

Children and Young People Committee

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Implementation of the Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009

Additional information from ATL Cymru following oral evidence at the committee meeting on 17 November 2011

Improving skills levels

1. Is the implementation of the Measure having an impact on improving the level of skills of young people?

Our members report that it is having some marginal impact in that it promotes a greater vocational offer which is more accessible to some youngsters. This may also account of the reduction in the numbers leaving school with no qualifications at all.

2. Has the implementation of the Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure had any impact, either positive or negative, on those learners who intend to aim for higher education?

We are not in a position to answer this question. It might be useful to track student destinations to shed light on it and see if any variations in the statistics could be accounted for by the Measure.