



Joint Area Review: Staff Newsletter No.6

Devon County Council employs some very committed staff and you are “really nice” people.

That was the feedback from the inspectors from the JAR team who have been with us for the past few weeks.

The team also remarked on the courteous reception they received everywhere they went.

You will remember that this was a different inspection from those we have had before. The inspectors looked at a range of services provided not only by Devon County Council but by our statutory and voluntary partners.

So their report, when it’s published later this year, will focus on all the local services for children and how well they are working together.

They have now left Devon and will be reviewing all the evidence before writing their first drafts.

The good news is that the inspectors identified significant strengths in CYPS and lots of improvements since our last individual inspections.

But, as you would expect, there are areas that we need to improve as well. We intend to start working on these straight away.

Obviously as soon as we receive the inspectors’ final report we will organise thorough briefings for you on the findings and what we are doing about them.

In the meantime can I thank everyone who has been involved in this process for their contributions. I am aware of the great deal of time and effort you have put into this inspection alongside your normal duties.

Anne Whiteley
Director CYPS