

## Ofsted Inspection Report

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Report of: Head of Democratic Services

Report to: Scrutiny Board (Children and Families)

Will the decision be open for call in?  Yes  No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?  Yes  No

### **What is this report about?**

**Including how it contributes to the city's and council's ambitions**

- Ofsted inspected children's social care services in Leeds between Monday 21 February to Friday 4 March 2022. This inspection was undertaken under the Ofsted 'ILACS' (Inspecting Local Authority Children's Services) framework.
- The purpose of this report is to brief the Children and Families Scrutiny Board on the findings of this recent Ofsted inspection of children's services in Leeds.

### **Recommendations**

Members are requested to consider and discuss the findings of the recent Ofsted inspection of children's services in Leeds.

## Why is the proposal being put forward?

1. Following the recent Ofsted inspection of children's services in Leeds, a full inspection report is expected to be published by Ofsted on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Once available, this report will be shared with the Children and Families Scrutiny Board for formal consideration as part of today's meeting.
2. Following a standard or short inspection, Ofsted will also produce and publish a standalone summary written for children and young people.

## What impact will this proposal have?

**Wards affected: All**

Have ward members been consulted?  Yes  No

3. This inspection was undertaken under the Ofsted 'ILACS' (Inspecting Local Authority Children's Services) framework.
4. Ofsted describes the ILACS approach as a whole system of inspection which aims to apply a proportionate and risk-based approach. Ofsted use intelligence and information to decide how best to inspect each local authority.
5. The ILACS system includes:
  - local authorities sharing an annual self-evaluation of the quality and impact of social work practice.
  - an annual engagement meeting between a regional Ofsted representative and the local authority to review the self-evaluation and to reflect on what is happening in the local authority and inform how they would engage with each other in future.
  - Ofsted's local authority intelligence system (LAIS) (which brings data and information into a single record).
  - focused visits that look at a specific area of service or cohort of children.
  - standard and short inspections where Ofsted makes judgements using its 4-point scale.
  - Joint targeted area inspection (JTAI) - multi-agency inspections on changing themes.
6. After a standard or short inspection, the local authority is required to write an action plan that responds to the findings in the report. The requirement for this is set out in the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (Inspection of Local Authorities) Regulations 2007.
7. Further guidance relating to the ILACS framework can be accessed via the [Gov.uk website](https://www.gov.uk).

## What consultation and engagement has taken place?

8. Almost all inspection evidence is gathered by looking at individual children and young people's experiences, largely through examining casefiles, meeting with practitioners to understand the nature and impact of their work and scrutinising electronic records. Where possible, inspectors will talk to children and young people although these discussions will not always be face to face; they are interested in hearing how children's rights are considered, how their entitlements are realised and about their experiences of local pledges or charters in practice.

**What are the resource implications?**

9. This report has no specific resource implications.

**What are the legal implications?**

10. This report has no specific legal implications.

**What are the key risks and how are they being managed?**

11. There are no risk management implications relevant to this report.

**Does this proposal support the council's three Key Pillars?**

- Inclusive Growth       Health and Wellbeing       Climate Emergency

12. This report relates to the Council's priority to make Leeds a Child Friendly City.

**Appendices**

13. Appendix 1 (*to follow*) – Leeds ILACS Report 2022

**Background papers**

14. None.