

**Open Report on behalf of Janice Spencer OBE,
Assistant Director – Children's (Safeguarding)**

Report to:	Corporate Parenting Panel
Date:	23 July 2020
Subject:	Regulation 44 Independent Visiting Service – Annual Report 2019/20

Summary:

This report provides the Corporate Parenting Panel with an update of the work of the Independent Visitor.

Part six, regulation 43 of the Children's Home Regulation 2015 makes provision for the appointment of an Independent Visitor. There remains an expectation that the appointment of an Independent Visitor will continue to be the responsibility of the Local Authority, with clear guidance being offered as to the criteria which must be met in terms of ensuring the visitor's independence is clearly demonstrable. The visits continue to be required to be made on a monthly basis.

Actions Required:

Members of the Corporate Parenting Panel are requested to consider and comment on the Independent Visiting Service report and highlight any recommendations for future consideration.

1. Background

A copy of the annual report for the independent visiting service for April 2019 to March 2020 is attached as Appendix A.

2. Conclusion

Members of the Corporate Parenting Panel are requested to consider and comment on the Independent Visiting Service report and highlight any recommendations for future consideration.

3. Consultation

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?

Risks and impact are identified in monthly reports and shared with the homes on a monthly basis.

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

See report.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	REPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENT VISTING SERVICE April 2019 to March 2020

5. Background Papers

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