

Open Report on behalf of Stuart Carlton, Assistant Director for Children's Services

Report to:	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Date:	26 July 2013
Subject:	Children's Centres Progress and Successes

Summary:

This report provides the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee (CYPSC) with an update regarding Lincolnshire Children's Centres, demonstrating outcomes for Lincolnshire children and their families and identifying areas for development to ensure all centres are delivering quality services.

Actions Required:

The Committee is invited to comment on the contents of the report and make any further recommendations as they see fit for the continued development of Children's Centres in Lincolnshire.

1. Background

The attached report gives an overview of changes, progress, successes and development areas in Children's Centres in Lincolnshire.

2. Conclusion

Lincolnshire Children's Centres have undergone some changes in the last year in line with changes in legislation and inspection arrangements.

Children Centre performance data shows that we have mostly met or exceeded our targets and have improved outcomes for young children and their families in Lincolnshire, with a particular focus on the most disadvantaged.

The outcomes achieved for Lincolnshire children provide evidence about effectiveness of Children's Centres in making a difference for children and their families. However, there is still work to do in development areas and we have clear improvement plans in place.

3. Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

N/A

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Children's Centres Progress and Successes

5. Background Papers

The following background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Sure Start children's centres statutory guidance April 2013	http://www.education.gov.uk/aboutdfe/statutory/g00224078/sure-start-statutory-guidance
The framework for children's centre inspection from April 2013	http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/framework-for-childrens-centre-inspection-april-2013

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