
**OFSTED INSPECTION OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND
DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD 2015**

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider a report of the Director of Children and Adults Services in relation to the Ofsted inspection of Children's Services and Darlington Safeguarding Children Board 2015.

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2. Attached at Appendix 1 is a report which was considered by Cabinet at its meeting held on 3rd May, 2016, in relation to the key findings and progress to date from the outcome of the Ofsted Inspection of Services for Children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers and review of the effectiveness of the Local Safeguarding Children Board.

Recommendation

3. It is recommended that Members note the actions already taken to improve performance.

**Paul Wildsmith
Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources**

Background Papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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| S17 Crime and Disorder | There are no implications arising from this report. |
| Health and Well Being | The Health and Well-Being Board will require regular updates on the progress made in implementing the Improvement Plan in response to the inspection findings and recommendations. |
| Carbon Impact | There are no implications arising from this report. |
| Diversity | There are no implications arising from this report. |
| Wards Affected | All |
| Groups Affected | All |
| Budget and Policy Framework | In responding to the Ofsted inspection recommendations the Improvement Plan will require that the Local Authority makes additional resources available both in terms of staff time and financial commitment so that the required improvements are made. |
| Key Decision | N/A |
| Urgent Decision | N/A |
| One Darlington: Perfectly Placed | N/A |
| Efficiency | N/A |