



Inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers – self-assessment and improvement plan

SUMMARY

- 1.1 In April 2014 Andrew Bunyan, Strategic Director for Children and Young People's Services and Sarah Walker, Improvement Partner for Children and Young People's Services attended the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Board to brief members on the single social care inspection framework.
- 1.2 The framework was introduced in November 2013 and at the end of August 2014 31 authorities had been inspected under the framework, with the largest proportion being judged as 'requires improvement'...
 - Inadequate – 6 out of 31 authorities (19%)
 - Requires improvement – 16 out of 31 (52%)
 - Good – 9 out of 31 (29%)
- 1.3 To support preparations for an inspection officers have completed a self-assessment against the key lines of enquiry in the inspection framework. Linked to this, previous inspection recommendations from the Safeguarding and Looked After Children inspection (May 2011) and the Child Protection inspection (December 2012) have been reviewed and built into the supporting improvement plan.
- 1.4 Andrew Bunyan and Sarah Walker will attend the meeting to give a presentation on Derby's self-assessment and supporting improvement plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To note the report.
- 2.2 To receive the presentation at the meeting.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Ofsted will inspect all local authorities on a three-year cycle under the new framework. Making sure that staff and members are briefed on the requirements of the framework and the associated judgement areas is critical to Derby's preparations and a 'good' outcome.
- 3.2 The inspection framework will also assess whether Derby is meeting its' corporate

parenting responsibilities and member awareness of this is essential.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 None.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 Financial implications pertaining to the inspection will be considered through the presentation.

Legal

- 2.1 Her Majesty's Inspectors (HMI) carry out the inspections under section 136 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006.

Ofsted conduct inspections under sections 20–23 of the Children Act 2004.

Personnel

- 3.1 Workforce development issues are picked up through the evaluation frameworks for inspections.

IT

- 4.1 None.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 Equality and diversity issues are picked up through the evaluation framework for the inspections.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 None.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None.

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 None.

Risk Management

- 9.1 Risks associated to inspections are managed as part of the self-assessment process and on-going preparations.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 10.1 Meeting the requirements of the inspection framework will support improved outcomes for children, young people and their families / carers in Derby and this directly correlates to one of Council's key priorities...
- Better outcomes for our communities
 - To keep our residents and communities safe
 - To promote good health and well-being and prevent ill health