

## **Young People and Children Scrutiny Committee – Ofsted Subgroup**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2015**

#### **Present:**

Councillor Stone– in the Chair  
Councillor Connolly, Cox, Midgeley and Reid  
Mrs M Gadian, Co-opted Member, Teacher Representative  
Mrs B Kellner, Co-opted Member, Representative of the Diocese of Manchester  
Ms C Wibier, Co-opted Member, Parent Governor Representative

#### **Apologies:**

Councillor Battle, Executive Member for Culture and Leisure  
Councillor S Newman, Executive Member for Children’s Services  
Ms Eve Holt, Co-opted Member, Parent Governor Representative

#### **YPC/OSG/15/21**

#### **Minutes**

#### **Decision**

To agree the minutes of the Ofsted Subgroup meeting held on 2 June 2015 as a correct record.

#### **YPC/OSG/15/22**

#### **OfSTED Reports for Schools, Children’s Centres and Daycare Providers**

The Ofsted Subgroup considered a selection of Ofsted Inspection Reports that had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting. The Committee noted that the report for the Manchester Health Academy had been considered at the previous meeting. The Committee then considered each report and made the following comments.

The Committee welcomed the Outstanding Rating achieved by both Varna Community Primary School and New Islington Free School. Members noted that Early Years was identified as an important contributing factor to the success of Varna Community Primary School. The group further noted the governance and established senior management team structure. Members commented that the school should be encouraged to share their good practice with neighbouring schools to help improve standards. The Subgroup further commented upon the importance of the training of Teaching Assistants.

The group were disappointed to note the Requires Improvement Rating given to Crumpsall Lane Primary School and agreed that this will be monitored. The Group noted the difference in the Early Years Provision when compared to Varna Community Primary School. The group noted that whilst there are areas of improvement identified within the report that pace of this improvement is a concern. The group were informed that an Executive Head is due to be appointed to provide leadership and drive the required improvements at the school.

The group were disappointed to note the Inadequate rating given to Cedar Mount Academy. The group expressed their concern regarding this rating, as the report did

not identify any areas of improvement. The Subgroup will continue to monitor the situation.

The group were disappointed to note that Manchester Creative and Media Academy had gone from a previous rating of Requires Improvement to Inadequate. The Subgroup noted that the Academy had been created following the merging of two schools since the previous inspection. The Subgroup noted that this will have been a significant challenge and were confident that the report did offer areas of improvement. The Subgroup will continue to monitor the situation.

The group were disappointed to note the Inadequate Rating given to St Wilfred's CofE Aided Primary School Northenden and the Requires Improvement Rating given to Newton Heath Sure Start Centre. The Subgroup will continue to monitor the situation.

The group welcomed the Outstanding Rating achieved by Collyhurst Nursery School and Children's Centre. The group noted the important role played by highly skilled staff that had been identified during the inspection.

The group were disappointed to note the Inadequate Rating given to Sale Road Nursery. The group noted that the inspection had identified a number of failings that had resulted in the rating. The Subgroup will continue to monitor the situation.

The group welcomed the Outstanding Rating achieved by Kidspiration Limited. The group noted the important contribution of qualified staff in achieving this rating.

**Decision:**

1. To write to Varna Community Primary School congratulating them on their recent 'Outstanding' inspection result.
2. To write to New Islington Free School congratulating them on their recent 'Outstanding' inspection result.
3. That visits be arranged to Varna Community Primary School and New Islington Free School for members of the Ofsted Subgroup.
4. To note the report of Crumpsall Lane Primary School, which received a 'requires improvement' rating. The Subgroup will continue to monitor the situation.
5. To note the report of Cedar Mount Academy, which received an 'Inadequate' rating. The Subgroup will continue to monitor the situation
6. To note the report of Manchester Creative and Media Academy, which received a 'requires improvement' rating. The Subgroup will continue to monitor the situation.

7. To note the report of St Wilfred's CofE Aided Primary School Northenden, which received a 'requires improvement' rating. The Subgroup will continue to monitor the situation.
8. To note the report of Newton Heath Sure Start Centre, which received a 'requires improvement' rating. The Subgroup will continue to monitor the situation.
9. To write to Collyhurst Nursery School and Children's Centre congratulating them on their recent 'Outstanding' inspection result.
10. To note the report of Sale Road Nursery, which received a 'inadequate' rating. The Subgroup will continue to monitor the situation.
11. To write to Kidspiration Limited congratulating them on their recent 'Outstanding' inspection result.

### **YPC/OSG/15/23**

### **Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)**

The Subgroup considered the report of the Interim Director of Children's Services, which provided an update on the development of the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub. The Subgroup noted that this item had been considered at meeting of Young People and Children Scrutiny Committee of 21 July 2015. (see minute YPC/15/44 Post Ofsted Improvement Plan Update: Multi Action Safeguarding Hub)

In response to a question from a member of the group the External Head of Contact Referral and Assessment said that the ambition is to refer only those complex cases to the MASH and reduce the number of inappropriate referrals. She described that training is being delivered to staff so that they are aware of when it is appropriate to refer a case. She informed the group that to support staff Social Workers are located in the Early Help Hubs and will offer advice and guidance. She said that the MASH will always offer advice and guidance to staff, when required if they have any questions or concerns regarding safeguarding issues.

### **Decision**

1. The group noted the report and welcomed the progress described.

### **YPC/OSG/15/24**

### **Work Programme**

The Subgroup considered and approved the Work Programme.