



North West ADCS
Leading Children's Services

NW SLI Peer Challenge Self View – 2015/16

Journey of the Child

This year the self-view will build on the work undertaken by a number of LA's who have recently been subject to an Ofsted inspection. Each LA will be asked to write a brief position statement under the headings for each stage of the journey a child may take. Below are some questions to consider in developing the statement and for each management team to consider when pulling together the self-view. The self-view should be no more than 2 sides of A4.

Universal

1. What are the biggest challenges for your universal services and what are you doing to address the challenges? (Demographic, cultural, economic etc.)
2. How can you evidence the impact of strong self-improving school led system that works across all schools regardless of designation/status?
3. In what way are you engaged in sub regional working to address priorities locally?
4. What are the challenges in attainment in your local area and how are you addressing these?
5. What are your strengths that may be shared across the region?

Early Help/Prevention/Family Support

1. What is your vision for providing/commissioning high quality early help services in partnership?
2. Are you confident you have the correct range of services to meet the needs of your local area?
3. Can you provide evidence of the ways in which your schools are working to commission and deliver early help services in partnership?
4. How do you define the cohort of children and families in receipt of early help services?
5. Can you evidence the impact these services are making?
6. Can you evidence that risk is managed effectively and cases are escalated and de-escalated appropriately for social work intervention?
7. What are the strengths you can identify in your early help that can be shared across the region?

Help and Protection

1. How have you evidenced the impact of help and protection services in terms of data, quality assurance and outcomes measures over the last 3 years?
2. What are the biggest challenges you face here and how are you addressing them?
3. What does a steady state look like in your local area and how are you planning to reach/maintain this?
4. What is your QA in this area indicating in terms of risks and opportunities for securing better outcomes for children?
5. What are the strengths you can identify in your help and protection services that can be shared across the region?

Children in Care and Care Leavers

1. Over the last three years, do your data and other evidence validate your overarching strategy for Looked After Children and Care Leavers, including permanence?
2. How can you demonstrate the contribution of effective adoption services to your overall approach to permanence?
3. What are the biggest challenges you face in respect of Looked After Children and Care Leavers and how are you addressing them?
4. What does a steady state look like in your local area and how are you planning to reach/maintain this?
5. Does an outcomes-based approach to commissioning ensure effective use of resources and improved experiences for Looked After Children and Care Leavers?
6. What are the strengths you can identify in your CIC services that can be shared across the region?