

## Independent Reviewing Officer Annual Report 2024 – 2025

On 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 there were 694 children in the care of Leicestershire County Council, this is 31 children less than in 2024

This year the Independent Reviewing Officer Service chaired 1989 Review of Arrangement Meetings.

We support:  
413 boys  
4281 girls

We are really proud of the work that IROs do to have oversight of quality of the service you have. This year IROs did 244 alerts for worries to bring improvements

98.1% of your Review of Arrangements meetings took place within timescale



91.2% of our children had timely health assessments; 93.1% had dental checks. 95–98% had Personal Education Plans completed each term.

217

92% of children who are aged 4 and above took part in their review meeting either in person or by sharing their views. This is important to keep your views at the centre of everything we do

92.1% of our children have a permanence plan agreed within 4 months which means they have a sense of belonging.

### Our focus in 2025 – 2026 will be on the following:

1. Support further increased use of consultation documents to support child participation.
2. Continuing to embed the 'Language that Cares' Toolkit
3. Continue to improve health and education outcomes with better assessments and support.
4. Promote networks using tools like cultural genograms.
5. Streamline administrative processes.

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