



Report to Policy Committee

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Report of: Strategic Director of Children’s Services

Report to: Education, Children and Families Policy Committee

Date of Decision: 19th December 2023

Subject: Update on ILACS inspection and report

Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) been undertaken?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
If YES, what EIA reference number has it been given?	2456			
Has appropriate consultation taken place?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Has a Climate Impact Assessment (CIA) been undertaken?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this report made to the Committee, is to provide the findings of the September 2023 Inspection of Local Authority Children’s Services (ILACs)

Recommendations:

The Education Children and Families Policy Committee are recommended to:

1. Note the progress made since the 2019 inspection through both the Inspection Report (appendix 1) and the action plan (appendix 2)
2. Highlight the importance of the council-wide response to providing Good and Outstanding services for children and families within the city

Background Papers:

- None

Lead Officer to complete:-		
1	I have consulted the relevant departments in respect of any relevant implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist, and comments have been incorporated / additional forms completed / EIA completed, where required.	Finance: Kayleigh Inman
		Legal: Patrick Chisholm
		Equalities & Consultation: Bashir Khan
		Climate: N/A
	Legal, financial/commercial and equalities implications must be included within the report and the name of the officer consulted must be included above.	
2	SLB member who approved submission:	Meredith Dixon-Teasdale
3	Committee Chair consulted:	Cllr Dawn Dale
4	I confirm that all necessary approval has been obtained in respect of the implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist and that the report has been approved for submission to the Committee by the SLB member indicated at 2. In addition, any additional forms have been completed and signed off as required at 1.	
	Lead Officer Name: Sally Williams	Job Title: Director of Children and Families
	Date: 20/11/2023	

1. PROPOSAL

- 1.1 September 2023 Sheffield Children's Service received ILACs Inspection (inspection report attached appendix 1) the overall outcome was Good with children in need of care Outstanding. Whilst this is a good outcome for Sheffield our aim is that every child receives an Outstanding service. The action plan enclosed (appendix 2) articulates the areas we intend to improve to take our remaining services from Good to Outstanding.

2. HOW DOES THIS DECISION CONTRIBUTE?

A key priority as part of this work is that we identify and cascade current good practice and identify development needs and opportunities for timely collaboration within our Children and Families directorate, the local authority and wider organisations to keep the service to children and families in Sheffield at 'Good' whilst aiming for an Outstanding judgement in all areas.

3. HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONSULTATION?

No formal consultation, but collaboration with external partners.

4. RISK ANALYSIS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

4.1 Equality Implications

- 4.1.1 The report highlights that 'participation is a strength' for the directorate. In the next 3-year cycle we will be maintaining our focus on participation and child voice

4.2 Financial and Commercial Implications

There are no Financial and Commercial Implications at present.

4.3 Legal Implications

There are no Legal implications arising directly from this report.

4.4 Climate Implications

There are no Climate implications.

4.5 Other Implications

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not Applicable

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To keep this important agenda alive and make it a city-wide pursuit.