

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Children & Families Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 7 December 2010

Report of: Lorraine Butcher, Director of Children's Services

Subject/Title: Progress Update of Unannounced Inspection Plan

Portfolio Holder: Councillor H Gaddum

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The aim of this report is to provide a progress update in relation to the action plan drawn up following the unannounced inspection of Cheshire East Council's Contact, Referral and Assessment arrangements for Children and Families Service by Ofsted.
- 1.2 Appendix 1 attached provides the detail of progress in respect of the areas of development identified by Ofsted during their inspection visit in July 2010.

2.0 Decision requested

- 2.1 This report is for information only. Children and Families Scrutiny Committee are asked to note the progress to date and processes put in place that enable the areas identified for development to be addressed appropriately.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The reason for presenting this report is to inform the Children & Families Scrutiny Committee of the ongoing work which is being undertaken to address the areas of development as identified within the unannounced inspection that was undertaken by Ofsted in July 2010.

4.0 Wards Affected

All localities are affected by the Ofsted inspection process.

5.0 Local Ward Members

None identified

6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate change - Health

None Identified

7.0 Financial Implications (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

None Identified

8.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

None Identified

9.0 Risk Management

Ofsted's unannounced inspection of the Council's Contact, Referral and Assessment Arrangements is an essential tool in testing and ensuring that the children and young people within Cheshire East are safe. The inspection, whilst not identifying any priority actions, did identify a number of development areas which if not addressed could lead to higher risk in terms of children and young people's safety within the Authority. Future inspections will be based upon the Council's ability in ensuring progress within any recommendations the inspectors have made.

10.0 Background and Options

11.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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