



Title of Paper: Independent Review of Children’s Social Care Services in Northern Ireland

For Decision

A document requiring Board Members majority decision prior to implementation or action.

For Discussion

A document requiring Board Members consideration and debate.

For Noting

A document that contains information regarding issues of which requiring Board Members should be made aware.

1.0 Background

The Independent Review of Children's Social Services (Children's Services), led by Professor Ray Jones, which commenced in February 2022 has now concluded.

The Report was launched on 22 June 2023 and is tabled at today’s Trust Board meeting for noting at this time.

2.0 Key Issues

The Report contains 53 recommendations and Professor Jones’ major recommendation is for the establishment of a separate ALB for Children’s Social Care Services with the capacity to draw in the services of other agencies.

3.0 Resources Implications (inc Organisational, Financial, Human Resources)

None.

4.0 Impact on Safety, Quality and Experience (SQE)

None.

5.0 Key Risks and Proposals to Mitigate

None.

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