

Kirklees Council

Scrutiny Lead Member Report

Lead Member: Cllr Cahal Burke

Panel: Children's Scrutiny Panel

Period of Update: From 18th September 2017 to 27th November 2017

Panel Highlights

The Children's Scrutiny Panel met on 9th August and 6th November during the above period. The main highlights from the meetings were:-

- **Elective Home Education**
- **Corporate Performance**
- **PHSE / Prevent Strategy**
- **Improvement Partnership with Leeds**

Outcomes:

- Children's Scrutiny Panel have been asked to assist with an in-depth look at EHE.
- The Panel has requested more meaningful Corporate Performance information, to allow members to understand improvements and areas of concern. This will now be brought to Panel in a revised format on a monthly basis.
- The Panel suggested amendments to the Improvement Partnership to ensure that it captured the voice of front line social workers, who would be instrumental in the improvement journey. Officers agreed to make the amendments suggested.

Monitoring Work

- The Panel was satisfied with the work being done around PHSE and the Prevent Strategy following a briefing on 9th October 2017.
- Panel will continue to receive regular updates following Ofsted visits.
- The Panel will continue to receive minutes from the Improvement Board and Corporate Parenting Board.

Briefing Papers

- Panel Members received the Children's Social Care Innovation Evaluation Report.
- Panel Members also received the Kirklees Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report. (see below)

Looking Ahead

- EHE – Ad-hoc request to be considered at OSMC on 27th November.

Panel meeting 18th December 2017

- School Transport – pre decision work. Initial briefing.
- Visit to drop in Centre, Old Registry office to speak to children and staff members.
- Kirklees Safeguarding Children’s Board – Sheila Lock, Board Chair to attend. Panel members to consider previously circulated KSCB Annual Report.

General comments

Cllr Burke will be considering opportunities for closer cooperation with Children’s Services.