

For Committee Appendix B - Ofsted Focused Visit to London Borough of Sutton Children's Services

No.	Recommendation - what needs to improve in this area of social work practice- Ofsted Letter	No.	Outcome/Action required	Deadline	Progress
1	Return home interviews are not consistently informing safety planning for children. Arrangements for children who live out of borough are not timely and the oversight of children who go missing is not sufficiently robust to ensure that all children are offered a return home interview.	1.1	A policy paper on current arrangements to be written for all providers to include reporting requirements and return to home interviews in and out of borough - to be tracked at Local Safeguarding Children's Board Multi Agency Child Exploitation sub group	November 2018	Draft Policy Paper written and to be signed off at Children's SMT. Reports are now presented to Local Safeguarding Children's Board Multi Agency Child Exploitation sub group.
		1.2	Develop a tracking system from providers to commissioners to ensure tracking and responding to emerging themes. Tracker to be presented at next Ofsted meeting plus analysis of themes for last 6 months- October - to be tracked at Local Safeguarding Children's Board Multi Agency Child Exploitation sub group	November 2018	A new data recording process has been established with the provider. A report on push and pull factors for missing children as well as common vulnerabilities of those who go missing is produced and reported to the monthly Multi Agency Child Exploitation sub group and the Local Safeguarding Children's Board.
		1.3	Commissioning out of borough is spot purchase- review commissioning arrangements for young people out of borough and what is the offer - to be tracked at Local Safeguarding Children's Board Multi Agency Child Exploitation sub group	November 2018	Looked After Children that live out of borough, but are within a certain travel distance of Sutton, now receive Return Home Interviews for current providers. All other Requirements are met by Spot Purchase arrangements. In the future placement team will identify local providers to undertake Return Home Interviews at placement point.
		1.4	Review Return Home Interviews Practice Directive and present at Performance and Practice Meeting	January 2019	Presentation scheduled for Practice and Performance meeting on 13 Dec 2018
		1.5	Review of workflows on children's services data base to ensure teams can report on the issue.	November 2018	Systems are now in place to log and report children who are placed in Sutton from other Local Authorities.
2	The assessment of risk is fragmented, which means that the wider context of harm in relation to gangs and criminal exploitation is not always well understood or sufficiently considered in safety planning.	2.1	A Task and Finish Group to review risk assessment tool then develop a multi agency protocol which will require leadership from Local Safeguarding Children's Board.	November 2018	A Local Safeguarding Children's Board protocol is being developed on complex safeguarding and working in a contextual environment. This is scheduled to be launched at the Local Safeguarding Children's Board on 28th February 2019. Draft protocol taken to Multi Agency Child Exploitation sub group on 22 October 2018, on track for launch in February 2019.
		2.2	Raising awareness of contextual safeguarding at Practice and Performance meeting.	September 2018	Session delivered to approximately 60 staff and all the ASYE new intake on 13.09.18. Further roll out of training will link to the the launch of the protocol in February 2019
		2.3	Submit expression of interest for contextual safeguarding scale up to the University of Bedfordshire who are leading the research in this area.	September 2018	Bid submitted and shortlisted from 50 applicants in to the second stage, site visit scheduled for 4th December 2018.
		2.4	Further strengthen response to adolescents by enhancing the good work of Targeted Youth Services and Youth Offending service through merging of teams	November 2019	Consultation completed. Manager appointed. New service implemented
		2.5	Submit bid for IDM Project (I'm Doing Me) for Young Londoners Fund grant	June 2018	Bid successful with funding approved. £150K granted over three years to tackle issues including serious youth violence & permanent exclusions
3	When children in care move home or are not in education, it takes too long for their educational needs to be met.	3	Tracking system in place for children being supported in their educational needs and gaps in provision	September 2018	Tracker in place and presented to Children's Services Leadership Team for scrutiny.

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		3.1	Implement a risk register and scorecard to track performance	December 2018	To be presented at Corporate Parenting Forum for scrutiny.