Children's Services Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2018/19

The Children's Services Scrutiny Committee Work Programme details the planned activity to be undertaken over the forthcoming municipal year through scheduled Committee meetings, task group, events and through use of the 'rapporteur' model.

The items on the work programme are determined by the Committee following the work programming session at the start of the municipal year in line with the Overview and Scrutiny Committees terms of reference detailed in the County Councils Constitution. This includes provision for the rights of County Councillors to ask for any matter to be considered by the Committee or to call-in decisions.

Coordination of the work programme activity is undertaken by the Chair and Deputy Chair of all of the Scrutiny Committees to avoid potential duplication.

In addition to the terms of reference outlined in the [Constitution](http://mgintranet/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=914&MId=2916&Ver=4&info=1&bcr=1) (Part 2 Article 5) for all Overview and Scrutiny Committees, the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee will:

* Scrutinise matters relating to services for Children and Young People delivered by the authority and other relevant partners
* Review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in the area and make reports and recommendations to NHS bodies as appropriate
* Invite interested parties when reviewing any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in the area, to comment on the matter and take account of relevant information available, particularly that provided by the Local Healthwatch
* Review and scrutinise any local services planned or provided by other agencies which contribute towards the health improvement and the reduction of health inequalities in Lancashire and to make recommendations to those agencies, as appropriate
* Take steps to reach agreement with NHS body, in the case of contested NHS proposals for substantial service changes
* Refer a matter to the relevant Secretary of State in the case of contested NHS proposals for substantial service changes where agreement cannot be reached with the NHS
* Refer to the relevant Secretary of State any NHS proposal which the Committee feels has been the subject of inadequate consultation
* Scrutinise the social care services provided or commissioned by NHS bodies exercising local authority functions under Section 31 of the Health Act 1999
* Draw up a forward programme of health scrutiny in consultation with other local authorities, NHS partners, the Local Healthwatch and other key stakeholders
* Acknowledge within 20 working days to referrals on relevant matters from the Local Healthwatch or Local Healthwatch contractor, and to keep the referrer informed of any action taken in relation to the matter
* Require the Chief Executives of local NHS bodies to attend before the Committee to answer questions, and to invite the chairs and non-executive directors of local NHS bodies to appear before the Committee to give evidence
* Invite any officer of any NHS body to attend before the Committee to answer questions or give evidence

The Work Programme will be submitted to and agreed by the Scrutiny Committees at each meeting and will be published with each agenda.

The dates are indicative of when the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee will review the item, however they may need to be rescheduled and new items added as required.

| **Topic** | **Scrutiny Purpose**  **(objectives, initial outcomes)** | **Scrutiny Method** | **Lead Officers/**  **Organisation** | **Proposed**  **Date(s)** | **Recommendations** | **Progress** |
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| **Meeting** | | | | | | |
| SEND – Lancashire Parent Carer Forum | Progress on the establishment of the Lancashire Parent Carer Forum | Meeting | Sophie Valinakis  Catherine Ratcliffe (Contact) | 4 July 2018 | A letter be sent from the Chair of the Committee to the Regional Manager at Contact with a copy to the Department for Education highlighting the concerns raised on the progress in Lancashire on the establishment of a Lancashire Parent Carer Forum.  An action plan be drafted on delivery and timescales by Contact.  A further update on progress from Contact be provided to the Committee later in the autumn.  Members attend engagement events in their areas and report back to the Committee. | Response received. Update to be presented at December meeting |
| Ofsted Report | To receive report and to discuss any further items to be included in the work programme | Meeting | Sally Allen | 10 October 2018 |  |  |
| Children's Health | Overview of current challenges across Lancashire | Meeting | Clare Platt  Judith Gault  Karen Gosling  CC Shaun Turner | 10 October 2018 |  |  |
| Task Group Report | Receive the Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions task group report | Meeting | CC Ian Brown | 5 December 2018 |  |  |
| Children's Partnership Board | Update following review | Meeting | Dave Carr | 5 December 2018 |  |  |
| Child and Family Wellbeing Service | Service provision update following outcome of consultation on budget saving proposal.  Report from Cllr Brunskill – mobile resources | Meeting | Debbie Duffell  Cllr Stella Brunskill | 5 December 2018 |  |  |
| Lancashire Parent Carer Forum | Progress of forum establishment and engagement with parents | Meeting | Contact  David Graham  Sophie Valinakis | 5 December 2018 |  |  |
| 0-19 Healthy Child Programme | Issues contributing to the court judgement on the procurement process | Meeting | TBC | TBC |  |  |
| Children's Health Update | Update on programmes/projects discussed at October meeting | Meeting | Clare Platt  Sakthi Karunanithi | 17 April 2019 |  |  |
| **Inquiry Day** | | | | | | |
| SEND (joint Education and Children's Services) | Social skills/connections between YOT and teen suicide  Transition from primary to high school | Inquiry Day | David Graham | TBC |  |  |
| **Task Group** | | | | | | |
| Teenage Suicide | TBC | Task Group | TBC | TBC |  |  |
| **Rapporteur** | | | | | | |
| Children and Family Wellbeing | Mobile resources to challenge pockets of deprivation and rural isolation | Rapporteur | Cllr Stella Brunskill | November 2018 |  |  |
| **Bite Size Briefing** | | | | | | |
| Online Safeguarding | Overview of training provided by LSCB | Bite Size Briefing | LSCB | 27 February 2019 |  |  |
| Ofsted report | Overview of report detail | Bite Size Briefing | Amanda Hatton | 4 October 2018 | NA | Completed |
| Risk Sensible Model | Overview of training provided by LSCB | Bite Size Briefing | LSCB | 11 December 18 |  |  |
| Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme | Overview of programme | Bite Size Briefing | Debbie Thompson | 13 March 19 |  |  |
| **Briefing Note** | | | | | | |
| Secure units | Update following inspection and recommendation from Cabinet | Briefing Note | TBC | November2018 |  |  |
| Children's Social Care | New models of delivery following overspend | Briefing Note | TBC/Neil Kissock | November2018 |  |  |
| YOT | Budget savings proposal | Briefing Note | Barbara Bath | November 2018 |  |  |
| SCAYT+ | Budget savings proposal | Briefing Note | TBC | November 2018 |  |  |
| Domestic Abuse | Update following conclusion of the cabinet working group | Briefing Note | John Readman  CC Williamson | TBC |  |  |
| National Troubled Families Programme | Update on data system and recruitment | Briefing Note | Debbie Duffell | November 2018 | NA | Completed |
| Children Looked After | Breakdown of Lancashire children looked after placed outside of Lancashire | Briefing Note | Sally Allen | TBC |  |  |
| Forced Marriage | Annual briefing note | Briefing Note | TBC | TBC |  |  |

Additional potential topics:

* Improvement Plan progress
* Corporate Parenting Strategy and Local Offer
* Neglect – strategy review
* Workforce strategy and impact
* Social Work Academy and Leadership Academy
* Oral Health
* Childhood obesity
* Mental health
* Road safety
* Teenage pregnancy
* Total Neighbourhood programme