

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

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<b>FULL PANEL DISCUSSION</b>		
<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>APPROACH/AREAS OF FOCUS</b>	<b>OUTCOMES</b>
<b>1. 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>	<p>That the Panel are confident that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children with SEND are receiving the appropriate support.</li> <li>• That SENDACT are fully prepared for the Ofsted Inspection.</li> <li>• That SENDACT is a service that is regarded as 'good', with partners working alongside to ensure there is no delay for children.</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel Meeting on 19 July 2019</u> The Panel will receive a report giving progress on the Recommendations within the report.</p>
<b>2. Exploitation Strategy</b>	<p>The Panel 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 the Exploitation Strategy and consider the findings of the Dr Peel Review in the new 2019/20 municipal year.</p> <p>Future reports should provide an update on sexual harm prevention orders and what has been learned from the historic cases.</p>	<p>That the Panel is assured that lessons had been learned from previous cases of CSE.</p> <p>That the Panel is convinced that the best practices identified following the review by Dr Peel are being implemented in Kirklees, and ensure good outcomes for vulnerable children.</p> <p>That as many takeaways and accommodation providers as possible receive exploitation safeguarding training. That these providers begin to feel more comfortable and better informed as to how and when to report potential safeguarding issues.</p> <p>The Panel will receive an update report on the next steps for the Exploitation Strategy in August/September – date to be confirmed.</p>

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		The Panel will consider a follow up report on Dr Peel's practice findings – January 2020.
<b>3. Kirklees Safeguarding Children's Board (KSCB)</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> <p>Future reports to the Panel should advise how Kirklees will implement the new national strategies on children's safeguarding.</p> <p>The Panel will consider the Kirklees Safeguarding Children's Board Business Plan.</p>	<p>That the Board is considered as 'good' and that the Panel is satisfied that it is effective and accountable.</p> <p>That the Panel is convinced that the best practices identified following the review by Dr Peel are being implemented in Kirklees, and ensure good outcomes for vulnerable children.</p> <p><u>Panel Meeting 23 September 2019</u> The Panel will consider:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a future report outlining how Kirklees will implement the new arrangements for Children's Safeguarding and the Business Plan; and</li> <li>- the Kirklees Safeguarding Children's Board Business Plan</li> </ul>
<b>4. Early Support Partnership (Edge of Care)</b>	<p>To maintain an overview of the work done to improve the Edge of Care in Kirklees.</p> <p>In April 2019, the Panel considered an update on the development on the three programmes funded through the Department for Education (DFE) Innovation Funding and agreed to consider an update in the 2019/20 municipal year giving data and statistics on the Early Support Partnership following development of the practices.</p>	<p>The Panel is assured that the Early Support Strategy in Kirklees is clarified and enhanced, and should include consideration of whether good practice from other areas might be effectively adapted for use in Kirklees.</p> <p>That as part of clarifying the Early Support approach, the role of Schools is considered and schools have the opportunity to be part of the approach.</p> <p>The Panel will consider arranging a visit to the Early Support Teams to gain a better understanding of the work that was being undertaken and the impact it was having and that this be considered as part the Panel's work programme for the 2019/20 municipal year.</p> <p>The Panel will consider an update on the Early Support Partnership in October/November to consider data and statistics on the Early Support Partnership following development of the practices – date to be confirmed.</p>
<b>5. Elective Home Education</b>	The next steps from the Ad-Hoc Panel will be to gather further evidence which will be sought from:-	The Panel is assured that that children who are home educated receive the best offer from Kirklees council.

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	<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> </ul>	<p>That the Panel is content that any new Elective Home Educating policy is updated and fit for purpose.</p> <p>The EHE Ad-Hoc Panel will commence its work and produce a final report on its findings early in the 2019/20 municipal year.</p>
<b>6. Ofsted Inspection (Children's Services)</b>	<p>The Panel will consider the Ofsted report following the inspection of Children's Services in June 2019.</p>	<p>That the Panel is confident Children's Services is continuing to improve and protect the vulnerable children and young people of Kirklees.</p> <p>The Panel will consider the outcomes from the Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services – date to be confirmed.</p>
<b>7. Learning Outcomes and the Learning Support Strategy</b>	<p>The Panel agreed to consider –</p> <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>	<p><u>Panel Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019</u></p> <p>The Panel will consider a progress update on the educational challenges ahead, attendance and exclusions.</p>
<b>8. CAMHS Transformation Plan</b>	<p>To maintain an overview of the work of CAMHS in Kirklees, particularly to update on the autism assessment waiting list.</p>	<p>That the Panel is satisfied that CAMHS continue to improve the service offer, and that the waiting lists for autism assessments continue to reduce.</p> <p>The Panel will consider an update report in the 2019/20 municipal year giving a summary of the CAMHS Local Transformation Plan and outlining what is available digitally when making a request for an assessment and an outline of what support and help was available for families whilst awaiting an</p>

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		<p>assessment – date to be confirmed.</p> <p>The Panel would also like to receive a summarised version of the CAMHS Transformation Plan as soon as it is available.</p>
<b>9. Number of children in care</b>	<p>A standing item for each meeting containing details of how many children are in care, and particularly how many are placed out of area.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to consider a more detailed report on children in care living outside Kirklees with some case studies showing the case history, challenges involved including financial demand on Kirklees and different types of placements. The report should also include the number of children who cannot be placed in Kirklees and the reasons why.</p>	<p>The Panel is satisfied that the Early Help initiatives are having an impact on the number of children in care.</p> <p>That children are placed in foster care as near to home as possible, unless they are placed with family connected persons which may be a further distance.</p> <p>The latest reports showing number of children in care will be considered by the Panel as a standing item.</p> <p><u>Panel Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019</u></p> <p>The Panel will consider a more detailed report on children in care living outside Kirklees with some case studies showing the case history and challenges involve, including financial demand on Kirklees and different types of placements. The report will also include the number of children who cannot be placed in Kirklees and the reasons why.</p>
<b>10. 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.	The latest performance reports will be considered informally by the Panel as a standing item.
<b>11. Visit to Copthorne Children's Home</b>	Members of the Panel will visit Copthorne House. The date has yet to be confirmed.	Visit to Copthorne House to be arranged in the 2019/20 municipal year – date to be determined.
<b>12. Visit to Fostering Team</b>	Members of the Panel will visit the Fostering Team and the different elements of the service.	That the Panel Members learn about and understand the different elements of foster caring.

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		The Panel agreed to visit the Fostering Team early in the 2019/20 municipal year.
<b>13. Visit to Duty &amp; Advice</b>	The Panel will visit staff at Duty & Advice to seek feedback on service changes and working arrangements	<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>Visit to Duty and Advice Team to be arranged in 2019/20 municipal year.</p>