

Independent Placements – Financial Controls: Progress against audit recommendations

1. Background

In November 2016, the South West Audit Partnership (SWAP) carried out an audit of the adequacy of financial controls and procedures in place for independent foster care, residential and educational placements across Somerset County Council.

The report made a total of thirteen priority 4 recommendations to address identified control weaknesses.

2. Progress

Appendix A shows the action plan to address the thirteen recommendations and progress made to date. This work formed part of a high priority business case on placements and is being monitored by Core Council Board.

A significant amount of work has been put into developing processes which need to be fully embedded. Much of this work will be picked up through ongoing work across children's services in respect of placements.

3. Supporting papers

Appendix A – Action Plan Monitoring

Appendix B – Independent Placements – Financial Controls: Final report, South West Audit Partnership, 23rd Nov 2016