

## **SIF Recommendations**

1. Ensure that all social workers receive sufficiently regular and good quality supervision, oversight and direction from first-line managers to support consistently good practice.
2. Ensure that the IRO service provides sufficient scrutiny and drive to planning for children and young people. In particular, ensure that IRO's caseloads are in line with statutory guidance.
3. Develop further the effectiveness of performance management so that it is more responsive to new priorities as they emerge and take into account feedback from children, young people and their families.
4. Support improved outcomes for children and young people by making sure that plans contain clear details, actions and timescales and are informed by timely assessments that contain clear analysis.
5. Ensure that an appropriate range of agencies are engaged and share information within child protection strategy discussions.
6. Improve work to identify children and young people who are privately fostered and assess their welfare, so that arrangements are fit for purpose and compliant with statutory guidance.
7. Ensure that return home interviews for children and young people who have been missing from home or care are all carried out in a timely manner.
8. Strengthen arrangements for supported and supervised contact, so that children looked after do not experience the cancellation of contact sessions due to a lack of resources.
9. Increase the availability of suitable housing, including emergency accommodation, for homeless 16- and 17-year-olds and care leavers.
10. Strengthen and accelerate permanence planning for those children and young people who achieve permanence through routes other than adoption.
11. Ensure that the support of an advocate or independent visitor is available for all children and young people who could benefit from this.

## **Review of LSCB Recommendations**

1. Revise the Child's Journey threshold document to fully reflect current statutory guidance and to provide greater clarity about the distinction between children in need and those with additional needs and the thresholds for accommodation and court action.
2. Update the TWSCB procedures to include clear service pathways for children and young people at risk of female genital mutilation, forced marriage and honour-based violence.
3. Sharpen the board's focus on children looked after, particularly those living outside the local authority boundary and those involved in offending behaviour.
4. Establish links to, and work with, the local Family Justice Board.
5. Strengthen the analysis of the quality and impact of safeguarding services within the annual report 2015–16.