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

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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	SEND Ofsted Report	David Graham/Amanda Hatton	Update following joint local area SEND inspection in Lancashire
	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	John Readman	Update on recent reviews undertaken, outcomes from the reviews and impact on services: LGA Peer Review Ofsted monitoring visit DfE 6 month review
	Forced Marriage	Vicky Gent	Further understanding of the issue in Lancashire
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11 April 2018 (joint meeting with Education Scrutiny)	SEND Ofsted review report update	David Graham	Progress update with timelines following joint local area review outcome

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22 May 2018	Domestic Abuse	Sally Allen, Barbara Bath, Debbie Duffell	Update on the service provision
	Children and Family Wellbeing Service (formerly Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help)	Debbie Duffell	Update on service provision including the Troubled Families Initiative agreed as at meeting in July 2017
	Children's Services Improvement Progress Update	Sally Allen, Barbara Bath	Update on the improvement progress following the review item from 14 March 2018 meeting

Potential topics for the Committee:

- Recruitment and retention of social workers update from December meeting
- New models of delivery (overspend on children's social care) Amanda Hatton/Neil Kissock in response to overspend on Children's Services
- Consultation responses outcome from YOT consultation responses report to May Cabinet
- SCAYT+ from budget proposals savings recommendation update
- Consultation responses outcome from Child and Family Wellbeing Service consultation due May/June with report to Cabinet Oct/Nov
- Children's Partnership Board Review July 2018
- Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions task group CC Brown draft report to be scheduled for July 2018
- Teenage suicide
- Annual briefing note on Force Marriage
- Quarterly updates children's services reviews