

# **Annual Reports Summary (Safeguarding and Youth Justice Plan)**

## **Children, Young People and Schools Scrutiny Commission**

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# Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)

LADO role set out in HM Government guidance Working Together to Safeguard, governed by the Authorities' duties under section 11 of the Children Act 2004

The LADO annual report is aimed to provide an overview of the management of allegations against the children's workforce and the role of the LADO in Leicester City for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020

Performance data highlights:

- Demand on the service remained similar with the previous years: 304 LADO contacts
- 35% led to LADO investigation and 65% were concluded with Advice and Guidance
- Contacts remain the highest from education . This is followed by contacts in relation to foster carers (page 10)

# LADO Conclusions and Next steps

We benefited from a stable and experienced LADO service resulting in an improved service and strong reputation across the partnership and region

## Next steps

- We will continue to review our training offer on regular basis to ensure it's fit for purpose, relevant and reflects the updated guidance new developments in the field.
- We will work to improve timescales to ensure cases are concluded in a timely way by use of performance reports and systematic supervision on all cases open over 12 weeks.
- We will robustly escalate any delays in cases at an early stage to avoid delays.
- We will work with LADO colleagues within LLR to further develop and embed an LLR QA group. Further QA activities to be arranged under the 'peer review' arrangements.

# Independent Reviewing Officers Service (IROs)

The Independent Reviewing Officers' Service operates within the context of Leicester City Council being the 'Corporate Parent' for all of the children and young people in its care. The statutory IROs responsibilities are defined by the IRO Handbook (2010)

Statutory responsibility to produce an IROs Annual report

Performance data highlights:

1,693 LAC Review meetings chaired, with strong service performance :

- 97% in meeting in timescales;
- 96% Participation of children in LAC reviews;
- 82% attending parents felt they made a positive contribution
- Regular IROs' oversight arrangements in-between meeting (2886 case records) – page 9

# IROs Conclusions and Next steps

We benefited from a stable and experienced Service who have continued to embed and enhance our strengths based practice and remained committed to our ethos to put the children and young people first

Next steps

- we will continue focusing on ensuring our children and young people reach their permanence and long term stability with no delay (in all aspects of their lives),
- we will drive and promote the agenda of children's participation and co-production
- and we will ensure the pathway plans provide young people leave care with the basis and skills to prepare them for the adult life.

# Annual Youth Justice Plan 2020-21

- Statutory duty to produce and annual YJP approved by full council, not required for 2020-21 due to CV-19
- Annual plan informed by areas of development highlighted from regulated inspection in Aug 2019 (graded good with outstanding features) and self assessment against 'National Standards' (graded good across all areas with some strategic areas graded outstanding)
- Key performance indicators to prevent first time entrants, reoffending and young people entering custody.

## Performance for 2019-20

10% reduction in young people becoming first time entrants (128 to 117)

5.67% reduction in young people reoffending (32.8% – 27.1%)

0.33 point reduction in young people being sentenced to custody (0.57 – 0.23)

80% of young people in education, employment and training at end of involvement

95% of young people in suitable accommodation at the end of involvement.

# Annual Youth Justice Plan 2020-21

- Strengthen operational and strategic interface
- Improve participation of children, young people (cyp) families and communities within service planning
- Improve quality of practice in the following areas within reviews of plans and evidence effectiveness of interventions
- Improve service response to support cyp with learning needs and/or disabilities
- Secure funding to make the 'Prevention Team' permanent
- Explore disproportionality in relation to ethnicity and looked after young people
- Develop a volunteer programme for young people receiving Community Resolutions.
- Create a bespoke programme to support young people through transitions smoothly.
- Review the 'Attendance Centre' model to respond to need and demand.
- Create a 'Remand Strategy' to support the effective management and support for young people who are remanded into custody including those who are held overnight.
- Increase the focus on substance misuse treatment to ensure that young people who are offending are getting treatment.



# Any questions?

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