

Report To: Education & Lifelong Learning Committee **Date:** 11 May 2010

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Subject: Care Commission Findings 2008 - 09

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information on the inspection findings of The Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care (The Care Commission) in 2008 / 2009.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 The report summarises the findings of The Care Commission 'Making the Grade' report which was published in March 2009.

2.3 Under the grading scheme, every service is awarded a grade of 1-6 across various "quality themes" - Quality of Care and Support; Quality of Environment; Quality of Staffing; and Quality of Management and Leadership.

2.4 Inverclyde Council Establishments performed above the national average in all 4 quality themes.

2.5 The quality of provision in Partner establishments continues to improve; however the quality of provision in non- Partner establishments is a cause for concern.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 It is recommended that the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee note the content of the report.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Care Commission produced a report, in March 2010, 'Making the Grade' which revealed the findings of its first year of graded results for care services.
- 4.2 The grading results were collated from more than 11,000 inspections carried out by the Care Commission during its first year of grading between April 2008 and March 2009.
- 4.3 Under the grading scheme, every service is awarded a grade of 1-6 across various different aspects of care – or “quality themes” - including Quality of Care and Support; Quality of Environment; Quality of Staffing; and Quality of Management and Leadership.
- 4.4 The data shows that 80% of all care services across the country achieved grades of 4 (good), 5 (very good) or 6 (excellent) in each quality theme.
- 4.5 A total of 6881 children's services were graded and, overall, the majority of these services achieved good grades.

5.0 INVERCLYDE LOCAL AUTHORITY ESTABLISHMENTS

- 5.1 In the theme of 'Quality of Care and Support' Local Authority establishments in Inverclyde performed above the national average. 100% of establishments received grades of 4 (good), 5 (very good) or 6 (excellent) against the national average of 93%.
- 5.2 In the theme of 'Quality of Environment' Local Authority establishments in Inverclyde again performed above the national average. 100% of establishments received grades of 4 (good), 5 (very good) or 6 (excellent) against the national average of 91%.
- 5.3 In the theme of 'Quality of Staffing' Local Authority establishments in Inverclyde again performed above the national average. 100% of establishments received grades of 4 (good), 5 (very good) or 6 (excellent) against the national average of 90%.
- 5.4 In the theme of 'Quality of Management and Leadership' Local Authority establishments in Inverclyde again performed above the national average. 90% of establishments received grades of 4 (good), 5 (very good) or 6 (excellent) against the national average of 86%.

6.0 OTHER EARLY YEARS ESTABLISHMENTS

- 6.1 Partner Establishments in Inverclyde continue to improve and the quality gap between Local Authority and Partner establishments is decreasing.

7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

- 7.1 There are no financial implications.

8.0 PERSONNEL IMPLICATION

- 8.1 There are no personnel implications.

9.0 EQUALITIES

- 9.0 There are no equality issues.

10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 'Making the Grade' – Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care 2008 / 09.