

Ofsted Inspection Frameworks 2012/13 and beyond

SUMMARY

- 1.1 An interim framework for the inspection of services for the protection of children was introduced in June 2012 to temporarily replace the inspection framework of services for safeguarding and looked after children.
- 1.2 The interim framework for the protection of children will run until June 2013, when a new joint inspection framework of multi-agency arrangements for the protection of children will commence.
- 1.3 In addition to this, Ofsted are currently consulting on a second new framework for the inspection of services for looked after children and care leavers.
- 1.4 Members of Performance and Improvement Team will attend the Board meeting to deliver a presentation on the interim framework, progress with preparations and changes proposed as part of the new inspection frameworks that will commence in April 2013.
- 1.5 Any implications for Members will be highlighted at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the presentation and actions required to prepare the Council for the upcoming Ofsted inspections.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Inspection frameworks are the basis against which Derby's Children and Young People's Services are judged. It is critical the Members understand the key features of the frameworks, their responsibilities and any risks to achieving a rating of 'adequate' or above.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 In June 2012 Ofsted commenced working on an interim inspection framework to review services for the protection of children, which replaces the safeguarding and looked after children (SLAC) inspection.
- 4.2 The process of inspecting authorities under the interim framework will be based on the 'risk' level for each authority, judged from performance in their last SLAC inspection (Derby was inspected in May 2011 and was judged to be 'adequate').

- 4.3 Any inspection that takes place under the interim framework will be **unannounced**, with the Lead Inspector notifying the Director of Children's Services of the inspection on the first day.
- 4.4 The inspection will last for 2-weeks and will focus on a number of key areas...
- The child's journey from needing help to receiving help (through intensive and extensive case sampling and tracking).
 - The effectiveness of early intervention and help offer, including identifying those children and young people that may be at risk.
 - Experiences of the child or young person and the effectiveness of the help and protection that they were offered.
 - How effectively the local authority leads partnership working and how effective local services contribute to the protection of children and young people.
 - Whether services are accessible to everyone and whether there is equality of opportunity irrespective of; age, religion, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, marital status and sexual orientation.
- 4.5 Going forward Ofsted is currently consulting on two new inspection frameworks, proposed to come into effect from April 2013 onwards...
- Services for children looked after and care leavers.
 - Joint inspection of multi-agency arrangements for the protection of children.
- 4.6 The proposal for the inspection of services for children looked after and care leavers will replace three existing inspections...
- Children's services (looked after children were picked up through the SLAC and the new interim framework for the protection of children).
 - Adoption services.
 - Fostering services.
- 4.7 The joint inspection of multi-agency arrangements for the protection of children will bring together a number of inspection bodies, as recommended in May 2011 in the Munro report...
- Ofsted.
 - The Care Quality Commission (CQC).
 - Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC).
 - Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation.
 - Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons.
- 4.8 The proposals for the joint inspection of multi-agency arrangements for the protection of children and services for children looked after and care leavers are out for consultation, with the final frameworks to be published in 2013. The Council is preparing a response on these proposals and will incorporate any comments from Scrutiny Board Members.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None.

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 Any financial implications relating to inspection activity will be contained with existing budgets.

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 the interim inspection and both of the proposed new inspections.

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 Equality and diversity issues are picked up through the evaluation framework for the interim inspection and both of the proposed new inspections.

Health and Safety

- 5.1 None.

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 None.

Asset Management

- 7.1 None.

Risk Management

- 8.1 Risks will be managed as part of the preparations for an inspection.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 9.1 Current evaluation frameworks and proposed frameworks align to local priorities for change.