

Name of meeting: Children's Scrutiny Panel
Date: 25th February 2019
Title of report: Kirklees Virtual School - how we work with children and young people in care

Purpose of report

To brief the Scrutiny Panel on the role of the Virtual School in Kirklees and give some case study examples.

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Not applicable
Key Decision - Is it in the Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports?)	Not applicable
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Not applicable
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name	Jo Sanders for Mel Meggs – 14.2.19
Is it also signed off by the Service Director (Finance)?	Not applicable
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	Not applicable
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr Viv Kendrick (Children)

Electoral wards affected: All

Ward councillors consulted: None

Public or private: Public

(Have you considered GDPR?)

Yes – all case studies have been anonymised

1. **Summary**

The Kirklees Virtual School Headteacher (Janet Tolley) will talk through promoting the education of looked-after children and previously looked-after children Statutory guidance for local authorities and will share some case studies highlighting the type of work carried out by the Virtual School.

This is an information session to raise the awareness of the role of the Local Authority and the Virtual School in raising the attainment of our children and young people in care.

2. **Information required to take a decision**

No decision required.

3. **Implications for the Council**

3.1 **Working with People**

Not applicable

3.2 **Working with Partners**

Not applicable

3.3 **Place Based Working**

Not applicable

3.4 **Improving outcomes for children**

The role of the Virtual School is to work with others to raise the attainment of children and young people in care

3.5 **Other (eg Legal/Financial or Human Resources)**

Not applicable

4. **Consultees and their opinions**

Not applicable

5. **Next steps and timelines**

The Children's Scrutiny Panel previously requested the report and information which has been appended.

6. **Officer recommendations and reasons**

6.1 That the report be noted.

7. **Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations**

Not applicable

8. **Contact officer**

Janet Tolley – Virtual School Head teacher

9. **Background Papers and History of Decisions**

Please see attached –

*Promoting the education of looked-after children and previously looked-after children
Statutory guidance for local authorities*

10. **Service Director responsible**

Jo-Anne Sanders – Service Director Learning and Early Support