

## **The Children's Rights Service – Annual Report 2014/15**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Children's Rights Service is made up of 4 projects; The Independent Visitor Service, The Independent Advocacy Service, Independent Advocacy at Child Protection Conference and The Children in Care Council. The majority of these projects are facilitated by the use of volunteers. We carefully recruit, vet and train all of our volunteers resulting in a large pool offering a range of ages, ethnicities and locations. Over the course of this period, The Children's Rights Service worked with over 60 volunteers, some of whom have been volunteering with us since 2008. We are proud of this achievement as nationally volunteer retention can be problematic. CSV offer on-going training and support to all volunteers and meet all of their expenses.
- 1.2 In 2015/16 The Children's Rights Service worked with over 100 looked after children and 84 children in need.
- 1.3 The contract targets set by Derby City Council have been met and we hope to continue this for the duration of the contract.
- 1.4 The Children's Rights Service works hard to try to reach and offer services to all children and young people, regardless of where they are living. We aim to meet the needs of all potential service users by endlessly promoting the service and ensuring we provide a service which is based on feedback from previous and current monitoring and evaluation.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To receive the report
- 2.2 To receive the presentation of the report

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 As part of our contract there is a requirement for the service to provide an annual

report.

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| <b>SUPPORTING INFORMATION</b> |
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4.1 None

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| <b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b> |
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5.1 None

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

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| <b>Legal officer</b><br><b>Financial officer</b><br><b>Human Resources officer</b><br><b>Estates/Property officer</b><br><br><b>Service Director(s)</b><br><b>Other(s)</b> | Andrew Bunyan, Hazel Lymbery   |
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| <b>IMPLICATIONS</b> |
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**Financial and Value for Money**

1.1 None arising directly from this report.

**Legal Statutory obligations for this service will be contained within the report.**

2.1 None arising directly from this report.

**Personnel**

3.1 None arising directly from this report.

**IT**

4.1 None arising directly from this report.

**Equalities Impact**

5.1 None arising directly from this report.

**Health and Safety**

6.1 None arising directly from this report.

**Environmental Sustainability**

7.1 None arising directly from this report.

**Property and Asset Management**

8.1 None arising directly from this report.

**Risk Management**

9.1 None arising directly from this report.

## **Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 10.1 The content of this report underpins the priority commitments of 'Enforcement and compliance and Safeguarding vulnerable children and young people and adults' under the Council pledge of 'safe'.

Enforcement and compliance – focusing on making sure that we are meeting our statutory duties for keeping people of all ages appropriately safe and working with local businesses and the police to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

Safeguarding children, young people and adults – making sure that we take action when vulnerable adults and children require higher levels of support including; our looked after children and vulnerable adults with learning disabilities.