

## Independent Care Review

### **Summary and Recommendations**

The Independent Care Review aims to identify and deliver lasting change in the care system and transform the wellbeing of children and young people.

The Review is made up of various stages, with each subsequent stage being informed by the learning of the previous stage. The Review is currently in its third stage *Journey* which is due to end by December this year when the fourth and final stage *Destination* will begin and is due to be completed by early 2020.

The Review is beginning to move towards conclusions and these conclusions will result in changes to how local government services are delivered. COSLA and local authorities are supportive of the Review and have been engaged with the work thus far.

This report provides an update on the Independent Care Review and provides opportunity for Board Members to provide comment on progress to date and highlight any areas for further development. The Chair of the Review, Fiona Duncan, will attend the CYP Board on 10 May.

This paper invites Members of the CYP Board to:

- Note the work of the Review to date;
- Provide comments and highlight any areas for further development in the coming months; and
- Agree regular updates on the work of the Review should be provided to the CYP Board as appropriate.

### **References**

No previous reports on the Independent Care Review.

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## **Independent Care Review**

### **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on the Independent Care Review, invite comments and highlight any areas for further development in the coming months and to agree regular updates on the work of the Review should be provided to the CYP Board.

### **Current COSLA Position**

2. The [Independent Care Review](#) aims to identify and deliver lasting change in the care system and transform the wellbeing of children and young people. The Review is made up of various stages, with each subsequent stage being informed by the learning of the previous stage. The Review is currently in its third stage *Journey* which is due to end by December this year when the fourth and final stage *Destination* will begin and is due to be completed by early 2020
3. The focus of *Journey* is to begin to deliver improvements for infants, children and young people who experience care. As part of this, there is an active programme of work taking place with a wide range of partners called Stop-Go which includes all 32 Local Authorities and COSLA representation on the group. Stop-Go aims to make day-to-day improvements based on what the Review has heard about what works, what needs to stop happening and what needs to be considered further in terms of any emerging recommendations and findings.
4. Pat McVey from the Care Review delivered a workshop to Children and Young People Board Members and COSLA staff last June which provided an update on the progress of the Review at that point in time.

### **What is changing?**

5. The Review is beginning to move towards conclusions. COSLA and local authorities are supportive of the Review and have been engaged with the work thus far. COSLA's Chief Executive met with the Chair of the Care Review, Fiona Duncan, last week to discuss the next steps for the Review. The Chair will attend the Board to hear from CYP Board Members directly.
6. The Review is comprehensive in nature and it is likely to make recommendations on a large number of areas of work undertaken by local authorities. This includes all aspects of the care system including workforce. It is then likely that there will be significant practice and financial implications for local authorities as well as how children, young people and families experience services.

### **Proposed COSLA Position**

7. If CYP Board Members agree, COSLA officers will ensure regular updates on the work of the Review are provided and ensure that the work of the Review which impacts on local authorities is progressed through COSLA structures as appropriate.

### **Next Steps**

8. Following discussions today, and if Board Members agree, COSLA officers will ensure regular updates on the work of the Review are provided and ensure that the work of the Review which impacts on local authorities is progressed through COSLA structures as appropriate.

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