

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee – Work Plan 2017/18

Date to Committee	Report	Lead Officers	Outline reasons for scrutiny/scrutiny method
26 July 2017	Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service (WPEHs) – Overview	Debbie Duffell	Overview of WPEHs offers in particular – the early offer and universal services accessibility - identification of any gaps in provision around the Continuum of Need, CAF, children's centres, partnership and integrated working challenges, CAMHS, MASH
6 September 2017	New SEND Pathway	David Graham	Overview of changes /referral process/journey of a child/case studies/transition timescales and managing parents expectations
	Medicine management in schools	David Graham	Reviewing the impact of withdrawing School nurses from special schools
	Ofsted feedback	Amanda Hatton	Following monitoring visit in July
18 October 2017	Homelessness of young people	Tracy Poole-Nandy	District level data – who do we pay? Who do we work with? What's the accommodation offer? And links with CAMHS
	Tracking of Care Leavers	Audrey Swann	Overview of new process
	Youth Accommodation for LAC	Tracy Poole-Nandy	Care leavers and accommodation issues – what's the offer? Is it up to standard?
6 December 2017	Children in secure accommodation – out of area	Sally Allen	Exit strategies and update on Audit exercise National picture – placing child nearer to families

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	Children's social worker recruitment and retention challenges (strategy and support)	Amanda Hatton/Tracy Poole-Nandy	Update on the ongoing challenges
	Buildings and accommodation for social workers	Tracy Poole-Nandy	Overcrowding, access to IT equipment and lack of desk space for social workers
31 January 2018	New models of delivery (overspend on children's social care)	Amanda Hatton Neil Kissock	Overview of New Models of Delivery in response to overspend on Children's Services
	Budget proposals	Neil Kissock	Budget Proposals from Susie Charles – Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools
14 March 2018	Recent Children's Services Reviews	Amanda Hatton	Update on recent reviews undertaken, outcomes from the reviews and impact on services: LGA Peer Review YOT Peer Review SEND inspection Ofsted monitoring visit DfE 6 month review
	EHCP progress update and	David Graham	Update on progressing with conversions Overview of the criteria and the role of Local Moderating Panels

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	Criteria for EHCP and the role of Local Moderating Panels		
11 April 2018	Children's Partnership Boards	Amanda Hatton	Review of the Boards effectiveness and their future
22 May 2018	tbc		

Potential topics for the Committee:

- LSCB annual report topics – Forced Marriage and Domestic Abuse
- Recruitment and retention of social workers – update from December meeting – July 2018

Task Group Work

Task Group	Update
Supporting Pupils in School with Medical Conditions	Task group in progress with schools allocated for contact