

# Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of meeting:	12 September 2023
Title of Report:	<b>Plymouth Children's Services Improvement Plan</b>
Lead Member:	Councillor Jemima Laing (Deputy Leader, and Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Culture, Events and Communications)
Lead Strategic Director:	David Haley (Interim Director for Children's Services)
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Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

## Purpose of Report

This report presents a highlight report of progress against the improvement plan for Plymouth Children's Services since the July Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The current improvement plan is currently being reviewed with front line practitioners and managers and will focus on key deliverables and priorities. The updated plan will be available for Scrutiny at November's Committee.

Following an Ofsted Focused Visit to Plymouth's Front Door to Children's Services on 13/14 December 2022, an Improvement Plan was devised in response to Ofsted's report of the visit (dated 30 January). The Improvement Board was established in March 2023 in advance of an Improvement Notice issued by the Department for Education (DfE) on 19 May 2023. The Improvement Board is chaired by Theresa Leavy, Director of Children's Services, Dorset and is attended by The Leader of the Council, The Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Director of Children's Services and colleagues from across the Council as well as key partnership leads from the Police, Health and Schools.

## Recommendations and Reasons

Scrutiny is asked to note the Improvement Plan

## Alternative options considered and rejected

The DfE Improvement Notice mandates that Plymouth establishes an Improvement Board and an Improvement Plan alternative options considered and rejected



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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Nigel Denning (Service Director for Children, Young People and Families)

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes

Date agreed: 04/09/2023

Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Jemima Laing (Deputy Leader/ Children's Social Care, Culture, Events and Communications)

Date approved: 04/09/2023