

Children and Young People Select Committee Chair's Update – 25 October 2016

Scrutiny Review – Stockton Local Safeguarding Children Board	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>Dave Pickard the new independent Chair of the SLSCB attended the October meeting to comment on the effectiveness of the Board. This was the final evidence gathering meeting for this review.</p> <p>Members also visited the Durham LSCB meeting and the Stockton's Safeguarding Forum to seek feedback from Stockton schools on safeguarding arrangements.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of survey of all Board Members • Select Committee Members to observe SLSCB meetings <p>The Committee are due to receive feedback from all consultation and visits together with the summary of evidence in order to formulate draft recommendations at their November meeting.</p>
On track – yes / no	Yes

Scrutiny Review – Youth Services	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>The Committee approved the final report for submission to Cabinet in November.</p> <p>The recommendations are seeking to set a framework for future youth provision which will re-model the service to strengthen early help and prevention, target resources to those most in need, focus youth offending service on restorative approaches and improve the customer pathway placing the child at the centre of service delivery.</p> <p>The recommendations will also be achieving corporate savings targets.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	Cabinet will consider the Committee's final report at their November meeting.
On track – yes / no	Yes

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Educational Psychology – “Reporting In” Review	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p>This main aim of this officer led review is to to explore different service delivery models and propose new ways of working.</p> <p>Drawing from best practice in other local authorities and research projects locally and nationally, key lines of enquiry will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can the service be reshaped to better support outcomes for vulnerable children? • How can the service be best positioned to enable recruitment of strong staff to the team? • How can the service be best funded to enable it to work in a broader way in the Borough than just in statutory assessments – this would include in early support, family interventions and Future in Mind work across the school sector? <p>Baseline evidence will be presented to the Committee in November.</p>
Planned next month	<p>Reporting of this review is as follows:</p> <p>Scope – 13 July 2016 Baseline – 16 November 2016 Options and Recommendations – 22 March 2017 Cabinet – 20 April 2017</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Requests for more information	None

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Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance	
<p>Key Issues / Problems or concerns</p>	<p>Visits to Frontline Services A schedule of frontline visits has now been finalised to take place up to December 2016. Committee Members reviews feedback forms at their October meeting. When all the visits are completed officers will be asked to present a report to the Committee commenting on Member feedback and recommendations.</p> <p>Ofsted Report – The recent Ofsted Inspection report recognised the work of Children and Young People Select in scrutinising frontline practice and also referred to the meeting the Committee held with managers of children's homes, their formal meetings with looked after children and their review of Child Sexual Exploitation.</p> <p>Overview and Performance Reports A Special meeting of the Committee will take place on 30 November for the annual overview meeting which will also receive year end performance information and performance information from the first two quarters of the current year.</p>
<p>Problems or concerns</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Requests for more information</p>	<p>None</p>

Monitoring

There have been no monitoring updates since the last meeting.

Next Meeting

16 November 5pm