

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting24th May 2018

1. Title of Item/Report

JTAI (Joint Targeted Area Inspection) Action Plan

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the action plan resulting from the Joint Targeted Area Neglect Inspection undertaken in Stockton in November 2017.

Between 20 and 24 November 2017, Ofsted, the Care Quality Commission (CQC), Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) and HMI Probation (HMI Prob) undertook a joint inspection of the multi-agency response to abuse and neglect in Stockton-On-Tees. This inspection included a 'deep dive' focus on the response to children experiencing neglect.

The Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) included an evaluation of the multi-agency 'front door' for referrals: when children who may be in need or at risk of significant harm become known to local services. In this JTAI, the evaluation of the multiagency 'front door' focused on children of all ages who were being or had been neglected. Also included was a 'deep dive' focus on children between seven and 15 years old who had been neglected.

Alongside this, the inspection considered the effectiveness of the multi-agency leadership and management of this work, including the role played by the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB).

The report of the inspection was published on 15 January, with a requirement to submit a multi-agency action plan to Ofsted by 18 April. This deadline was achieved.

The inspection was largely positive about the impact of Children's services, noting in particular:

- a. Commitment and prioritisation across partners
- b. Effective skills and knowledge amongst front line staff
- c. A culture of learning and a suitable focus on neglect

- d. A good early help offer
- e. An effective front door to social care through the Children's Hub
- f. Effective leadership and oversight
- g. A commitment to and evidence of a quality programme of workforce development

Further details were attached to the report.

The inspection also identified some areas for improvement, including:

- a. The resilience of the Children's Hub
- b. The need to update the Children and Young People's Plan and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- c. The quality of child in need plans, which can in some cases lead to drift and delay
- d. A bigger focus on quality and feedback in the performance system
- e. Detailed actions for partners including Cleveland Police, National Probation Service, Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company, NHS commissioners and providers.

Further details of the action plan were attached to the report.

RESOLVED that the Action Plan in response to the Joint Targeted Area Neglect Inspection which was largely positive about the impact on Children's Services be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To ensure Cabinet is aware of the proposed actions, which will subsequently form the basis of quarterly performance update reports.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Ann McCoy declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 5 - JTAI (Joint Targeted Area Inspection) Action Plan as she was on the Board of Governors of Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys (TEWV) NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor Nigel Cooke declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 5 - JTAI (Joint Targeted Area Inspection) Action Plan as he was employed by Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys (TEWV) NHS

Foundation Trust.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight, 4 June 2018.

Proper Officer
29 May 2018