

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
19 SEPTEMBER 2017
OFSTED PILOT INSPECTION OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES – FOLLOW UP FOCUS ON SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS
REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To review progress in responding to the findings of the OFSTED inspection of children's social care services relating to support for care leavers.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to scrutinise action being taken to address areas for improvement identified by OFSTED in its pilot inspection of children's services.

3 Background information

- 3.1 In March 2017 the Committee was informed of the findings of OFSTED's pilot inspection of children's services that took place between 23 January and 3 February 2017. The Committee heard that OFSTED had noted significant improvement since the previous inspection in 2014 when the Council was judged as requiring improvement.
- 3.2 However, OFSTED did identify areas for improvement. This included that the Council had not been tenacious enough in sustaining contact and support for a small but significant number of care leavers. The report stated that the current circumstances of those care leavers was unknown and therefore the local authority was not able to provide support if it was needed. In March the Committee discussed some of the issues relating to staying in contact with, and supporting care leavers and decided to follow this up in six months time with a focus on the progress made in addressing these issues.
- 3.3 A paper from the Director of Children's Integrated Services is attached outlining action that has been taken in response to these concerns and the Director will be at the meeting to answer any questions about this.

4 List of attached information

- 4.1 Report from Director of Children's Integrated Services

5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

5.1 None

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

6.1 OFSTED report of Nottingham City Council Inspection of Children's Social Care Services (pilot inspection) 2017

Report to and minutes of the meeting of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee held on 21 March 2017

7 Wards affected

7.1 All

8 Contact information

8.1 Jane Garrard, Senior Governance Officer