

## **Meeting of the Full Council - Thursday, 24 February 2022**

### **Report on the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee meetings held on 7 December 2021 and 18 January 2022**

**Chair: County Councillor Andrea Kay**

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[Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee](#)

#### **7 December 2021**

##### **Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Services - Children and Young People**

The committee considered a report and a presentation delivered by Dave Carr, Director of Policy, Commissioning and Children's Health, Lancashire County Council, Marie Demaine, Health, Equity, Welfare and Partnerships, Lancashire County Council, Fleur Carney, Director of Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism, NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria, Helen Rimmer, Service Redesign Manager, NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit and David Keegan, Counselling Psychotherapist, Supervisor and Trainer MBACP with representatives from Lancashire Youth Council giving an overview of the current demand in services such as Mental Health, Early Help and Eating Disorders.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The implementation of contact cards for children and young people's mental health services for all councillors.
- ii. Information on local support for children and young people identified and provided to all schools.
- iii. Request to schools to place referral information and guidance on their websites.
- iv. A Bite Size Briefing for all councillors on pathways into children and young people's mental health services be arranged.
- v. A report provided to a future meeting of the committee, to include information on impact and outcomes.
- vi. Consideration for a future scrutiny inquiry day to:
  - a. Review with youth services the youth council groups in all districts with a view to understanding how to increase participation, more effective utilisation, and better communication with schools.
  - b. Review the availability and accessibility of information to schools on resources available to support early intervention.

#### **18 January 2022**

##### **Children Looked After - Education, Employment and Training, Housing, School Transitions, and Health**

The committee considered a report and a presentation delivered by Barbara Bath, Interim Director of Children's Social Care and Brendan Lee, Head of Service Looked

After Children and Leaving Care from Lancashire County Council to provide a progress update in relation to work being carried out in three specific key areas:

- Children and Young People not in Education, Employment or Training (EET);
- Children, Young People and Housing; and
- Children, Young People and School Transitions.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The report and information presented be considered.
- ii. An update be provided to the committee in six-months.

### **Public Health Children's Update and Areas of Concern**

The committee considered a report delivered by Ruksana Sardar-Akram, Interim Public Health Consultant, Karen Gosling, Senior Public Health Practitioner, and Chris Lee, Public Health Specialist (Behaviour Change) from Lancashire County Council to provide a Public Health update on children's health and wellbeing and to highlight inequalities and areas of concern.

**Resolved:** That the update and areas of concern be acknowledged.

In addition, the following county councillors be appointed as 'rapporteurs':

- i. County Councillors Hind and Sutcliffe to work with the Public Health service to further explore support available around healthy eating with a view to reporting findings back to the committee
- ii. County Councillors Cheetham and Jones to work with the Public Health services to further explore a healthy teeth initiative with a view to reporting findings back to the committee; and
- iii. County Councillors Berry, Woollam and Swarbrick to further explore information behind the data on children seriously injured or killed on Lancashire roads to report back at the March meeting of the committee.