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ANGUS COUNCIL CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE – 9 JANUARY 2018

NEW MODEL FOR JOINT INSPECTION OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITHIN COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIPS

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 final inspection report was published on the Care Inspectorate website on 29 November 2016. An information schedule summarising the inspection outcomes was reported to the committee in November 2016 (Report 387/16: Schedule 2).
- 1.2 The current cycle of joint inspections across Community Planning Partnerships is now almost complete.
- 1.3 The next cycle of joint inspections will begin in April 2018 using a revised inspection model.
- 1.4 The new model for joint inspection will be led by the Care Inspectorate. Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland, Education Scotland and Healthcare Improvement Scotland will be partners in the inspection process.
- 1.5 The new model will focus upon the experiences and outcomes for children in need of protection and those subject to corporate parenting. This includes children and young people who are looked after at home, in residential and secure care, in kinship care and those using through care and aftercare services.
- 1.6 The inspection team will use case tracking to assess the extent to which children and young people and their families are getting the right help at the right time from the right people.
- 1.7 Thus the inspection process will maintain a focus upon prevention and early intervention, accurate assessment of risk and need and effective planning.
- 1.8 There will be public reports on the findings from inspection in each community planning partnership area. More detailed feedback will be given to each partnership to support improvement.
- 1.9 In addition, each year a maximum of two thematic areas will be chosen for particular focus during inspections. The findings from these will form the basis of a national report at the end of each year. The purpose of these reports will be to share learning and support focussed self-evaluation by partnerships across the country.

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