

## **Follow Up Inspection of Children's Social Work Services in Jersey**

The Jersey Care Commission has appointed OFSTED to undertake a follow up inspection, to provide an assessment of progress in respect of findings and recommendations of the September 2018 inspection report 'Making a Difference; Driving Improvement'.

The terms of reference are as follows:

Review and assess –

- 1.1. the extent to which the Government of Jersey has made progress towards fulfilling its statutory responsibilities to the children in its care, ensuring their rights and entitlements are realised
- 1.2. the extent to which the Government of Jersey is able to demonstrate its commitment to investing in infrastructure and corporate support to enable the children's social work service to engage effectively with vulnerable children and their families
- 1.3. the capacity and capability at both strategic leadership level and at social work team level to provide the necessary assurances that children in need, and children at risk, are receiving timely interventions
- 1.4. progress with recruitment and retention of social work staff to be able to respond effectively to the needs of children and young people in Jersey, including those at risk of sexual exploitation and neglect
- 1.5. the quality and timeliness of social work interventions, to ensure that any risk of harm to children and young people who are looked after, and those on the child protection register, is minimised
- 1.6. the extent to which the leaving and after care service engages with young people in providing support for longer term health and relationships, accommodation, further and higher education, employment opportunities and readiness for adult life
- 1.7. the extent to which children and young people are engaged directly in taking important decisions impacting on their future health and well-being
- 1.8. improvements in performance management, quality assurance, audit and supervision of front-line social work practice the impact of leaders on front-line practice.