

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE – 13 JUNE 2017**

**JOINT INSPECTION OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE ANGUS  
COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP (ACPP)**

**1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The joint inspection of services for children and young people in Angus took place between 16 May 2016 and 24 June 2016. The inspection was led by the Care Inspectorate.

**2. FINAL REPORT**

- 2.1 The final inspection report was published on the Care Inspectorate website on 29 November 2016.

<http://www.careinspectorate.com/index.php/search-publi?q=angus>

- 2.2 The report is positive and highlights a number of areas of particular strengths:

- Performance in improving outcomes for children and young people was very good.
- There were improving trends in the wellbeing of many aspects of the lives of vulnerable children and young people.
- Children and young people's voices were generally listened to and acted upon.
- Many parents were more resilient and confident as a result of services received from a range of sources, including midwives, health visitors, family nurses and social workers, psychologists and third sector organisations such as Barnardo's.
- Staff were skilful at recognising when children, young people and families were in need of additional help.
- There was a strong commitment across agencies to provide children and young people, families and carers with a wide range of opportunities and mechanisms to express their views and provide feedback.
- Effective use of the Dartington research to plan to improve outcomes for our communities.
- The commitment of all partners to their corporate parenting responsibilities was improving outcomes for children and young people who are looked after.
- Flexible working between staff who work directly with children and young people was improving outcomes for children, young people and families.

- 2.3 The report also highlights examples of good practice which will be of interest to community planning partnerships across Scotland. Three examples of good practice are included in the Angus report:

- The parental self-help network known as the Strathie Café at Strathmore Primary School.
- The Partnership's use of supportive interventions for parents to improve outcomes for babies affected by maternal substance misuse.
- The housing options protocol which is in place to support young people leaving a care placement.

- 2.4 The report identifies three areas for improvement:
- Improve the quality of risk assessment and chronologies for individual children and young people.
  - Ensure children's plans consider all aspects of children's well-being. Plans should be specific about the outcomes to be achieved.
  - Strengthen arrangements for risk assessment and review of planned changes to services or systems.
- 2.5 The Care Inspectorate is confident that the ACPP will be able to make the necessary improvements.

### **3. Action Plan**

- 3.1 The Angus Community Planning Partnership has prepared an action plan in response to the areas for improvement.
- 3.2 The Care Inspectorate has endorsed the action plan.
- 3.3 The Angus Integrated Children's Services Group will oversee the implementation of the action plan.

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