

North Somerset Council

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REPORT TO THE CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE POLICY & SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE OF MEETING: 11TH OCTOBER 2018

SUBJECT OF REPORT: INDEPENDENT SAFEGUARDING REVIEWING OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OR PARISH: ALL

OFFICER/MEMBER PRESENTING: LINDA BUNTING, SAFEGUARDING AND REVIEWING MANAGER

KEY DECISION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Panel receives and comments on the Independent Safeguarding Reviewing Officer's annual report.

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

The Independent Safeguarding and Reviewing Officer's (ISRO) Annual Report records ISRO information relating to the population of our Children Looked After. It contains data and analysis to help us understand the activities of the ISRO over the period 2017/2018.

2. POLICY

Prosperity and opportunity: enable young people to fulfil their potential

3. DETAILS

3.1 Independent Safeguarding and Reviewing Officer's Annual Report

This report is produced by the ISRO Team which sits within the Safeguarding and Quality Assurance Service, People and Communities, of North Somerset Council.

The report contains a summary of work completed by North Somerset ISROs between 1st April 2017 and 31st March 2018. It provides quantitative and qualitative evidence relating to the ISRO Team as required by statutory guidance as set out in the IRO Handbook and Care Planning Regulations (amended 2015).

The report focuses on the ISRO role and function; in particular the key trends with Children Looked After in North Somerset over the past year, and recent developments and challenges. It reflects the compliance, progress and contribution the ISRO team has made to the outcomes for Children Looked After in North Somerset and against the required statutory legislation.

The report highlights good practice and identifies areas for development for the forthcoming year, and is attached as Appendix 1.

3.2 Independent, Safeguarding and Reviewing Officer's Annual Report

This report considers the way that the Council engage directly with Children Looked After, and is attached as Appendix 2.

4. CONSULTATION

The ISRO team have been consulted and have agreed the Action Plan for the forthcoming 12 months. Children and Young People are seen regularly by ISRO's and their views are taken into consideration. The Children and Young People's Annual Report is an attempt for the 1st time to produce an Annual Report for our Children Looked After. Next year the intention will be to include them more fully in this report.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

Costs

N/A

Funding

N/A

6. LEGAL POWERS AND IMPLICATIONS

N/A

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

8. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

ISROs work within the equality guidelines in all they do.

9. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

10. OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The recommendations of the report have been made to ensure that our Children Looked After have access to Independent support who can promote their welfare and best interests.

AUTHOR

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Independent Safeguarding and Reviewing Officer’s Annual Report 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018

Appendix 2 – Independent, Safeguarding and Reviewing Officer’s Annual Report Summary for Children Looked After 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018