

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee – 14 November 2012

Report of the Director of Children's Services

Private Fostering Report

Purpose of Report

1. To update Councillors on the progress of Private Fostering in the Borough.

Background

2. The full annual report to the Director of Children's Services and the Chair of the Dudley Safeguarding Board is attached as Appendix 1.
3. As detailed in the report it is a National Minimum Standard for an annual report to be produced. The report evaluates the Local Authority's work in relation to private fostering and also the promotion of safeguarding. Within the report a data profile on assessment completion rates and other information is broken down into percentages for information.

Finance

4. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Law

5. The law relating to the Local Authority's duty to provide foster care services is governed by the Children Act 1989 and the Fostering Services Regulations 2011.

Equality Impact

6. This report takes into account the Council's Equality and Diversity Policy.

Recommendations

7. The Committee receives the report as requested at Scrutiny Committee on the 13th September 2012.



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