

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee/Panel:	Corporate Parenting Board
Date:	3 December 2018
Title:	Ofsted Focussed Visit published letter
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1. Recommendation

- 1.1. Report is for information and the Board note the content and positive conclusion.

2. Summary

- 2.1. The Childrens Services Department were recently inspected by the regulatory body, Ofsted. The Inspection was a focussed visit which took place for 1 week in October. The focus of the visit was child protection planning and pre-proceedings Public Law Outline.
- 2.2. The outcome of the Inspection of concluded in a letter that is then published, the letter is attached at Appendix 1 and the presenting Officer will take Board members through the highlights.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. This letter is now published and an action plan to consider the identified areas for development is in place. The content of the Inspection is relevant to the Board as we know the majority of children who become looked after have previously been subject to child protection planning or the public law outline.

3. Performance

- 3.1. The attached letter provides the Board with an up to date assessment by Ofsted of Children's Services performance in relation to safeguarding children and managing children subject to a child protection plan and / or public law outline.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Strategic Plan**

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	Yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	Yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	Yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes
OR	
This proposal does not link to the Strategic Plan but, nevertheless, requires a decision because:	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. **Equalities Impact Assessment:** Not relevant to this report.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. No impact – for information only.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption? No impact.
- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts? No impact.