

Education, Children & Families

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Inspection of Children's Services

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Executive Summary

On 1 October 2018, the City of Edinburgh Council received formal notification from the Care Inspectorate of a joint inspection of the provision of services to children and young people in need of care and protection in the Edinburgh community planning partnership.

Care Inspectorate Assessment of Children's Services

Recommendations

- 1.1 The Education, Children and Families Committee is asked to:
 - 1.1.1 Note the progress which has been made.
 - 1.1.2 Request a further update once the final inspections findings have been published.

2. Background

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to brief elected members on the Care Inspectorate's revised approach to the inspection of children's services.

3. Main report

- 3.1 The Care Inspectorate have modernised their methodology to provide a more focused approach on two areas of ministerial interest – child protection and looked after children.
- 3.2 They have worked with partners in HMICS, HIS and Education Scotland to develop the methodology and these partners will form the inspection team. Young inspection volunteers will continue to play an important role in helping the Inspection team engage with children and young people, but their role has been strengthened. They will now provide support and challenge to leaders about the extent to which children, young people and their families get the right help, at the right time to ensure their safety, support good health and wellbeing and improve their life chances.
- 3.3 The Inspectorate will continue to use European Foundation for Quality Management Excellence Model (EFQM), but for the purposes of this inspection, the following quality indicators will be used:
 - 1.1 Outcomes
 - 2.1 Impact on children and young people
 - 2.2 Impact on families
 - 9.1 to 9.4 Collaborative leadership

- 3.4 The revised model of inspection includes 5 inspection specific questions
- How good is the partnership at recognising and responding when children and young people need protection?
 - How good is the partnership at helping children and young people who have experienced abuse and neglect stay safe, healthy and recover from their experiences?
 - How good is the partnership at maximising the wellbeing of children and young people who are looked after?
 - How good is the partnership at enabling care experienced young people to succeed in their transition to adulthood?
 - How good is collaborative leadership?
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- 3.5 The Care Inspectorate will be on site the weeks beginning 14 January and 18 February 2019 and will publish their final report in May 2019. Members will be advised of the outcome at the next available committee.

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 The Inspection report will highlight areas of success and those in which further improvements are required.

5. Financial impact

- 5.1 It is anticipated that the Inspection costs will be in the region of £3,500.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 This report is assessed as presenting no specific risks

7. Equalities impact

- 7.1 The inspection will evaluate how well services work together to improve outcomes for children.

8. Sustainability impact

- 8.1 There are no adverse environmental outcomes arising from this report.

9. Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 Consultation has taken place with the all Children's Services partners, including the Police, NHS and Third Sector partners.

10. Background reading/external references

None.

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11. Appendices

None.