



**MEETING Childrens and Young People
Scrutiny Review Board
Date: 7th September 2020**

ITEM 05

Report sponsor Andy Smith, Strategic Director,
People Services

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Service -Independent Reviewing Officers

DSCB Annual Report – a more thorough breakdown on IRO QA Notifications "Statutory Requirements not met"

Purpose

- 1.1 The report provides additional commentary and assurance following Councillors receipt of the Derby safeguarding Children's Board Report in 2019 concerning IRO QA Notifications and Statutory Requirements Not being met.

Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To note the contents of the report and be assured that all Looked after children in Derby remain safe.

Reason

- 3.1 The Derby Safeguarding Children Board annual report 2018/19 detailed data concerning the number of Quality Assurance Notifications which had been issued by an Independent Reviewing Officers to the responsible social worker team for 'Statutory Requirements Not Met'. This information raised concern and additional information was requested to assure the Councillors that social work practice was not failing looked after children. Following presentation of a report in March 2020 further detail information was requested.

The Deputy Head of Service has undertaken detailed analysis of all the cases in this cohort and the attached report provides the narrative behind the reasons why statutory requirements have not been met .

The Local Authority acknowledges the concerns raise by councillors and having reviewed all the cases within this criteria the service remains satisfied that no child has been left in an unsafe situation.

Supporting information

- 4.1 See appendix 1

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 None

Other options

6.1 N/A

Financial and value for money issues

7.1 None

Legal implications

8.1 None

Other significant implications

9.1 None

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
Legal	Olu Idowu, Head of Service Legal	14.8.20
Finance	Alison Parkin, Head of Finance, CYP	14.8.20
Service Director(s)	Suanne Lim, Director for Early Help and Children's Social Care	14.08.20
Report sponsor	Andy Smith, Strategic Director Peoples Service	14.08.20
Other(s)		

Background papers:	
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 - DSCB Annual Report- a more thorough breakdown on IRO QA Notifications "Statutory Requirements not met"