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Annual Social Care Self-Assessments (March
2022- April 2023)

Report of:

Children's Services

Wards Involved:

All

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1. **Executive Summary**

- 1.1 As part of the Inspection of Local Authorities Children's Services (ILACS) inspection framework, Local Authorities are required to complete a self-assessment of social care services. The embedded Westminster and Kensington and Chelsea Social Care Self-assessments (April 2022- March 2023) outline the impact of social work practice in both boroughs and our plans for the next twelve months to improve practice.

2. **Annual Social Care Self-assessments**

- 2.1 **Section 6** of the WCC Self-assessment and **Section 7** of the RBKC self-assessment set out what has been achieved over the past twelve months and the innovation in our Targeted Social Work. Many of the problems we are seeking to resolve with our families need the support of other departments, agencies and voluntary and community organisations across the borough. The strong cross-council offer of support for children, young people and families which supplements our traditional social care services is highlighted in **Section 7** (WCC) and **Section 8** (RBKC). **Section 9** and **Section 10** 'Equality, Diversity Inclusion and Equity- Building Momentum' outline how we champion equity, diversity and inclusion in our workforce, in our social work and how this impacts our communities across both boroughs.

2.2 At the end of the self-assessment **Section 10** (WCC) and **Section 11** (RBKC) **'Areas of Focus for 2023-2024'** outline Family Services priorities for the next 12 months. An action plan monitors and tracks progress against our priorities and areas for development. Separate service-specific improvement plans also track improvement activity.

2.3 The self-assessments can be found here:

2.4 [WCC Annual Social Care Self-Assessment Report \(2022-2023\)](#)

2.5 [RBKC Annual Social Care Self-Assessment Report \(2022-2023\)](#)

2.6 Children's Services is on alert to anticipate a full Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services (ILACS) within the next 12 months. We are continually auditing the quality of our practice and services, including routinely seeking feedback from families and partner agencies of their experience of our practice and staff to ensure there is continued improvement across all areas that will be inspected and receive judgements - children in need, child protection, looked after children and care leavers.

3. Recommendations

3.1 The self-assessments are for information only.

4. Background

4.1 ILACS is a system of inspection. Under this system, Ofsted uses the intelligence and information they gather to inform decisions about how best to inspect each Local Authority.

4.2 Ofsted will review Local Authorities' progress through the Local Authority's self-evaluation and the annual engagement meeting until the next judgment inspection happens. Our next engagement meeting will likely take place in March 2024.

5. Financial Considerations

5.1 None.

6. Legal Considerations

6.1 None.

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