



Derby City Council

**Children and Young People's Overview and
Scrutiny Board
21 January 2014**

ITEM 7

Report of the Strategic Director of Children and
Young People

Children's Services Peer Review – Key Findings

SUMMARY

- 1.1 A member of Children's Services Departmental Management Team and Sarah Walker Improvement Partner for Children and Young People's Services will attend the meeting to provide a presentation to members of the Board on the outcomes of the peer review of Derby's Children's Services.

RECOMMENDATION

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

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The presentation will provide members with an overview into the findings from the peer review which will support in further improvement activity. The feedback received will also support further progress of the Board's Topic Review on 'early intervention'.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 In 2012 the nine authorities in the East Midlands developed a local model for 'sector-led improvement'. The specific focus of the process is to build upon the strong partnerships that we have and to create an environment and culture that allows each authority to support each other in delivering improvements in target areas.
- 4.2 As part of the sector-led improvement process every authority has the opportunity to host a small team of assessors who spend three days on site reviewing local services and processes in an area or areas identified for improvement by the host authority.
- 4.3 Derby City Council hosted a small assessment team from Monday 9 December 2013 to Wednesday 11 December 2013 (inclusive).

- 4.4 The assessment was focused on looking into areas that Derby had highlighted as requiring improvement, from which we developed 'key lines of enquiry' (KLOEs). These were specific questions that we wanted the assessment team to answer for us.

Each year Children and Young People's Services complete a self-assessment and through this process in April 2013 we identified two areas for improvement...

- School improvement with a focus on Key Stage 2.
- The total number of looked after children.

The specific key lines of enquiry, which were the focus of the assessment were linked to the above are:

KLOE 1 - *Is there sufficient capacity across the City to support the necessary improvements required to reduce the number of schools causing concern and increase the percentage judged to be 'good' or better (with a focus on Key Stage 2)?*

KLOE 2 - *What has been the impact of early intervention in Derby on the total number of children coming into care?*

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Estates/Property officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	Andrew Bunyan – Strategic Director for CYP Heather Greenan – Head of Performance and Improvement
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 None arising from this report.

Legal

2.1 None arising from this report.

Personnel

3.1 None arising from this report.

Equalities Impact

4.1 None arising from this report.

Health and Safety

5.1 None arising from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

6.1 None arising from this report.

Property and Asset Management

7.1 None arising from this report.

Risk Management

8.1 None arising from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 9.1 This report contributes to the following Council objectives:
- Feeling safe and being safe
 - Good quality services that meet local needs
 - Good health and well-being

