

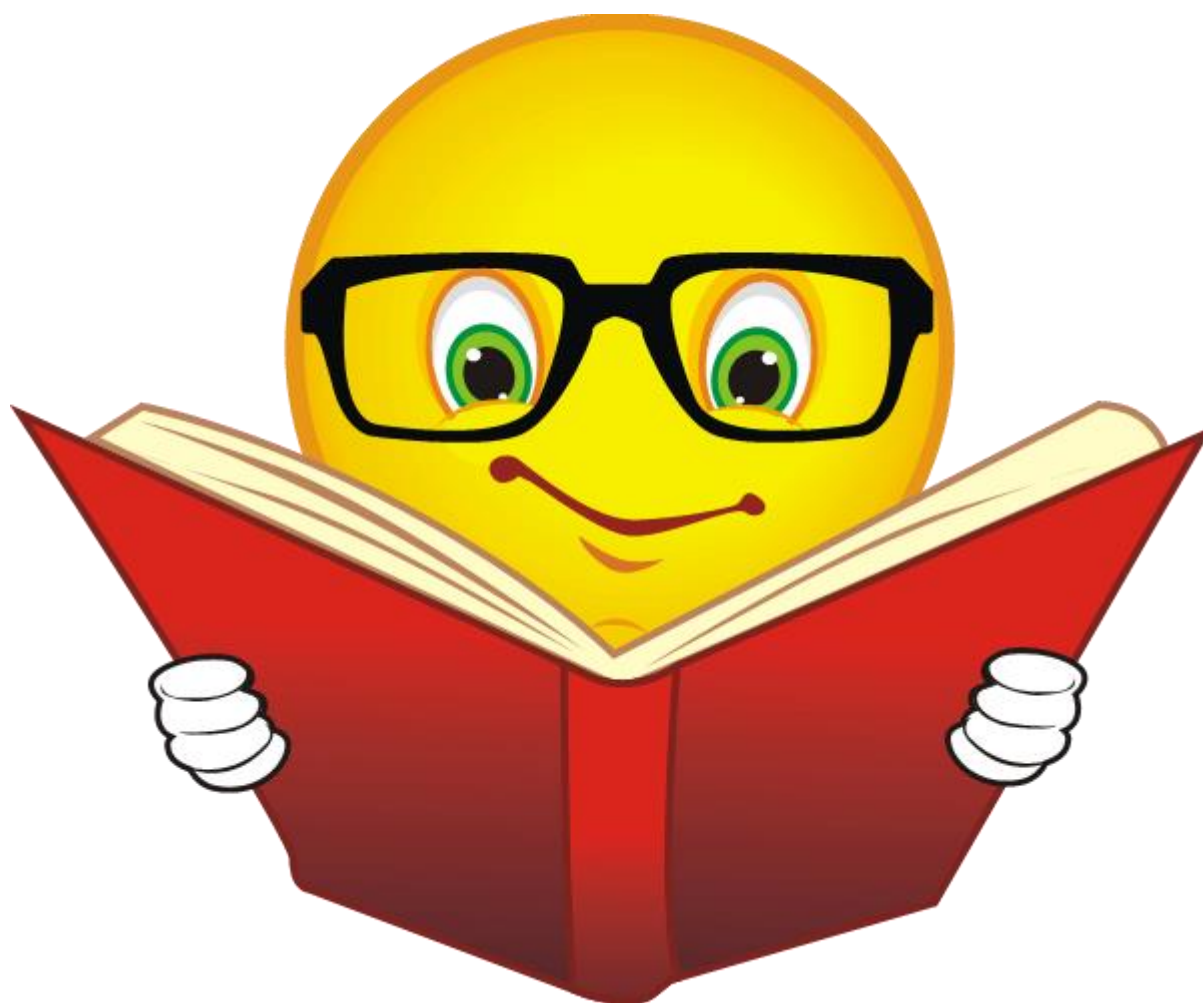
# INDEPENDENT, SAFEGUARDING AND REVIEWING OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY FOR CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER.

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## INTRODUCTION.

The Annual Report is written by the Safeguarding and Independent Reviewing Officer (ISRO) Manager. This report is completed once a year. We look at the way we work and think about what we do well, and what we need to change. This is so we can improve how we work with you. We want to make sure that you are listened to and that you are able to join in your review meetings. This is a short version of the report.



This year the number of children and young people being looked after by North Somerset is at the moment 237.



Sometimes the number changes but mostly it stays the same.

Last year there were 511 Children Looked After (CLA) reviews held.  
260 Young People took part in their review meetings.  
84 children were under 4 and they were visited and seen by their ISRO.  
Only 18 Young People did not take part in their review in any way.  
This is a good number of reviews that children and Young People were involved directly in.





We would like you to Chair your own review meetings or help the ISRO so the meeting goes how you want. We want you to join in with your meetings in whichever way you want. ISRO's really like it if you attend your review meeting. If you don't want to attend ISRO's would like to get your views in another way, you may want to see your ISRO outside of the review, or write a letter, text or email, we can help you to do this.

Advocacy, this is when someone meets with you and talks up for you at your review meeting. If you want someone to do this we can get one for you.

Interpreter., if you do not speak English or need help with language we can get an interpreter for you.

Sign Language and Hearing Loop, we can make sure that you have this support if you need or want it.

Your review should be held on time.

We want to get better at this.

ISRO's can challenge Social Workers about your Care Plan and if they are working well for you, they will do this if they need to. We keep a record of when we ask social workers about decisions made for you if we think that they may not be in your best interests, that means best for you. Our record shows that we have got better at this.

The ISRO's are doing good work and are getting better at making sure that plans for you are good.



This is what we think should happen next.

- your review meetings should be with you and about you, (you can chair your meeting if you like).
- you should know when your meeting is and it should go ahead and not be changed or cancelled.
- the ISRO will make sure you know what your Care Plan is.
- the ISRO will meet with you and listen to what you have to say about your Care Plan.
- the ISRO will challenge and ask questions about your Care Plan to make sure it is best for you.

