

LEICESTER CITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
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Subject:	Leicester City Children's Improvement Plan 2016-2018
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Ofsted published their inspection report in March 2015, following their inspection of the local authority's services for children in need of help and protection; children looked after and care leavers and a review of the effectiveness of the local safeguarding children board. In July 2015, Edward Timpson MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families, issued an Improvement Notice to Leicester City Council.

The LSCB embarked on a vigorous programme in response to the inspection findings published in March 2015. After a slow start there has now been significant strengthening of the performance monitoring framework and improved delivery of data by partner agencies. A number of projects have resulted in new developments, including the neglect strategy, refreshed guidance on injuries to non-mobile babies, engagement with young people and engagement with frontline staff.

The 2015 Leicester City Children's Improvement Plan set out Ofsted's findings in Leicester City and the overall plan for improvement to better the outcomes for children and families across the city. The monthly Leicester City Children's Improvement Board, chaired by DfE Specialist Advisor, Tony Crane, has scrutinised and challenged all aspects of the improvement journey using the Improvement plan and a suite of reports including risk registers, monthly progress updates, management and quality assurance reporting and a dashboard summary and progress of Key Indicators.

Since April 2016, 12 week action plans introduced by the Improvement Board have identified key areas to accelerate progress. This new refreshed improvement plan takes us into the area of consolidating progress, strengthening and embedding our practice and focusses on 9 key strands:

This iteration of the Improvement Plan was approved in draft form by the Leicester City Children's Improvement Board in January 2017 and was last updated in March 2017.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is requested to:

Consider the contents of the plan and any implications it has for Board members' organisation.

Comment on any aspect of the plan.