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With the restrictions imposed by Covid-19, there is very little activity since my last report in February.

What I am pleased to confirm are the publication of two reviews. The first on Local Partnerships which was published in February and the second on Commissioning, published in May. Both reports are visible on <https://staffordshire-pfcc.gov.uk/transparency/etap/>

This leaves two remaining outstanding reviews, Children and Young People in Custody which commenced in January and Desk Top Publications which was commissioned in March. No progress has been made on either, with Desk Top Publications Terms of Reference not yet agreed.

Over the past two years, a new thematic process was established. Although not fully utilised, a Thematic Planner was developed to aid thematic teams establish a realistic timetable to complete their report in an acceptable time. We also introduced Rapid Reviews which were adopted to address concerns by the panel on matters coming to light during internal meetings. As its name implies, these were completed in a shorter period of time and were for internal distribution only, due to the confidentiality of the topics selected. Two were completed in the past twelve months, Data Management and Risk Assessment Register, both felt by the panel as requiring greater reassurance on the controls in place.

As this is my final report before standing down as Deputy Chair Thematic Review, I feel it appropriate to thank members for their support during my tenure. I also thank the ETAP Chair and members from the SCO for their support and encouragement in developing the role, which now has more involvement in establishing future thematic topics for review, and greater support in progressing thematic reviews to completion.

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