

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](#) (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 | <p>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.</p> <p>An action plan be drafted on delivery and timescales by Contact.</p> <p>A further update on progress from Contact be provided to the Committee later in the autumn.</p> <p>Members attend engagement events in their areas and report back to the Committee.</p> | Response received. Update to be presented at December meeting. Completed. |
| Ofsted Report | To receive report and to discuss any further items to be included in the work programme | Meeting | Sally Allen | 10 October 2018 | An invite be extended to the Social Work Academy and Leadership Academy to attend the January meeting of the committee to provide an update to members on the progress made. | Completed |

Appendix A

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| Children's Health | Overview of current challenges across Lancashire | Meeting | Clare Platt Judith Gault Karen Gosling CC Shaun Turner | 10 October 2018 | A report be presented to the committee in six months on the progress and improvements being made. | Scheduled on work programme |
| Task Group Report | Receive the Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions task group report | Meeting | CC Ian Brown | 5 December 2018 | The relevant Cabinet Members and officers from the NHS and the county council be invited to attend the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee meeting scheduled for 27 February 2019, to present their responses to the Task and Finish Group's recommendations. | Scheduled on the work programme for 27 February 2019 |
| Child and Family Wellbeing Service | Service provision update following outcome of consultation on budget saving proposal. | Meeting | Debbie Duffell Cllr Stella Brunskill | 5 December 2018 | An update from the Children and Family Wellbeing Service be provided to the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee in 6 months. | To be scheduled on work programme |
| Lancashire Parent Carer Forum | Progress of forum establishment and engagement with parents | Meeting | Contact David Graham Sophie Valinakis | 5 December 2018 | Information be circulated to school clusters on the work of the LPCF. Information be circulated to all councillors on the work of the LPCF. | |

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| Children's Services Development Plan | Overview of the Development Plan following Ofsted inspection for member feedback | Meeting | Sally Allen | 5 December 2018 | Suggestions from the committee on the draft plan be fed back. Further update provided on progress | Update scheduled on work programme |
| Social Work and Leadership Academy | Progress update | Meeting | Sally Allen Rachel Rump | 16 January 2019 | Social Work Academy – quarterly report to be provided on vacancy rate. Leadership Academy - briefing note to update on the progress of the Leadership Academy and the retention figures for 2018/19 be provided. | |
| Suicide Prevention (young people) | Detail on work being undertaken in relation to teenage suicide | Meeting | Chris Lee | 27 February 2019 | | |
| Task Group Report | Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions task group report – response to recommendations | Meeting | David Graham Dave Carr Headteachers CCG reps | 27 February 2019 | | |
| CAMHS | Timescales and delays in referrals | Meeting | NHS reps | 10 April 2019 | | |
| Lancashire Getting to Good Plan | Focus on Neglect | Meeting | Sally Allen | 10 April 2019 | | |

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| SEND – Right First Time | Inspection preparation and EHCP timescales | Meeting | TBC | 22 May 2019 | | |
| IRO Annual Report | TBC | Meeting | TBC | 22 May 2019 | | |
| Inquiry Day | | | | | | |
| SEND (joint Education and Children's Services) | Transition from primary to high school | Inquiry Day | TBC | TBC | | |
| Rapporteur | | | | | | |
| Children and Family Wellbeing | Mobile resources to challenge pockets of deprivation and rural isolation | Rapporteur | Cllr Stella Brunskill | TBC | | |
| 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 | NA | Completed |

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| Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme | Overview of programme | Bite Size Briefing | Debbie Thompson | 13 March 19 | | |
| CAMHS | Overview of service provision | Bite Size Briefing | TBC | 10 April 19? | | |
| Briefing Note | | | | | | |
| Secure units | Update following inspection and recommendation from Cabinet | Briefing Note | TBC | February 2019 | | |
| YOT | Budget savings proposal | Briefing Note | Barbara Bath | TBC | | |
| SCAYT+ | Budget savings proposal | Briefing Note | TBC | February 2019 | | |
| Domestic Abuse | Update following conclusion of the cabinet working group | Briefing Note | TBC | TBC | | |
| National Troubled Families Programme | Update on data system and recruitment | Briefing Note | Debbie Duffell | November 2018 | | Completed |
| Children Looked After | Breakdown of Lancashire children looked after placed outside of Lancashire | Briefing Note | Sally Allen | February 2019 | | |
| Forced Marriage | Annual briefing note | Briefing Note | TBC | March 2019 | | |

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| Children's Health Update | Update on programmes/projects discussed at October meeting | Briefing Note | Clare Platt | March 2019 | | |
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Additional potential topics:

- Corporate Parenting Strategy and Local Offer
- Workforce strategy and impact
- Road safety
- Total Neighbourhood programme
- Child and Family Wellbeing Service update (July 2019?)
- YOT Pan Lancs – service challenge
- 0-19 Healthy Child Programme
- Children's Partnership Boards review
- Area Safeguarding Arrangements