This total includes both places registered by OfSTED and unregistered places created in the county. The ratio of childcare places opened to closed is still within the national targets.
- 4. As stated prevuiosly the EYDCP is not required to report to the SureStart Unit on registered places opened in Herefordshire. OfSTED, based on their own database, now feeds this information direct to the Unit.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Partnership notes continued progress.