

Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Children and Families)

Date: 26 February 2015

Subject: Transforming Children’s Social Work in Leeds & Frameworki position update

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

1 Purpose of this report

1.1 The attached report provides an update on progress in the services for children, young people and families in Leeds with a focus on the ongoing transformation of children’s social work service. On the 8 February 2014 the Scrutiny Board received an update in the implementation of Frameworki. This report facilitates additional debate on the current position relating to implementation and operation of this system.

2. Main Issues

2.1 The ESCR case management system, which had been in place in Leeds for a number of years, was deemed not fit for purpose by Ofsted in their inspection of Children’s Services in 2009. In order to address these concerns, and those raised by members of staff who used the system, the Council agreed to commission a replacement for ESCR. After a comprehensive procurement process, which included input from staff from across all areas of Children’s Services, the decision was made to purchase the Frameworki system provided by Corelogic. The new system went live on 11 November 2013. A report providing information relating to implementation progress was provided to the Scrutiny Board on the 8 February 2014.

2.2 The attached report was presented to the Executive Board for consideration on the 11th of February 2015. This report provides an update on the transformation of Children’s Social Work in Leeds and enables the Scrutiny Board to consider progress and future proposals (including Frameworki) and where appropriate make recommendation.

3 Corporate Considerations

3.1 Consultation and Engagement

The Board will undertake consultation where it is deemed appropriate.

3.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration.

3.2.1 The Equality Improvement Priorities 2011 to 2015 have been developed to ensure our legal duties are met under the Equality Act 2010. The priorities will help the council to achieve its ambition to be the best City in the UK and ensure that as a city work takes place to reduce disadvantage, discrimination and inequalities of opportunity.

3.2.2 Equality and diversity will be a consideration throughout the Scrutiny process and due regard will be given to equality through the use of information, written and verbal, outcomes from consultation and engagement activities.

3.2.3 The Scrutiny Board may engage and involve interested groups and individuals (both internal and external to the council) to inform processes.

3.2 Council Policies and City Priorities

The consideration of Children's Social Work in Leeds seeks to improve outcomes for children and young people as defined in The Children and Young Peoples Plan.

3.3 Resources and Value for Money

There is no resource or value for money implications relating to this report.

3.4 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

None

3.5 Risk Management

None

4.0 Recommendations

The Scrutiny Board (Children and Families) is recommended to:

- a) Note and consider the report of the Director of Children's Services to the Executive Board on the 11 February 2015 and the verbal information presented to the Scrutiny Board on the 26th of February 2015
- b) Make recommendation as deemed appropriate

5.0 Background documents¹ - None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.