

**Report of Director or Elected Member Visit to Front-line Service within Children's Services (VCI Recommendation 41)**



<b>Matters to be considered</b>	<b>Visit details and outcomes</b>	<b>Additional Comments including any follow up action required or taken</b>
<b>Individual(s) visiting setting</b>	Fenella Bowden	Visit with Cllr Sarah Merry
<b>Author of report</b>	Fenella Bowden	
<b>Date of Visit</b>	12.11.19	
<b>Date of Report</b>	15.1.20	
<b>Date reported to CPAC</b>		
<b>Setting Visited</b>	Rumney Primary School	
<b>General description of visit – e.g. number of staff (approx) involved in meeting visitor; number spoken to and engaged in discussion; whether the visit involved service users and/or carers</b>	I met with several members of staff at the school including the HT & Deputy HT. the HT. The purpose of our visit was to see for ourselves the work that the school is doing to support our looked after children & their carers.	
<b>Positive messages gathered from visit</b>	The school is an exemplar in terms of the skills & training of its staff in the handling of traumatised children. The school delivers training to other schools on Attachment & Trauma Informed Practice. The number of CLA is high at 25 & requires considerable staff resource. Several members of staff are responsible for being on call for the children & supporting them	

	while in school. I was impressed by the way in which all staff have been trained in trauma & handle the difficult situations that can arise. There is a specific resource room for children to use when they are distressed & we observed a group of young people working collaboratively on Lego construction.	
<b>Concerning messages gathered from visit</b>	The key messages were: inadequate funding; the Admissions process; & the absence of Social Workers.	
<b>Were there any safeguarding concerns and if so what were they?</b>	None that I could detect.	
<b>Were there any concerns regarding the level of service being provided and if so what?</b>	None	
<b>Were there any other concerns?</b>	None	

Copy to team, establishment, manager, worker, etc

Date: 15.1.20

Visitors Position and Signature

Date Sent to Manager of Setting: