

HMI REPORT 2002 – 03

1. SUMMARY

Audit Scotland issued a report covering Moving to Mainstream – The Inclusion of Pupils with Special Education Needs in Mainstream Schools. A review regarding the progress made by Community Services management in the implementation of key report recommendations has been performed by Internal Audit, the results of which are detailed below.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The contents of this report are noted and to be followed up by Internal Audit.

3. DETAILS

3.1 Internal Audit reported to the last audit committee that 2 reports had been produced by Audit Scotland, a main and summary report. The summary report contained 11 main recommendations pertinent to local authorities and their schools. These were extracted and inserted into an action plan for Community Services management to progress implementation.

3.2 Of the original 11 key recommendations set out in the summary report, Internal Audit can report that at the end of December 2003 good progress has been made with only 4 recommendations remaining to be implemented. Management have appended their comments with regard to the outstanding recommendations. (See Appendix 1).

3.3 Once all key recommendations from the summary report are implemented, the next step will be to take the main report and draw up a similar action plan in order to ensure that main report recommendations are also progressed by Community Services management.

4. CONCLUSIONS

Internal Audit will continue to monitor progress by Community Services management regarding the issues raised in both the summary and main report.

5. IMPLICATIONS

5.1	Policy:	None
5.2	Financial:	None
5.3	Personnel:	None
5.4	Legal:	None
5.5	Equal Opportunities:	None

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