

**Report to:** Corporate Parenting Panel  
**Date:** 30 January 2025  
**By:** Director of Children's Services  
**Title of report:** Independent Reviewing Service Annual Report 2023/2024  
**Purpose of report:** To update the Corporate Parenting Panel on the contribution of the Independent Reviewing Officers to Quality Assuring and Improving Services for Looked After Children.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**The Corporate Parenting Panel is recommended to note the contents of the report**

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**1 Background**

1.1 The Annual IRO report provides quantitative and qualitative evidence relating to the IRO Services in East Sussex as required by statutory guidance.

**2 Supporting information**

2.1 The Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) Annual Report April 2023 – March 2024 is attached as Appendix 1.

**3 Recommendation**

3.1 The Corporate Parenting Panel is recommended to note the contents of the report.

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All

Background documentation:

None