

CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY PANEL – WORK PROGRAMME

		ISSUES IDENTIFIED FOR INCLUSION IN THE WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18		
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FULL PANEL DISCUSSION ISSUES				
1. Implementation of Improvement Plan & Ad-hoc Scrutiny Panel	OSMC (2016/17 work programme)	<p>This will be a Quarterly Discussion at the Children's Scrutiny Panel.</p> <p>The Panel will receive updates on the Improvement Plan and Children's Scrutiny ad-hoc panel recommendations.</p> <p>The Improvement Board meets once a month. The minutes of this meeting will be brought to this Panel.</p> <p>The Panel will consider recruitment and retention of social workers.</p>	<p>The Scrutiny Panel is assured that the Local Authority are progressing at pace with the Improvement Plan.</p> <p>That future Ofsted visits begin to see significant improvement in Children's Services.</p> <p>The Panel is assured that staff are well supported to do their job and that retention rates improve to those seen in other 'good' Local Authority areas.</p> <p>The Panel is clear that staff have been trained on the chosen Social Work Model and the newly implemented IT system.</p> <p>That the use of agency staff reduces significantly to below 10%.</p>	<p>Improvement Plan needs updating with progress and RAG ratings.</p> <p>Update from Ofsted visit to 29th January meeting.</p> <p>Further update from Ofsted visit to 26th April meeting.</p> <p>Update on Partnership arrangement / Ofsted visit to 29th January panel meeting.</p> <p>Arrange a visit to speak to social work staff. Visit to Duty and Advice Service arranged and update to 5th March meeting.</p> <p>Members to visit a forum for head teachers and governors to ask for their experiences of the new front door policy.</p>

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2. Performance Management		<p>The Panel will receive regular information about performance, in order to monitor and challenge progress.</p> <p>Performance information will be presented in an accessible “reader friendly” format.</p>	<p>The Scrutiny Panel has considered and commented on regular, meaningful performance information.</p> <p>The Panel has a good understanding of areas of high performance as well as areas requiring further improvement.</p> <p>The Panel is assured that the measures being put in place to address under performance are on target and achieving the required improvement.</p>	Q2 performance to 29 th January 2018 meeting.
3. Corporate Parenting Support for looked after children and care leavers.	Steve Walker	<p>The Children’s Scrutiny Panel will consider how well the Council is meeting its responsibilities to looked after children. Including how the Council is ensuring that the voice of the child is heard.</p> <p>Scrutiny to consider whether the council and partners are being effectively held to account.</p>	<p>The Scrutiny Panel is satisfied that robust processes and support are in place to ensure that children in Kirklees are safe.</p> <p>The Panel is clear that the service is meeting the 5 core principles of social work - allocation, seeing the children, assessment, planning and reviewing.</p> <p>The Scrutiny Panel is satisfied that children are listened to, the</p>	<p>Visit to Drop in Centre took place before 18th December meeting.</p> <p>Visit to a children’s home arranged. Verbal update to 5th March meeting.</p>

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			information is accurately recorded, and that requests being made by children are considered and responded to.	
4. Elective Home Education	Steve Walker	<p>The Panel will consider the Council's arrangements for children who receive home education. This will include consideration of safeguarding responsibilities.</p> <p>The Panel will also consider the work to develop a pathway to prosecution.</p>	<p>The Scrutiny Panel is clear that the LA, schools and parents all have a clear understanding of what is required and expected of them.</p> <p>The Panel has clarified that robust safeguarding processes are in place for children in elective home education</p> <p>The Panel has contributed to the development of a pathway to prosecution.</p>	Agreement received from OSMC to formation of an ad-hoc scrutiny panel.
5. Special Educational Needs (To include School Transport)	Steve Walker	<p>The Panel will scrutinise how Kirklees supports children with SEN and disabilities , including consideration of educational achievements and attainments post 16</p> <p>The Panel will consider how Kirklees Services measure up to</p>	<p>The Scrutiny Panel is assured that the SEND team are as prepared for the future inspection by Ofsted with clear evidence against key lines of enquiry.</p> <p>The Panel has highlighted potential areas where evidence needs strengthening.</p>	<p>The item (SEN - Transport) was considered at the Children's Scrutiny Panel Meeting on 29th January 2018.</p> <p>Un update on SEND will be considered at 5th March meeting.</p>

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		<p>the requirements of the new OFSTED inspection regime</p> <p>The Panel will consider the proposed revisions to the Home to School Transport Policy and the implications for the Council, children and their parents.</p>	<p>The Panel is clear about the pathways available for children post 16 with SEND. The Panel has commented on the development of future post 16 pathways.</p> <p>The Panel has considered the consultation around home to school transport and provided views on the proposed changes to the Policy.</p>	<p>The mainstream report will be considered at the meeting on 5th March 2018.</p>
6. PSHE / Prevent	OSMC (2016/17 work programme)	<p>Areas of focus for the Scrutiny Panel will be</p> <p>Citizenship</p> <p>Religious Education</p> <p>Prevent</p>	<p>The Scrutiny Panel is clear about the delivery of PSHE (including statutory requirements) in the areas of focus and its effectiveness for children and young people.</p> <p>The Panel feel and react following receipt of Prevent teaching and that this has shaped future Prevent teaching.</p>	<p>Briefing paper requested from Val Flintoff.</p> <p>Completed.</p>

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7. EIP Strand	OSMC (2016/17 work programme)	To receive updates on issues relevant to the portfolio		
8. CSE and Safeguarding Member Panel	OSMC (2016/17 work programme)	Minutes Quarterly to Panel	The Panel will receive the minutes of the Panel on a quarterly basis and have an initial overview of the work of the Panel and its areas of focus.	
9. KSCB	OSMC (2016/17 work programme)	Presentation to OSMC on 18 th December 2017	The Scrutiny Panel is clear about the focus of the work of the KSCB and satisfied that it is effective and accountable.	Members of the Panel to attend a KSCB meeting. The board chair be invited to attend to update the panel at a future date to ensure that the KSCB continues to provide effective challenge.
10. Regional Adoption	OSMC (2016/17 work programme)	Briefing paper to be circulated to Panel members	The Panel understands the role and approach of the recently introduced Regional Adoption function and its implications for services in Kirklees.	
11. Children and Young People's Plan	Mary White / Steve Walker	Paper to Children's Scrutiny	The Panel has opportunity to comment on the proposed updated Children and Young People's Plan.	Draft plan to be brought to the 16 th April 2018 meeting.

Chairs briefings – identification of pre-decision items.