
**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.

Information and Analysis

2. Attached at **Appendix 1** is a report which was considered by Cabinet at its meeting held on 13th September, 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.
3. Further to the attached Cabinet report, a second Ofsted monitoring visit took place on 12/13 October 2016 and a letter of 10 November 2016 summarising the findings is attached at **Appendix 2**.
4. In addition, a further Department for Education (DfE) review took place on 30 November and a verbal update will be given to the meeting.

Recommendation

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

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Background Papers

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

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