

**REPORT TITLE: QUALITY ASSURANCE – ANNUAL REVIEW**

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Children’s Scrutiny Panel</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b> (if applicable)	<b>Not applicable</b>
<b>Key Decision Eligible for Call In</b>	<b>No Not applicable</b>
<b>Purpose of Report</b> To share the Children’s Services annual QA report	
<b>Recommendations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This report is for information. There are no specific recommendations within the report – the attached report is an overview of our audit and learning processes for the last 12 months for consideration and discussion.</li> </ul>	
<b>Resource Implications:</b> None	
<b>Date signed off by <u>Executive Director</u> &amp; name</b>	<b>26.09.24 – Vicky Metheringham</b>
<b>Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
<b>Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer)?</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>

**Electoral wards affected:** All

**Ward councillors consulted:** None

**Public or private:** Public

**Has GDPR been considered?** There is no child specific data within the report.

**1. Executive Summary**

Quality assurance work has taken place on a monthly basis across children’s social care involving both regular monthly learning conversations, quarterly Practice Learning Days and ad-hoc specific auditing deep dives. This report provides a summary of the

outcomes of the learning and some of the steps taken to address the learning needs and the Annual Report on Quality Assurance is attached as Appendix 1.

**2. Information required to take a decision**

There is no decision required from the panel – this is being shared for information and scrutiny.

**3. Implications for the Council**

The report provides an overview of the quality of our work in children’s social care. It will help to provide information about the areas in need of development within Children’s Social care.

**3.1 Council Plan**

Not applicable

**3.2 Financial Implications**

Not applicable

**3.3 Legal Implications**

Not applicable

**3.8 Other (eg Risk, Integrated Impact Assessment or Human Resources)**

Not applicable

**4. Consultation**

Not applicable

**5. Engagement**

Not applicable

**6. Options**

Not applicable

**7. Next steps and timelines**

The quality assurance work is ongoing and the panel may wish for an update report in the future. Scrutiny members are also observing a practice learning day.

**8. Contact officer**

Rob Fordyce – Head of QA and Practice Development and Principal Social Worker

**9. Background Papers and History of Decisions**

None.

**10. Appendices**

Quality Assurance Annual Report attached as Appendix 1.

**11. Service Director responsible**

Vicky Metherringham, Service Director (Family Support and Child Protection)