

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
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

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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 2019/20
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.	To be added to the work programme for 2019/20
Suicide Prevention (young people)	Detail on work being undertaken in relation to teenage suicide	Meeting	Chris Lee	27 February 2019	Suicide Prevention bite size briefing including Orange Badge training be considered for members. Briefing note be provided to the committee in September to include data update at district level and work undertaken on bereavement support. Consideration be given to developing a poster with key contacts that can be used in schools/residential homes across.	To be added to work programme for 2019/20

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	Feedback provided from the committee be circulated to partners to form part of the progress report. Progress report be provided to the committee to the October meeting of the committee.	To be added to the work programme for 2019/20
Lancashire Getting to Good Plan	Focus on Neglect	Meeting	Sally Allen	10 April 2019		
SEND – Right First Time	Inspection preparation and EHCP timescales	Meeting	Dr Sally Richardson	22 May 2019		
Independent Reviewing Officer Annual Report	Update to committee on the recent annual report	Meeting	Andy Smith	22 May 2019		
Inquiry Day						
SEND (joint Education and Children's Services)	Transition from primary to high school	Inquiry Day	David Graham	5 June 2019		
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		Completed
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 2018	NA	Completed
Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme	Overview of programme	Bite Size Briefing	Debbie Thompson	20 May 2019		
Briefing Note						
Secure units	Update following inspection and recommendation from Cabinet	Briefing Note	TBC	February 2019		Completed
YOT	Budget savings proposal	Briefing Note	Barbara Bath	TBC		
SCAYT+	Budget savings proposal	Briefing Note	TBC	TBC		
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		Completed
Forced Marriage	Annual briefing note	Briefing Note	TBC	April 2019		
Children's Health Update	Update on programmes/projects discussed at October meeting	Briefing Note	Clare Platt	April 2019		

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
- Special Schools task group progress report – October 2019
- CAMHS – timescales and delays in referrals – July 2019 – BSB and meeting
- Suicide prevention briefing note – data update at district level and bereavement support work undertaken – Sept 19