



These are the main findings of the report. Inspectors found that in South Gloucestershire, outcomes for most children and young people are good. This is what they wrote about each of the areas they looked at.



Service Management

Service management is good. Ambitions are clear and challenging and driven by strong leadership and good strategic planning. Engagement with parents, carers, children and young people in shaping priorities and services is good. Resources are allocated effectively to priorities. Capacity and value for money are good.

Safeguarding

There is strong inter-agency partnership work to ensure that the most vulnerable children receive effective services and those in need of protection are identified and receive a prompt and appropriate response. Services to support young people's health and well-being are generally good.

Looked after Children

Services for looked after children are good with timely and effective care planning, good stability and good quality care. The quality of social work with children and parents is also good. Health support needs are well met. Excellent education support ensures very good school attendance. Services for care leaves are good with effective pathway planning.

Learning difficulties and/or disabilities

Services for children and young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities are good. Good multi-agency working ensures that children with more severe and complex difficulties are identified early and receive good assessment and support. The Learning and School Effectiveness Service provides very strong support. Inclusion is very well supported, transition planning is effective and high numbers of young people post-16 years are in education, employment or training.

Teenage Pregnancy

The quality of the partners' strategy for addressing high levels of teenage pregnancy is good and based on thorough analysis. Activities are appropriately targeted and well coordinated. Partnership working at all levels is effective with good involvement of children and young people.

Participation

The impact of the partnership on empowering children and young people to contribute to service provision and to the development of their local community is good. A strong culture of participation, underpinned by a good strategy, ensures a good range of opportunities for children and young people, including those who are more vulnerable, to give their views and influence service delivery.

Areas for improvement

- The areas identified for improvement are
- Performance management and data quality in aspects of social care
 - Scrutiny of private fostering arrangements by the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB)
 - Accessibility of information for parents and carers with learning difficulties and/or disabilities more systematic
 - Feedback to children and young people who participate in consultations



You can read about what we have done and plan to do to address these areas in our post JAR action plan at www.southglos.gov.uk/jar