

Supporting improvement and closing the loop on SIF recommendations – 2017/18

Background and context

Derby City Council was inspected by Ofsted in March 2017 under the framework of services for children in need of help and protection, looked after children and care leavers. There were eleven recommendations made as a result of the inspection findings, with the themes of the recommendations presented below:

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| 1. Caseloads | 7. Quality of return interviews |
| 2. Assessments | 8. PEPs |
| 3. Plans | 9. Recruitment of foster carers |
| 4. Private fostering | 10. Health histories for care leavers |
| 5. 16 and 17 year homelessness | 11. Corporate Parenting |
| 6. Regular and reflective supervision | |

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to confirm arrangements for testing the impact of any corrective actions that will be taken and the mechanisms for reporting the outcomes of this information to key stakeholders, using the key below for reporting...

- IB – to be reported to the Improvement Board
- SA – to be reported to the Safeguarding Assurance meeting
- DSCB – to be reported to Derby Safeguarding Children Board
- CYP – to be reported to Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Board
- CP – to be reported to Corporate Parenting

Supporting information

The contents of this summary should be considered alongside the 2017 Master Improvement Plan (Appendix 3). Further details on the recommendations made by Ofsted can be accessed through the formal report published in June 2017 (Appendix2).

It is proposed that the below activity will be supported by quarterly reviews of targeted management information reports, which are linked to both the inspection recommendations and also the service practice standards.

- Caseloads - QA visits to Reception - IB and SA
- One page summary of PEPs notifications and QA (Q) - IB and CP
- CPP audit ending at first review (January) - IB and DSCB
- Multi-agency missing audit (RIs) (Feb) - IB and DSCB
- Private Fostering audit (March) - IB and DSCB
- Mocksted2 to close the loop on all inspection recommendations (March) - IB and CYP
- Summary of foster carer recruitment (MI and activity) - IB

Quarter 4
January to March

- CPPs audit with a focus on new communities (June) - IB
 - Reception NFA
- Eastern european/gypsy/Roma audit - reported Q2 to the IB

Quarter 1
April to June

- Caseloads - QA visits to Reception - IB and SA
- One page summary of PEPs notifications and QA (Q) - IB and CP
- Plans audit (December) - IB
- CIN audit (November) - IB
- Unannounced event on care leavers health history - IB and CP
- Unannounced event on 16 and 17 year old homelessness - IB
- Interim PF Annual Report on new notifications and checklist compliance - IB and DSCB (QA Group)
- Summary of foster carer recruitment (MI and activity) - IB
- Performance Surgery on LAC and wider vulnerabilities - IB and CP

Quarter 3
October to December

- Caseloads - QA visits to Reception - IB and SA
 - Single assessments audit (August) - IB
- Summary of PEPs QA activity (September) - IB and CP
 - Supervision audit (September) - IB
- Summary of foster carer recruitment (MI and activity) - IB
 - DCC children's homes audit - IB
- Think Family (parents with LD) audit - IB
 - Children missing education audit - IB

Quarter 2
July to September



