

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 31 January 2018

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Joint Local Area SEND Inspection in Lancashire (Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

The document provided at Appendix 'A' is the report received from Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) outlining the findings of the joint local area SEND inspection in Lancashire conducted in November 2017.

Recommendation

The Children's Services Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- i. Note and comment the report as set out in Appendix 'A'; and
- ii. Consider areas identified within the report for further review by the Committee.

Background and Advice

Between 13 November and 17 November 2017, Ofsted and the CQC, conducted a joint inspection of the local area of Lancashire to judge the effectiveness of the area in implementing the special educational needs and disability (SEND) reforms, as set out in the Children and Families Act 2014.

As a result of the findings of the inspection, and in accordance with the Children Act 2004 (Joint Area Reviews) Regulations 2015, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector (HMCI) has determined that a written statement of action is required due to the significant areas of weakness in the local area's practice. HMCI has also determined that the local authority and the area's clinical commissioning groups are jointly responsible for submitting the written statement to Ofsted.

The Committee is therefore asked to note and comment on the report as set out in Appendix 'A' and to consider any areas identified within the report for further review by the Committee.

In addition, it should also be noted that the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board, at its meeting due to take place on Thursday 25 January, will be asked to note the detail of the Ofsted/CQC report and to receive an update with a draft action plan at the next meeting of the Board on 20 March 2018.

Consultations

NA

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications.

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

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