

**Statutory Officers Report for Health and Wellbeing Board
Corporate Director of People
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Childrens Integrated Services:

On 12th January 2024, Ofsted published the report of their third Monitoring Visit of Nottingham City Council's Children's Services, conducted on the 22nd and 23rd of November 2023.

The visit evaluated the support to Care Leavers aged 18-25. Inspectors focused on:

- Quality and sustainability of accommodation
- Employment, education and training
- Care leavers with specific needs.

The report can be found at: [Nottingham City Council - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted](#)

This is the third Ofsted Monitoring visit, following the authority's inadequate assessment in July 2022. Inspectors commented after the first two visits that senior leaders had taken swift action after identifying things which needed to change, that staff morale was better and there were clear improvements with the speed of response to support children in the first instance.

They recorded 'tangible improvements' in fieldwork practice through a 'committed and stable leadership team', and that children build strong relationships with their social workers.

In the report from this third Monitoring Visit, inspectors have noted:

- Senior leaders have built on the improvements of previous inspections amid challenging conditions for the council as a whole. They have invited external scrutiny and worked with staff and care leavers to refocus Children's Services
- Step changes and service modifications are helping young people and their families as they move out of care – with especially strong support for vulnerable and disabled individuals
- Personal advisers working with young people build strong, positive relationships to maximise help and support
- Quality assurance and auditing processes have been strengthened
- The council has developed effective working arrangements with its own housing team and private providers

Inspectors have noted some further areas for improvement, including more permanent recruitment to move away from agency staffing and ensure the current pace of change is maintained.

They also mentioned the need for consistency with personal advisors because some care leavers reported they found it hard when new people started, plus the need to update plans more quickly when young people's circumstances have changed.