

Children and Young People Select Committee Chair's Update – January 2017

Scrutiny Review – Role of Inclusion in Schools	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>The Committee has agreed that the review focus on understanding the Council's role in supporting vulnerable pupils, including promoting inclusion.</p> <p>High level information was provided at the December meeting, and this was followed up at the January meeting with greater detail on data and policies.</p> <p>Once the baseline has been set, this will be followed up by hearing evidence directly from schools and external bodies in February.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	<p>The Committee will begin a range of visits to local provision, and relevant Academies and Ofsted have been invited to the meeting on 28 February.</p> <p>A visit is also being arranged to the Regional Schools' Commissioner.</p>
On track – yes / no	Yes

Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p>Visits to Frontline Services</p> <p>The previous round of frontline visits has concluded. Following the conclusion of the visits associated with the SEND review a new programme will be instituted.</p> <p>Children's Services Performance Report</p> <p>The Q2 performance report was considered in December. Social worker recruitment has been positive and led to improved vacancy picture, and recognition of the benefits of the time-limited incentive schemes.</p> <p>Local Safeguarding Children's Board</p> <p>The LSCB Annual Report 2016-17 was considered at December's meeting. The Board continue to challenge partner attendance and contribution. Ofsted have recognised recent improvements to the operation of the Board.</p>

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Problems or concerns	None since last update.
Requests for more information	None

Monitoring	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p>The only outstanding recommendations for this committee are the ones from the review of the LSCB.</p> <p>December's meeting was provided with an update on progress. Stockton and Hartlepool are moving towards a joint approach, and this North of Tees approach is planned to begin from later in 2018-19.</p>
Requests for more information	-

Next Meetings
28 February 2018 4.30pm