

Scrutiny for Policies Children & Families Committee Outcome Tracker

Agenda items	owner	Agreed Outcome	RAG Status
24 January 2020			
Family Safeguarding	Louise Palmer	<p>It was suggested and agreed that an update would be provided in 6 months.</p> <p>Update November 2020 <i>Due to the impact of Covid, the roll out of Family Safeguarding was postponed until October 2020. The impact of this model on social work practice and evidencing the improvements in children's lives will start to be seen in the first 9 to 12 months from implementation</i></p> <p>Update April 2021 <i>Update provided to the Cabinet meeting on 21 April 2021 circulated to the Scrutiny Cttee.</i></p>	York Consulting report – Now scheduled for December 2021 mtg
9 July 2020			
Unitary update	Julian Wooster	<p>DCS and team to prepare an issues paper around preparing for transition.</p> <p>Update December 2020 – <i>terms of reference being developed, to be taken forward via Task and Finish group.</i></p> <p>Update January 2021 – <i>proposed terms of reference discussed</i></p> <p>Update 3 March 2021 – <i>membership confirmed at meeting</i></p> <p>Update 7 July 2021 – <i>update report received at meeting. Update to be on agenda for September meeting</i></p> <p>Update 9 September 2021 – <i>update on re boot of the Task & Finish Group</i></p>	Task and Finish Group work - ongoing

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7th October 2020 – joint workshop with Adults and health Scrutiny Committee			
Transition arrangements – preparing for adulthood	Mel Lock / Julian Wooster	Joint Adults & Health / Children & Families scrutiny workshop welcomed and from each of the workshops any actions arising would be articulated and tracked and feedback to the relevant Scrutiny Committee and added to future workplans.	Progress on actions - information item – now scheduled for December Cttee - to be recommended to attend Adults & Health Cttee when report considered
12th November 2020			
Scrutiny review	Jamie Jackson	Detailed update provided about the background to the review, recommendations agreed, and actions taken. Focused on Recommendations 5, 7, 10 and that target is to ensure that all recommendations have been fully embedded by March 2021. Update noted.	Update now to December 2021 mtg - to include update / progress on actions specific to this Cttee.
2nd December 2020			
Written Statement of Action	Julian Wooster	The Director provided a detailed report which provided a further update about the Written Statement of Action (WSOA) which priorities the areas' work on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in the forthcoming 18 – 24 months. A copy of the signed-off WSOA had also been provided to the Committee. The Committee discussed the best way to add value and what it should focus its efforts on	This is a key ongoing programme of work

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		<p>.Agreed: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note that following the focused work on School Exclusions, a report on the timeliness and quality of Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP) will be considered at the Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 27 January 2021. 2. That, in view of the significant challenges in Somerset, the SEND Improvement Board be encouraged to closely monitor the work joint working improvements needed between partners to support children with Autism and other associated neuro-development conditions. 3. That the following areas within the WSoA will be explored in more detail by the Scrutiny Committee: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Leadership (Improvement Priority 2) ➤ ASD (Improvement Priority 5) (see recommendation 2 above) ➤ Inclusive Schools (Improvement Priority 6) ➤ Performance Monitoring 4. The Chair and Vice Chair will meet to discuss the scheduling of the areas of work and expectations in terms of reports for example. 	<p><i>EHCP deep dive</i> October 2021 mtg</p> <p><i>Update on WSoA – Dec 2021 mtg Report Inclusion Inquiry – Feb 2022 mtg prov</i></p> <p>Educational performance issues – see October 2021 and December 2021 mtgs</p>
27 January 2021			
Work programme		<p>Agreed that a follow up to the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) workshop held on 22 January 2021, looking at key areas of development in Somerset ACE be added to the Forward Plan for later in the year. Possibly joint with Adults & Health Scrutiny Cttee.</p>	<p>Trauma informed approach – workshop at 8 November mtg</p>

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		<p>Items for further review before adding to work plan: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How is the LA working with tribunals and appeals relating to education and what lessons learning in relation to improving children's access to appropriate education (deep dive) 	<p>Sept 2021 update - Response to be circulated to cttee See below.</p>
	Ian Rowswell	School Meals provision – referencing the Somerset climate emergency policies – raised Cllr Dimery	8 November mtg
Children's Services Data Overview	Claire Winter	<p>The Committee received a presentation from the Council's Deputy Director, Children Services Claire Winter, on Children's Services data trends. The purpose of the presentation was for the Committee to consider children services data and partnership qualitative information to identify areas of possible concern and success in these strategic leadership of the Somerset Children's Partnership; to explore potential hypothesis from the information provided about the effectiveness of specific aspects of that leadership in improving children's lives; and to prioritise the hypothesis the committee would like to test through work integrated into the Forward Plan.</p> <p>The presentation was divided into 4 sections- Early help, Children in need of help and protection, Children looked after and Care leavers, with each section broken down into the following- background, data, what the data indicates and potential hypotheses, for further scrutiny by the Committee as part of its forward plan.</p>	Completed
		<p>AGREED: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That the presentation be noted and welcomed in helping to inform the future work of the Committee. That further work is needed to consider what the data implies and to frame and articulate this future work. That the Chair and Vice Chair will meet to discuss this further. 	On-going

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Impact of COVID-19 on children and young people's mental health and wellbeing	Multi agency session	Briefing paper to be provided about Mental Health Support Teams (inc Education Mental Health Practitioners) in early summer 2021	Encompassed in other work considered by the Committee
3 March 2021			
Overview of prevention work	Louise Palmer	<p>Ms Palmer was asked to share details of the Early Help Board meetings, so those members who are interested can dip into them, as observers. The Cttee noted that early help is delivered by many partners and it can happen at any time</p> <p>Ms Palmer to provide a briefing note on early help, to be shared with all members, to include an explanation about how early help relates to prevention particularly in the sense of being reactive rather than proactive (context).</p>	Will form part of Family Safeguarding item – 1 December 2021 meeting
9 June 2021 – informal			
Homes for children in Somerset	Helen Price	Request feedback report in 6 months	January 2022 mtg
Education Performance Data	Amelia Walker / Tony Johnson	<p>Detailed presentation on education and performance trends -to help inform future work of the Committee and how scrutiny can 'add value'.</p> <p>Interesting data on educational outcomes in parts if county to be looked at.</p> <p>The presentation was a great learning opportunity and need to find a way to offer up an opportunity to present the findings from the data and to find a way to hold to account for any achievements / benefits / improvements can make from that.</p>	Item considered at October mtg – changes to education governance Item for December mtg - Analysis to support development of an Education Strategy for Somerset

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7 July 2021			
Work programme		<p>Scrutiny Manager to clarify responsibilities between the Adults and Health Committee and the Children & Families Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>For further review: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the extent of the impact of COVID on children & young people's education in Somerset – raised at meeting on 7 July 2021 	<p>Pending</p> <p>Pending</p>
		CAMHS service delivery update – this request will be considered as an item for information at the earliest opportunity (for possible feedback at another time).	<p>HWB considering on 22 November 2021 - paper for information - Cttee meeting on 1 December 2021</p>
6 months on - learning from the voice of children & young people in the later stages of the pandemic	Fi Phur	<p>Received presentation and update on development of the CYPP 2022 – 2025 and to hear what young people have said directly about their experiences. This followed item on agenda of 12 November 2020 meeting.</p> <p>The Chair summed up the discussion as follows: –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • heard about the development of the next CYPP and how it is being shaped and ensure lessons learnt and that young people are instrumental in this. • good to hear about the health and wellbeing intern and about the work they are doing and asked if they could come to a future Scrutiny Committee meeting to update members about this work. • noted the safeguarding animation and training to help the LA Designated Officer (LADO) and GP's. • asked for some case studies to be provided which could be shared widely (<i>you said, we did</i> etc.). • asked that further information on the 'Big Tent' and <i>Kooth</i> be circulated to the Committee. • asked that a briefing note about summer activities and eligibility, be circulated to all members 	<p>Completed</p> <p>New CYPP to be considered at Cttee mtg in December 2021</p>

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School Exclusions	Dr Rob Hart	The Committee asked for more information on the local first panel model and for an update in 6 months on progress actions taken on the recommendations from the Committee's Task and Finish Group and the future work outlined in the presentation	January 2022 mtg
9 September 2021			
Work programme		To add to work plan: -	Pending
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll out of Pantry Project etc and support to children & families • Thematic Report – SSCP 	Overview of SSCP Rapid Review process – November mtg. The Thematic Report – to be scheduled.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to education governance arrangements – October 2021 mtg 	Completed
Information Items		Youth Offending Service - Update on HMIP Inspection - briefing paper from Lise Bird, Strategic Manager Prevention Services and Helen MacDonald, Service Manager, Operational Management.	Completed.
4 October 2021			
Work programme		To add to work plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSoA – requested update at future meeting 	December mtg

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribunals – working of appeals process 	<p>Information provided for the October meeting to be reshared. Further details to be brought to Dec 2021 mtg subject to responses to information item from November mtg</p>
<p>Changes to education governance arrangements</p>	<p>Amelia Walker</p>	<p>The Committee received a PowerPoint presentation from the Council’s Assistant Director Education, Partnerships and Skills, Amelia Walker who provided an outline of changes to the education governance arrangements in Somerset.</p> <p>In the presentation, Ms Walker highlighted the background to the changes, the new Education Strategy Board and building on early help system. Ms Walker also outlined the proposed changes to the Schools Forum, including the new Constitution and membership, the relationship to other groups and that the new Schools Forum will meet formally in November 2021. The Constitution of the new Schools Forum will be shared with the Committee.</p> <p>The Committee noted the intention to come to the December meeting of the Committee to outline the analysis to support the development of an education Strategy for Somerset.</p> <p>On behalf of the Committee, the Vice Chair thanked Ms Walker for the detailed presentation.</p>	<p>Completed</p>

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ECHP – deep dive	Dr Rob Hart Claire Merchant- Jones	<p>Dr Hart provided an update on the Written Statement of Action (WSOA) by way of introduction to the item and the focus on Education, Health and Care – Assessments and Plans, which was presented by Ms Merchant-Jones by way of a PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p>In the presentation Ms Merchant-Jones referred to the findings from Tribunal Review and that this will be available through the SEND Improvement Board. She had also circulated some detailed information to the Committee on this, and following discussion, the Committee asked that the issue of Tribunals – working of the Appeals process be discussed as a possible item at a future meeting of the Committee. Following discussion, Ms Merchant-Jones also said that she would be happy to provide further information on the figures, for example totals and percentages in number of EHC plans of school age children.</p> <p>Dr Hart was asked to bring an update report on the WSoA to the December meeting of the Committee (provisionally).</p> <p>In conclusion the Vice Chair thanked the officers for the detailed presentation.</p>	Completed
	Dr Rob Hart	Add update on Inclusion Inquiry to work plan	February 2022 provisionally

The CYPP 2019-2022 had been produced following a multi-agency process, overseen by Somerset Children’s Trust.

The CYPP had 4 priorities: **Supported Families; Healthy Lives; A Great Education; Positive Outcomes.**

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Completed	Action complete and will be removed from tracker for next meeting and retained on Master Tracker document.
Pending	Action on-going or plans in place to address.
Incomplete	No action currently in place with a minimum of 3 months since action agreed.

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