

Success at Access



On the 5th November we received a very successful "Post Inspection Monitoring Visit" from OFSTED. This visit was conducted to measure the progress we have made since the last full OFSTED inspection in August 2007 at which we were graded as "Satisfactory".

We have always been disappointed with this "Satisfactory" grade and wanted to achieve much more.

Using the feedback from August 2007, we have worked hard to make many improvements to the way we work and on November 5th OFSTED agreed that we have made a huge improvement.

OFSTED looked at 6 key areas during their visit and awarded us a grade for each area. These grades can be "Significant Progress", "Reasonable Progress", "Insufficient Progress" and "No Progress".

The 6 Key Areas covered were:

What progress has been made in improving the success rates for all learners?

Ofsted Grade: **Reasonable Progress**

How much progress has been made in improving the effectiveness of progress reviews?

Ofsted Grade: **Reasonable Progress**

How much progress has the provider made to improve its approach to equality and diversity?

Ofsted Grade: **Significant Progress**

What progress has been made in improving the analysis and use of management information?

Ofsted Grade: **Reasonable Progress**

How much progress has been made in introducing effective quality assurance arrangements?

Ofsted Grade: **Reasonable Progress**

What progress has been made to ensure the self-assessment process and development plan bring about improvements?

Ofsted Grade: **Reasonable Progress**

We achieved "Significant Progress" in our approach to equality and diversity which is an excellent result and although "Reasonable progress" may not sound very exciting, it is the second highest grade that the inspectors could award. We are very pleased with how this OFSTED visit went and wanted to share this feedback with all our learners and employers.

Dawn Gibson (Operations Director) at Access Training said:

"I am very pleased with the outcome from the post inspection monitoring visit. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our employers and learners for working with us to enable us to improve the quality of our training. I would also like to say a special thank you to all our staff for the hard work they have put in to providing such excellent service"

The full report will be available on the OFSTED website (www.ofsted.gov.uk) from the 5th December.