

Children's Services Improvement Plan/Social Care Performance and Quality Assurance

Report of the Deputy Director and Head of Children's Health and Wellbeing (Interim)

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.

1 Recommendation

That the Children's Scrutiny Committee be asked to:

- (b) Note the contents of the performance report provided to the August 2024 meeting of the Improvement Partnership Board (see Appendices A and B)
- (b) Note the contents of the quality assurance report prepared for the October 2024 Improvement Partnership Board (see Appendix C).

2 Background / Introduction

- 2.1 The Children's Services Improvement Partnership Board monitors the implementation of both the Social Care Improvement Plan and the Partnership Improvement Plan at its monthly meetings. This includes consideration of the performance measures agreed for each of those plans.
- 2.2 Additionally, the Improvement Board monitors the progress of audit activity and its findings at its monthly meetings. This includes consideration of how audit activity is contributing to practice improvement and its links to the Learning and Development offer across Children's Services.
- 2.3 Members of the Scrutiny Committee are invited to consider the attached performance reports that were discussed by the Improvement Partnership Board in August 2024 as well as the report covering Audit Activity between March 2024 and August 2024 prepared for the October 2024 Improvement Partnership Board.

3 Main Body / Proposal

- 3.1 The Improvement Partnership Board is provided with the data and a narrative report at each of its meetings. These are attached to this cover sheet.
- 3.2 The Improvement Partnership Board is provided with the data and the findings from each Monthly Collaborative Auditing Cycle, including a narrative report at each of its meetings. The QA report for the Improvement Partnership Board is attached to this cover sheet as Appendix C.

4 Options / Alternatives

- 4.1 The data set contained within the attached reports is that which has been agreed by the Improvement Partnership Board.

5 Consultations / Representations / Technical Data

- 5.1 Not applicable

6 Strategic Plan

- 6.1 The Improvement Partnership Board is overseeing the work to bring about improvements to children's social care services in Devon. This aligns to the Council's Strategic plan:
- Be ambitious for children and young people

7 Financial Considerations

- 7.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report.

8 Legal Considerations

- 8.1 There are no specific legal implications arising out of this report.

9 Environmental Impact Considerations (Including Climate Change, Sustainability and Socio-economic)

- 9.1 There are no environmental implications arising out of this report.

10 Equality Considerations

- 10.1 There are no equality implications arising out of this report.

11 Risk Management Considerations

- 11.1 No risks have been identified.

12 Summary / Conclusions / Reasons for Recommendations

- 12.1 Members of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee are asked to review and comment on the attached reports.

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