



Prime Minister

YOUTH SERVICE REVIEW

I have seen Mark Carlisle's minute of 11 December proposing a small Review Group to conduct a review of the Youth Service in England and Wales. Responsibility for the youth service in Wales falls to me and my wish is that a review of the kind which Mark proposes ought not to extend to Wales.

With only eight local education authorities the need for a separate review of extent and quality of provision is not justified. HM Inspectors are presently engaged in an assessment of the extent of present provision in both the statutory and voluntary sectors and will be considering in the light of this information what further surveys they may need to carry out to assess its quality. I think that that will be a better starting point for me in considering the need for any further and separate review than the work which a Review Body of the kind which Mark proposes could carry out.

If you agree, therefore, the terms of the Annex to Mark's letter should be amended to exclude references to Wales.

/ I am sending copies to Mark Carlisle and the other recipients of his minute.

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