

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

**CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION
CABINET BOARD**

7TH APRIL 2016

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICES
- A. JARRETT**

MATTER FOR INFORMATION

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

CSSIW FOSTERING INSPECTION REPORT - MARCH 2016

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of the report is to provide Members with a copy of the most recent CSSIW Inspection report for the Neath Port Talbot Fostering Service Inspection.

2. Executive Summary

Date of inspection – December 2015

Date of publication – March 2016

The inspection was the annual CSSIW inspection of the fostering service. It was a Focused inspection, concentrating on the quality of life experienced by young people living with foster carers.

The inspection noted the following areas of good practice:

- Good management structure and understanding of the service, supported by good quality performance management and planning
- Quality provision of training to staff and carers
- Foster carers support groups in place
- Out of hours service to carers and regular activities and support groups.

The Inspection report noted improvements that had been made since the last report.

These included:

- Improvements in the management structure,
- the development of carer profiles to improve matching processes, The development of audit tools to review the quality of work
- The appointment of a children's participation officer
- The development of tools to support young people to develop age related skills.
- Improvements to the timeliness of foster carers reviews being undertaken.

The Inspection did not highlight any areas where the service is not meeting the Fostering Regulations, and no compliance notices were issues.

The report noted areas of good practice which would further improve the service. These are listed in the action plan at appendix 2.

3. **Background**

The CSSW annual report is published on the CSSIW website. The good practice recommendations are available at appendix 2 and these have also been incorporated into the Fostering Service business plan.

4. **Financial Impact**

After consideration this is not applicable

5. **Equality Impact Assessment**

After consideration this is not applicable

6. **Workforce Impacts**

After consideration this is not applicable

7. **Legal Impacts**

After consideration this is not applicable

8. **Risk Management**

After consideration this is not applicable

9. **Consultation**

After consideration this is not applicable

10. **Recommendation**

After consideration this is not applicable

11. **Reason for Proposed Decision**

After consideration this is not applicable

12. **Implementation of Decision**

After consideration this is not applicable

13. **Appendices**

Appendix 1 CSSIW Fostering Inspection report 2016
Appendix 2 Inspection Action Plan 2016

14. **List of Background Papers**

15. **Officer Contract**

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