

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Report

<b>Committee/Panel:</b>	Children and Families Advisory Panel
<b>Date:</b>	7 February 2012
<b>Title:</b>	Ofsted Improvement Plan: Safeguarding and Services for Children in Care 2011/12 - update
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<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services

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#### 1. Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to inform members of the panel, at their request, of progress made against the improvement plan that was drawn up in response to the few Ofsted recommendations made in the Safeguarding and Looked After Children inspection that was carried out in Hampshire in June and July 2011.

#### 2. Contextual information

2.1. Members will recall that Hampshire Children's Services received some of the highest grades that Ofsted have given to a local authority in its inspection of Safeguarding and Looked After Children services. Hampshire were awarded thirteen 'good' grades and nine 'outstanding' grades. At the time this placed us among the top 5 local authorities that have been inspected.

2.2. Members will be interested to know that since the inspection in Hampshire it appears that no other authorities have achieved grades of similar quality so we remain within the very top echelon,

2.3. However, as is to be expected from all inspections, there is an action plan to follow up on and this action plan sets out the responses to those actions that were given to us.

#### 3. Finance

3.1. There are no financial implications from this report.

#### 4. Performance

4.1. This report relates to quality of services more than performance.

**5. Recommendation**

5.1. That Members note the progress achieved against the inspection improvement plan.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	yes/no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	yes/no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	yes/no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

**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. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

1.1. N/A

**2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

2.1. N/A

**3. Climate Change:**

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?
  
- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

N/A