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**REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON  
21 NOVEMBER 2018**

**SUBJECT: SINGLETON INSPECTIONS OF EARLY LEARNING AND  
CHILDCARE CENTRES – PUBLISHED REPORTS FOR AUGUST  
TO SEPTEMBER**

**BY: ACTING CORPORATE DIRECTOR (EDUCATION AND SOCIAL  
CARE)**

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

1.1 To inform the Committee of the content of singleton inspection reports of Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) centres by the Care Inspectorate which were published during August to September 2018. These were:

Noah's Ark, Forres  
St Thomas Primary, Keith  
Aberlour Primary, Aberlour  
Magic Roundabout (Southfield)  
Rainbow Childcare and Education

1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section III (D) (1) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to exercising the functions of the Council as an Education Authority.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

**2.1 It is recommended that Committee scrutinise and note the contents of this report.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 The Care Inspectorate carry out inspections of care services, including day care of children's services. Providers are inspected against the National Care Standards and a Framework of Quality Themes and Statements.

3.2 Care Inspectorate Officers will grade services and publish these grades as part of their duty to provide information to the public about the quality of care services.

3.3 Following publication, inspection reports are available through ELC centres and online at [www.careinspectorate.com](http://www.careinspectorate.com)

- 3.4 The education authority will give guidance and support, as appropriate, to both school nursery classes and partner providers of ELC education. Following a Singleton Inspection the ELC centre is asked to prepare an action plan indicating how they will address the main findings of the report, and to share the plan with parents and carers.
- 3.5 During this reporting period there were **5 Singleton Inspection** reports received and all were unannounced.

Name of Early Learning and Childcare Provider	Date of Inspection
Noah's Ark, Forres	25.05.18
Rainbow Childcare and Education, Forres	31.05.18
Aberlour Primary Nursery, Aberlour	14.06.18
St Thomas RC Primary Nursery, Keith	18.06.18
Magic Roundabout (Southfield), Elgin	21.08.18

- 3.6 The Gradings, Recommendations and Requirements arising from the reports are summarised in **Appendix 1**.

#### **4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

**(a) Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP))**

This report relates the priority 'Provide a sustainable education service aiming for excellence' from the Corporate Plan and to 'Building a better future for our children and young people in Moray' from the LOIP.

**(b) Policy and Legal**

The Care Inspectorate inspect all registered services regulated under the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010, which includes nursery classes and playgroups.

The authority has a duty to provide a quality early learning and childcare place for every 3 and 4 year old whose parents wish it and for eligible 2 year olds.

**(c) Financial implications**

None arising directly from the report.

**(d) Risk Implications**

None arising directly from the report.

**(e) Staffing Implications**

None.

**(f) Property**

None.

**(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact**

An Equality Impact Assessment is not required as this report is to inform Committee on performance.

**(h) Consultations**

Senior Management Officers in Education and Social Care; Quality Improvement Officers; Paul O'Connor, Principal Accountant; Legal Services Manager (Litigation and Licensing); Equal Opportunities Officer, Senior HR Adviser; Hazel Sly, Continuous Improvement Officer, Early Years; and Tracey Sutherland, Committee Services Officer have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report as regards their respective responsibilities.

**5. CONCLUSION**

**5.1 That the Committee scrutinise and note the contents of this report.**

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Background Papers:

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