

# Joint Area Review

of services for Children and Young People in Reading

## HOW ARE WE DOING?

### FROM THE REPORT, THE JAR INSPECTORS MADE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

#### For immediate action:

- make sure that managers carry out regular reviews of social care files according to an agreed set of rules.
- make sure that all looked after children have a clear plan for their future which is reviewed often.
- make sure that everyone knows who is in charge of funding the provision of specialist equipment for children and young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities to use at home and at school.

#### For the next six months:

- make sure that all foster carers receive an annual review of their performance conducted by an independent chairperson.
- increase the provision of short-break care\* and social worker support for children and young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities
- make sure that lots of information, advice and guidance on post-16 options are accessible by all young people
- make sure there is always good access to high quality SRE, and information, advice and guidance on good sexual health available to all young people

*\*this is time-out for the young person, where they are not being cared for by their carer or families.*

#### For longer term:

- make sure that services aimed at reducing teenage pregnancies are co-ordinated and meet the needs of all young people

### The Grades...

Area	Meaning	Score
Safeguarding	How safe are all children and young people?	Poor
Looked after children	How well looked after are Children In Care?	OK
Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities	Are young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities given all the support they need?	OK
Service Management	How well are services organised and maintained? Are the bosses doing their job?	OK
Capacity to improve	Can we get better? How well is it going?	OK
14-19 Education	How good is the provision for 14-19 education and training? How are NEET young people coping?	OK
Teenage Conceptions	How well is SRE delivered? How well is the provision to reduce teenage pregnancies organised?	Poor

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