

# North Somerset Council

REPORT TO THE CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE POLICY & SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE OF MEETING: 24 OCTOBER 2019

SUBJECT OF REPORT: INDEPENDENT SAFEGUARDING AND REVIEWING OFFICER'S (ISRO'S) ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OR PARISH: ALL

OFFICER/MEMBER PRESENTING: LINDA BUNTING

KEY DECISION: NO

REASON: FOR APPROVAL / ANY REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS TO THE REPORT

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Comment on/make any suggested amendments to the Independent Safeguarding and Reviewing Officers (ISROs) Annual Report 2018 – 2019.

To further develop understanding of the role of the ISROs.

Note the developments, achievements, challenges and areas for improvement in this critical area of work.

Note the 'Next Steps' of the ISRO Team.

Promote the importance of services for Children Looked After.

## **1. SUMMARY OF REPORT**

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.

## **2. POLICY**

An Annual Report of the Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) Service for Children Looked After (CLA) is required in the guidance arising from the IRO Handbook 2011. This guidance brings together a set of statutory regulations for overseeing Care Plans and is part of the implementation of the Children and Young Persons Act 2008, and the Children and Social Work Act 2017. Regulations 2018.

### **3. DETAILS**

As above.

### **4. CONSULTATION**

The Safeguarding and Quality Assurance Service works with Children's Support and Safeguarding across North Somerset.

### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

#### **Costs**

There are no direct cost implications arising from this report.

#### **Funding**

There are no funding implications arising from this report.

### **6. LEGAL POWERS AND IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

### **7. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct implications arising from this report.

### **8. RISK MANAGEMENT**

There are no direct implications arising from this report.

### **9. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

No formal equalities impact assessment is carried out as part of the ISRO Annual Report. However, performance data being collected by ISRO Team will include reference to gender, race/ethnicity, disability and other protected characteristics to ensure that the profile of the CLA data is tested and any related issues identified and acted upon.

How and in what ways we meet the needs of children looked after must reflect the differing cultural values and norms within communities.

### **10. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct implications arising from this report.

### **11. OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

N/A.

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## BACKGROUND PAPERS

Attached ISROs' Annual Report 2018-2019.

Attached ISROs' Annual Report for Children and Young People 2018-2019.