

Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 15th August, 2007.

Present: Cllr David Harrington (Chairman), Cllr David Coleman, Cllr Mick Eddy, Cllr Fletcher (vice Cllr Lewis), Cllr Maurice Frankland.

Officers: N. Pocklington (CESC); P. Mennear, Miss F Shayler (LD)

Also in attendance: Mr G Davies (Non Voting Co-opted Representative)

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Cllr Broughton, Inman, Sherris, Mrs Cains, Lewis. Mr Cash (Parent Governor Representative).

1 **Declarations of Interest**

None

2 **Minutes - 19th July 2007**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2007 were agreed as a correct record.

3 **Matters Arising**

Members discussed the Review of Corporate Parenting - Part 1 final report that had been submitted to Cabinet. An amendment had been made to one of the recommendations, as follows:-

all reports to Cabinet and Council, appertaining to Children and Young People issues, and any other appropriate reports, should contain corporate parenting implications presented in a similar way to financial, legal and community safety implications, to ensure consideration is given to looked after children's needs.

Members felt that this paragraph should be included within all reports to Cabinet not just those appertaining to Children and Young People Issues.

Concluded that Chairman and Scrutiny Officer consider the implications of the changes to the recommendation made by Cabinet.

4 **Review of Corporate Parenting**

Members had been provided with background information prior to the meeting regarding support services for children who were looked after.

96.4% of the looked after children had now had health and dental checks. Funding had been provided for a designated Nursing post, it was anticipated that this position should make data gathering more accurate. The SLA with the PCT would continue to provide dental treatment via a specific dental practice.

Work was ongoing to find ways of being more creative with the provision of health care especially with older looked after children as they were reluctant to attend appointments. Drop in sessions were being held by the Nurse and the Teenage Pregnancy Co-ordinator.

Discussion was held on the Pathway Plan which was undertaken six monthly for care leavers to discuss their health and employment needs.

Around 55% of children who were looked after had some form of mental health illness of varying degrees.

Members requested that the Safeguarding Document that had been previously distributed to

Members be discussed at a future meeting.

Concluded that the information be noted and that the Safeguarding Document be discussed at a future meeting.

5 Work Programme

Members were update on the Work Programme.

Concluded that the Work Programme be noted.