

## CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY PANEL – WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20 ( DRAFT )

**MEMBERS:** Cllr Cahal Burke (Chair), Cllr Paul White, Cllr Amanda Pinnock, Cllr Aafaq Butt, Cllr Richard Smith, Cllr Paul Davies, Linda Summers (Education Co-Optee), Dale O'Neill (Co-Optee)

**SUPPORT:** Helen Kilroy, Principal Governance & Democratic Engagement Officer

ISSUE	APPROACH/AREAS OF FOCUS
<b>1. Improvement Journey - Sickness data for agency staff (Children's Services)</b>	<p>Further to reports considered by the Panel during 2018/19 relating to the Improvement journey and to maintain a focus, the Panel agreed to consider sickness absence data for Agency staff working within the Children's Service at a future meeting.</p> <p>The Panel will consider all Improvement Board minutes to monitor progress.</p>
<b>2. Special Educational Needs</b>	<p>Monitor the progress of the recommendations from the Panel made to Cabinet following an investigation by the Panel into how SENDACT interacted and worked with parents and carers. The report contained the response of the Cabinet Portfolio Holders to the investigation findings which was approved by Cabinet in March 2019.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to consider progress updates during the 2019/20 municipal year.</p>
<b>3. CSE and contextual Safeguarding</b>	<p>The Panel previously considered a joint presentation by West Yorkshire Police and Senior Officers from Kirklees on CSE, Safeguarding and Licensing in March 2019 and agreed to be kept informed and to be able to contribute to the future work on CSE, Safeguarding and Licensing; and consider a report on the Dr Peel Review early in the new 2019/20 municipal year.</p>
<b>4. Kirklees Safeguarding Children Board</b>	<p>Review the improvements of the KSCB.</p> <p>The Panel will consider an update report on KSCB at a future meeting of the Panel in the 2019/20 municipal year.</p>
<b>5. Children and Young People's Plan</b>	<p>To consider the Plan and progress against priority areas of work</p>

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<b>6. Front Door Policy</b>	Review progress of the Kirklees Front Door Policy to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visiting a head teacher’s forum to obtain feedback on their experiences of the front door policy.</li> </ul>
<b>7. Early Support Strategy (Edge of Care)</b>	To maintain an overview of the work done to improve the Edge of Care in Kirklees.  The Panel agreed in September 2018 that a report providing data which demonstrated the success of the early support strategy, to include details of the partnership working arrangements, would be considered by the Panel during the 2019/20 municipal year.
<b>8. Elective Home Education</b>	The next steps from the Ad-Hoc Panel will be to gather further evidence which will be sought from:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A leading elective home education expert</li> <li>• Other local authorities in the area, to consider their offer for elective home educators</li> <li>• Parents of those local authorities mentioned above to explore their experiences</li> <li>• Head Teachers forums (primary, secondary and special schools)</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>9. Learning Outcomes and the Learning Support Strategy</b>	The Panel agreed to consider – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Draft Learning Support Strategy early in the 2019/20 municipal year;</li> <li>• what alternative provisions were available for children with different needs and abilities who are not able to attend mainstream education;</li> <li>• how isolations within secondary schools were being managed and what the planned approach was for the future;</li> <li>• a progress update on the educational challenges ahead, attendance and exclusions – July 2019.</li> </ul>
<b>10. CAMHS Transformation Plan</b>	To maintain an overview of the work of CAMHS in Kirklees, particularly to update on the autism assessment waiting list.  In January 2019, the Panel agreed to receive a summarised version of the CAMHS Local Transformation Plan when available and to consider a future report outlining what was available digitally when making a request for an assessment and also what support and help was available for families whilst awaiting an assessment.
<b>11. Number of</b>	A standing item for each meeting containing details of how many children are in care, and particularly how many are placed out of area.

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<b>children in care</b>	
<b>12. Virtual School</b>	<p>The Panel has considered case studies of children who have been supported by the Virtual School and an update on the work of the Virtual School , including an explanation of its statutory responsibilities ( February 2019.)</p> <p>In the 2019 /20 municipal year the Panel wasn't to hear the foster carers perspective and invite them to attend a Panel meeting.</p>
<b>13. Performance Information (Children's Services)</b>	The Panel will continue to monitor the performance of the Learning Early Support Service and Child Protection & Family Support.
<b>14. Kirklees Community Hubs</b>	The Panel agreed to consider an update on engagement with ward councillors.
<b>15. Visit to Copthorne Children's Home</b>	Members of the Panel will visit Copthorne House. The date has yet to be confirmed.
<b>16. Visit to Fostering Team</b>	Members of the Panel will visit the Fostering Team and the different elements of the service.
<b>17. Visit to Duty &amp; Advice</b>	The Panel will visit staff at Duty & Advice to seek feedback on service changes and working arrangements