

**Open Report on behalf of Janice Spencer OBE,  
Interim Director of Children's Services**

Report to:	<b>Corporate Parenting Panel</b>
Date:	<b>12 March 2020</b>
Subject:	<b>Update on outcomes of Ofsted inspections</b>

**Summary:**

This report provides the Corporate Parenting Panel an update on outcomes of Ofsted inspections for Lincoln Strut House, Boston Haven Cottage and 91 Eastgate, Sleaford.

**Actions Required:**

The Corporate Parenting Panel is requested to note the update.

## 1. Introduction

Ofsted are responsible for monitoring the standards within children homes and providing them with a grade which reflects the quality of care which the children receive. For all homes which are good or outstanding and have been for at least twelve months they are subject to an annual Ofsted inspection.

For all children's homes which do not fall within the above category they will have an annual inspection followed by an interim inspection.

In undertaking their assessment Ofsted focuses on specific areas which include the following;-

- The overall experience and progress of children and young people taking into account:
  - How well children and young people are helped and protected
  - The effectiveness of leaders and managers
  - Outcomes in education and related learning activities.

### **Strut House, Lincoln**

Strut house is a short break home catering for up to five children and young people at any time. The home was inspected by Ofsted on the 6th and 7th January 2020 and was found to be "outstanding" in all areas. It is a point of note that Strut House has been found to be "outstanding" for nine consecutive years.

### **Haven Cottage, Boston**

Haven cottage is a short break home catering for five children with special needs. The home also has an additional bed which allow for the provision of extended care for children who may be in need of additional respite care. Haven Cottage was inspected by Ofsted for two days commencing on 6th January 2020 and was found to be "Outstanding" in all areas.

### **91 Eastgate, Sleaford**

Eastgate Children's Residential Home provides care and accommodation for up to 6 children aged 8 to 18 years, the overall aim of this home is to provide a safe, nurturing, caring and homely environment for each child, where issues and concerns affecting both their past and their future can be positively addressed and supported.

The children's home provides highly effective services that consistently exceed standards. The actions of the children's home contribute to significantly improved outcomes and positive experiences for children and young people who need help, protection and care. 91 Eastgate was judged by Ofsted as Outstanding in all areas, with an overall judgement of Outstanding this is the fourth consecutive year that 91 Eastgate has achieved this judgement.

## **2. Consultation**

### **a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?**

N/A

### **b) Risks and Impact Analysis**

N/A

## **3. Background Papers**

No Background Papers within the meaning of section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this Report.

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