

Corporate Parenting Board

**Agenda
Item No.**

01 September, 2025

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**Ofsted Inspecting Local Authority Children's Services (ILAC)
Inspection update**

Ward(s) All

Portfolios: Cllr Statham – Children's, Families and Lifelong Learning

Report:

Walsall was subject to an Ofsted "ILACS" inspection in May 2025. The included powerpoint outlines the inspection findings specific to children in care and care leavers. Inspectors judged the experiences and progress of children in care to be "Outstanding", and the experiences and progress of care leavers to be "Good". The relationships between children/young people and their carers/workers were highlighted throughout.

The inspection highlighted the need for more effective health and wellbeing support for care leavers, and the need to ensure care leavers were more informed on what was offered to them.

Recommendations:

That:

1. CPB to note the report.
2. Identify any information required by the Board.

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