

Children and Young People Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 20 October 2015

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

School Organisation and Admission Arrangements (Phase 2)

The Committee are undertaking the following key lines of enquiry as part of the review:

- To understand the demand for primary places in the 6 planning areas and to be assured of sufficiency and acceptable level of meeting parental choice
- To examine the wider aspects of school organisation, the different approaches that can be undertaken and the zone system which currently operates in Stockton.
- To have an open dialogue with parents, governors and school leaders on the different approaches to school organisation and which is the best system for Stockton

A series of consultation meetings are underway with heads, chairs of governors and stakeholders and the Committee will be finalising consultation arrangements with parents at their November meeting.

Other Work

At their meeting in October, the Committee received performance reports in relation to Q4 and Q1 and presentations as part of their overview meetings from:

Colin Morris – Independent Chair of the Stockton Local Safeguarding Board
Peter Kelly – Director of Public Health
Jane Humphreys – Director of Children, Education and Social Care

Questions focused on:

- CAF referrals and information sharing
- Child Mortality
- Self harm
- Case load consistency and quality in children's social care
- Social worker recruitment and use of agency staff
- The proportion of children becoming the subject of a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time
- KS4 performance
- Funding for post 16 provision

The Committee also received a report presenting a summary of key issues arising from Ofsted inspections of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers. Members identified further actions including:

- Finalising the programme of Member visits to frontline services
- Further information to be presented as part of quarterly performance reports including feedback from case file audits and Team Health Checks