

REPORT TO: Children, Young People and Families
Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 19th January 2026

REPORTING OFFICER: Executive Director of Children's Services

PORTFOLIO: Children, Young People and Families

SUBJECT: Quality Assurance Overview Reports
Quarter 1 and Quarter 2, 2025/26

WARD(S) Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 These quarterly overview reports are created to

- provide an overview of quality assurance activity undertaken by Children's Social Care
- provide insight into the quality of practice and service delivery
- identify key activities that will be undertaken to improve the quality of frontline practice and service user experience

2.0 RECOMMENDED: That the Policy and Performance Board

- 1) Receive the Q1 and Q2 report, consider the information and raise any questions or points for clarification; and
- 2) Highlight any areas of interest and/or concern where further information is to be reported at a future meeting of the Board.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Departmental objectives provide a clear statement on what services are planning to achieve and to show how they contribute to the Council's strategic priorities. Such information is central to the Council's performance management arrangements, and the Policy and Performance Board has a key role in monitoring performance and strengthening accountability.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There is no policy implications associated with this report.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There is no policy implications associated with this report.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children & Young People in Halton

Have a strong and robust framework for identifying and responding across all agencies is key to supporting children and young people, and partners are clear about their responsibilities and role in working together.

6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

Having a strong and robust framework to ensure that children, young people, and families are supported in their learning and future employment and skills development.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

Children and young people whose health needs and level of development is potentially compromised are identified early and multi- agency support is in place to support them.

6.4 A Safer Halton

Children and young people whose health needs and level of development is potentially compromised are identified early and multi- agency support is in place to support them.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 Not applicable.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 Not applicable.

9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Not applicable.

10.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

10.1 None within the meaning of the Act.