

Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Date:	Monday, 26th June, 2017
Time:	2.00 pm
Venue:	Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and in the report.

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PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Minutes of Previous meeting** (Pages 3 - 6)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2017

3. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in any item on the agenda.

4. **Whipping Declarations**

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To provide an opportunity for Members to declare the existence of a party whip in relation to any item on the agenda

5. **Public Speaking/Open Session**

A total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to make a statement(s) on any matter that falls within the remit of the Committee.

Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes, but the Chairman will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned, where there are a number of speakers.

Note: In order for officers to undertake any background research, it would be helpful if members of the public contacted the Scrutiny officer listed at the foot of the agenda, at least one working day before the meeting to provide brief details of the matter to be covered.

6. **CAMHS - Tier 3 and 4** (Pages 7 - 8)

To receive a presentation on tiers 3 and 4 of the CAHMS Service. Questions to be answered, attached.

7. **Education Travel**

To provide an early insight, prior to the development of any proposals or contribution, on the strategic review of transport arrangements across Children and Families, and to receive an update on the implementation of the Available Walking Routes programme.

8. **Response Report on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Task & Finish Group Recommendations** (Pages 9 - 16)

To receive a report of the Head of Service for Safeguarding Children and Families.

9. **Children and Families Performance Scorecard - Quarter 4, 2016-17** (Pages 17 - 26)

To give consideration to the performance scorecard for quarter 4, 2016/17.

10. **Work Programme** (Pages 27 - 36)

To give consideration to the work programme

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**Minutes of a meeting of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

held on Monday, 27th March, 2017 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor Rhoda Bailey (Chairman)
Councillor S Pochin (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors B Burkhill, M Deakin, B Dooley, I Faseyi, D Flude, M Grant,
G Merry, A Moran, J Saunders and S Edgar.

In attendance

Councillors L Durham and G Heyes

J Forster - Director of Education and 14-19 Skills
N Moorhouse – Director of Childrens Social Care
T Ryan – Director of Childrens Prevention and Support

72 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor J Macrae

73 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2017

RESOLVED

That the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

74 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

75 WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

There were no whipping declarations

76 PUBLIC SPEAKING/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present wishing to speak

77 CHILDREN CENTRE PROVISION

Consideration was given to a presentation updating Members on the Children Centre Provision in Cheshire East. The presentation provided an overview of:

- The original expectations of Children's Centres
- National Policy Changes
- Performance over the past two years
- Future focus and delivery plans

With regard to the de-designation of children centres, Members commented that there were lessons to be learnt around communication with partners.

It was agreed that as the Mobile Children's Centre had only been in operation for a short while, a report on its success would be brought back to the Committee at a later date.

RESOLVED

That the issue remain on the work programme for monitoring purposes and an update be received on the mobile Children's Centre in due course.

78 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PERFORMANCE SCORECARD - QUARTER 3, 2016-17

Consideration was given to the performance against agreed measures across the Children and Families Service for quarter 3, 2016-17. The performance scorecard provided essential data along with qualitative information to measure the effectiveness of services within children's services.

In regard to Performance Indicator reference 2.3 and 2.4, Members expressed concern that the situation had not improved for the Councils Cared for Children. Members requested that information on the data for the breakdown of adoptions be circulated to the Committee.

With regard to care leavers, Members questioned the suitability of accommodation and the support received after leaving care. It was agreed that the Committee may wish to set up a Task and Finish Group to investigate this further and that information previously received by the Corporate Parenting Committee and a previous Task and Finish Group report on care Leavers be circulated to the Committee. The Committee also requested confirmation that under the new arrangements for Housing Benefits, 19-21 year old care leavers would still receive benefits.

In regard to Performance Indicator reference 2.11, Members raised strong concern that the number of initial health assessments completed by paediatricians within 20 days had not improved. Councillor G Hayes, in his capacity of Chairman of the Corporate Parenting Committee agreed to write to the CCG's expressing Members concerns.

RESOLVED

- That the data for the breakdown in adoption be circulated to the Committee.
- That information on the new housing benefit arrangements for 19-21 year old care leavers be circulated to the Committee.

- That G Heyes write to the CCG's expressing the Committee's concern on the number of initial health assessments being completed within 20 days.

79 **ANNUAL EDUCATION REPORT**

Consideration was given to the Annual Education Report 2015/16, which provided an update on the improvements and successes achieved over the last 12 months across the Education Service and also provided the school performance data.

It was agreed that a report on alignment of school support would be brought to a future meeting of the Committee, and the data for admissions to the UTC in Crewe be circulated to the Committee in due course.

RESOLVED

1. That the Annual Education Report 2015/16 be received.
2. That a report on the alignment of school support be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.
3. That the data for admissions to the UTC be circulated to the Committee.

80 **FORWARD PLAN**

Consideration was given to the Forward Plan

RESOLVED

That the forward plan be received.

81 **WORK PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to the work programme.

RESOLVED

That the Local Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report be added to the work programme.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 4.30 pm

Councillor Rhoda Bailey (Chairman)

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CAMHS Questions OSC

1. Can you describe the commissioning arrangements for CAMHS Services in Cheshire East?
2. What is the overall budget for CAMHS in CE 16/17 and how does this compare to 15/16?
3. What additional investment has there been in CAMHS since the Local Transformation Plans were announced in 2015?
4. What is the incidence of mental health difficulties amongst Young People in Cheshire East – do these vary from national incidence figures?
5. Has there been any change in the incidence of young people's mental health difficulties in Cheshire East over recent years?
6. What age range do CAMHS services work with- is there a lower and upper age range and when do young people transition to adult services?
7. Would there be any merit in looking at designing a 0-25 yrs service and what are the structural barriers to doing this now?
8. What is the average age range of CAMHS patients – are we able to intervene early enough or are we responding to acute mental health need?
9. What proportion of referrals to CAMHS do not go on to get a service – Is this because the referrals are inappropriate or because the resources don't exist to meet this demand?
10. Is the level of inappropriate referral a significant issue, what do you think causes this and what is being done to address this?
11. Is there a formal level of need, triage or assessment document that is used to determine which referrals get a service – is this static or does it change over time?
12. What happens to those cases where it is judged that the threshold for a service isn't met?
13. Is there any difference between the service commissioned by the two CCG's in Cheshire East – does this result in service being different for young people dependent on CCG investment?
14. What is the current waiting time to receive a service once a referral has been accepted, has this time changed over recent years?
15. There appears to be evidence of significant increases in self harming behaviour nationally – is this the experience in Cheshire East and if so how is this being addressed?
16. What services are available for young children identified as having a Conduct Disorder?
17. The "Future in Mind" report published in 2015 identified five key themes emerged which provide the structure of the report and which the Taskforce consider to be fundamental to creating a system that properly supports the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people. 1. promoting resilience, prevention and early intervention 2. improving access to effective support – a system without tiers 3. care for the most vulnerable 4. accountability and transparency 5. developing the workforce
Clearly CAMHS is not solely responsible for addressing these alone but could you tell us what CWP CAMHS is doing in respect of these themes?
18. What proportion of young people in treatment disengage from services, do we have any insight into the reasons for this?
19. What is the current waiting time for a neurodevelopmental assessment?
20. What services are available for children and young people on the autistic spectrum and what is the waiting time to access those services?
21. What CAMHS services are available out of hours (7 days a week) to support young people discharged from tier 4 provision?

22. What is the average length of stay in tier 4 provision ?
23. Where is the tier 4 provision located that Cheshire East young people would access?

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Date of Meeting: 26th June 2017

Report of: Kate Rose, Head of Service for Safeguarding Children and Families

Subject/Title: Response Report on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Task & Finish Group Recommendations

Portfolio Holder: Councillor George Hayes

1 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update on progress in respect of the task and finish group on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and outlines how Cheshire East Council is addressing the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Report presented to Cabinet in January 2017.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That this report is presented to Members to note the response to the recommendations of the Children and Families Task and Finish Group Report. Where appropriate, sign off those recommendations completed and delegate responsibility for incomplete actions to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny committee to oversee.

3 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 To update Members on the progress and action planned against the recommendations of the Children and Families Task and Finish group.

4 Wards and Local Ward Members Affected

- 4.1 All Wards.

5 Background and Options

- 5.1 In June 2015, the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee gave consideration to the interim report on CSE, led by Cllr Phil Hoyland. This had covered the strategic work of the Council and partners in tackling the key priorities in Cheshire East. It became clear to Members that some areas of joint working required more focus and a second task and finish group was

established to consider and test the application of the strategies and policies by reviewing real cases and practice.

5.2 The original terms of reference for the Task and Finish Group were:

- To seek assurances about the Council's safeguarding arrangements in relation to CSE, including:
 - The quality and impact of referral, assessment and planning.
 - The effectiveness of direct work with children and families and of services to support children who experience CSE.
 - The level of awareness among professional staff, including their willingness and effectiveness to listen and receive feedback from children and young people.
 - The arrangements to protect care leavers who are at risk of or who have been sexually exploited.
 - What is known about the authority culture in terms of:
 - Listening to children, hearing what they say and acting appropriately
 - Hearing from staff at the frontline and engaging with what they say
 - Elected member engagement with the local community
 - The quality of work with partners to disrupt offenders or preventative work
 - Children and families' views on the service they have received
- To advise the Cabinet and the Council's partners on any improvements that are considered appropriate to local arrangements and
- To raise awareness of CSE across the whole community of Cheshire East.

5.4 The Group presented their final report and recommendations to Cabinet in January 2017 and the recommendations were accepted.

6.0 Details of progress against the recommendations are detailed below.

Recommendations

1. That the Cabinet Member for Communities and Health in conjunction with Licensing Committee be requested to take up at regional and national level this group's concerns regarding the current licensing arrangements for private hire and hackney carriage drivers, which the group consider to be unsatisfactory. The group is of the view that the government should consider introducing a uniform set of licence conditions across all local authorities to ensure that the standard required by an individual to obtain a licence is the same irrespective of where the application is made. In addition, the group believes that consideration should be given to the introduction of measures to require authorities to share/publish information relating to applications that have been refused to prevent the continuation of the current situation which

allows an applicant, who may have had an application for a licence refused by one authority, to subsequently obtain a licence elsewhere.

2. In conjunction with the recommendation above, the Council's five Members of Parliament be requested to take up this matter with HM Government to urge it to review current arrangements with a view to tightening up licensing conditions so that there is a uniform minimum standard across the whole country.
3. That the Council's Licensing manager be requested to report to the Environment and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee on progress made to date to improve information sharing with other local authorities, the police and other agencies on licensing applications for Hackney carriage and Private Hire drivers.
4. That representatives from the Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) and Education Welfare Service be linked to the Integrated Team. These valuable additions to the team should close potential gaps in the current arrangements, as the PRU and welfare services sometimes come across children who may be missing from education but not necessarily missing from home.
5. That consideration be given to re-locating the CES Integrated Team from its current location at Sandbach House, where there are presently nine staff working in cramped conditions in one room, to a building that will enable the whole team to be located on one floor in the same building; this to encourage better communication at an informal level which was considered to be a big part of the success of arrangements at the previous location at Dalton House Middlewich.
6. That in recognising the strong police commitment to CSE, the integrated team and wider support, Cheshire Police be asked to continue with and to improve working arrangements with the integrated team, in particular to consider putting in place arrangements for greater involvement of Police Crime Support Officers (PCSOs).
7. That in the interests of consistency, the current accommodation arrangements that exist at Macclesfield Town Hall in respect of CSE conferences, which includes a separate ante room/break out area for young people to retire to, be replicated at Delamere House, Crewe.
8. That the Director of Education be requested to report to the Schools Forum on the impact on Education support services of the withdrawal of Education Support Grant in the Autumn of 2017.

The progress against the recommendations is set out and RAG rated below:

Recommendations from Over-view and Scrutiny Task and Finish group on CSE

Recommendation	Lead Officer	Action	Date	Improved Outcome for children / young people	RAG
1. That the Cabinet Member for Communities and Health in conjunction with Licensing Committee be requested to take up at regional and national level this group's concerns regarding the current licensing arrangements for private hire and hackney carriage drivers, which the group consider to be unsatisfactory. The group is of the view that the government should consider introducing a uniform set of licence conditions across all local authorities to ensure that the standard required by an individual to obtain a licence is the same irrespective of where the application is made. In addition, the group believes that consideration should be given to the introduction of measures to require authorities to share/publish information relating to	Steph Cordon Head of Service	<p>A further letter is being drafted to send to central Government lobbying on this issue. Cheshire East Council has signed up to an information sharing agreement with Cheshire Police and is encouraging other areas cross border to adopt this practice and to provide more sharing of information – see below.</p> <p>UPDATE: This is underway, but due to the calling of the general election, this will not be progressed until after the election.</p>	<p>May 2017</p> <p>Revised to July 2017</p>	Children, young people and vulnerable adults will be better protected by equivalent safeguarding standards for private hire and hackney carriage drivers across Local Authority boundaries.	

applications that have been refused to prevent the continuation of the current situation which allows an applicant, who may have had an application for a licence refused by one authority, to subsequently obtain a licence elsewhere.					
2. In conjunction with the recommendation above, the Council's five Members of Parliament be requested to take up this matter with HM Government to urge it to review current arrangements with a view to tightening up licensing conditions so that there is a uniform minimum standard across the whole country.	Steph Cordon Head of Service	Letter to be drafted and sent to 5 Members of Parliament UPDATE: This is underway, but due to the calling of the general election, this will not be progressed until after the election.	May 2017 Revised to July 2017	Current legal loopholes will be challenged to promote the safeguarding of vulnerable children and adults.	
3. That the Council's Licensing manager be requested to report to the Environment and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee on progress made to date to improve information sharing with other local authorities, the police and other agencies on licensing applications for Hackney carriage and Private Hire drivers.	Kim Evans Head of Service	The relationships with partner agencies remain positive across the Cheshire footprint. Cheshire East Council has signed up to an information sharing agreement with Cheshire Police and is encouraging other areas cross border to adopt this practice and to provide more sharing of information. The calling of the general election has made it necessary to postpone any action taken at a national level. As soon as there is an opportunity to do this the Environment and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee	July 2017	Children, young people and vulnerable adults will be safer through preventing inappropriate adults from driving taxi's through the sharing of relevant information across licensing authorities	

		will be updated.			
4. That representatives from the Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) and Education Welfare Service be linked to the Integrated Team. These valuable additions to the team should close potential gaps in the current arrangements, as the PRU and welfare services sometimes come across children who may be missing from education but not necessarily missing from home.	Gemma Hambrook Head of Service	Arrangements are in place for EWS to operate a rota system to have a presence within the front door. There will be a review and redesign of the Children Missing Out On Education (CMOOE) meeting to ensure that pupils attending the Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) who are not accessing full time or suitable provision are monitored. A dedicated Education Welfare Support (EWS) link for the PRU is in place. New links with the CSE team and EWS have been established to ensure that accurate and timely education attendance information is made available on the CSE tracker. Although this link is new, early indications of a positive impact are evident. This will however need to be embedded to provide accurate feedback.	June 2017	Children and young people will be better safeguarded through effective information sharing that identifies vulnerabilities	
5. That consideration be given to re-locating the CES Integrated Team from its current location at Sandbach House, where there are presently nine staff working in cramped conditions in one room, to a building that will enable the whole team to be	Jacque Simms Head of Service	Jacque Sims has met with Denise Griffiths and who has suggested the possibility of a secure location at Delamere House, Crewe. A consultation is currently out with the whole team to look at the reconfiguration for an improved service at the front door. A meeting has been with the manager to look	May 2017	More integrated working relationships and information sharing and planning for our vulnerable children and young people will be more holistic and therefore improve decision making, intervention and outcomes for them.	

located on one floor in the same building; this to encourage better communication at an informal level which was considered to be a big part of the success of arrangements at the previous location at Dalton House Middlewich.		at how the MFH/CSE integrated team will dovetail with these arrangements. The move to any new accommodation will ensure that all agencies are appropriately positioned to maximise effective working.			
6. That in recognising the strong police commitment to CSE, the integrated team and wider support, Cheshire Police be asked to continue with and to improve working arrangements with the integrated team, in particular to consider putting in place arrangements for greater involvement of Police Crime Support Officers (PCSOs).	Pete Shore Cheshire Constabulary	Within Local Policing Units (x 8 across Cheshire) Child Sexual Exploitation is prioritised and considered together with priority threat risk and harm matters at "Fast tac" meetings every two weeks. During these meetings intelligence is shared and gaps are identified to ensure that the threats can be addressed and minimised. Police Community Support Officers act as the eyes and ears of local policing and a key role within each of the LPUs following this process is the deployment of PCSOs. Where locations and individuals are identified as having potential for involvement in CSE activity, PCSOs are deployed to those areas at the relevant times to gather and report local intelligence enabling safeguarding activity to be taken.	April 2017	Integrated working across agencies promotes better outcomes for children and young people involved in crime or at the edge of crime	
7. That in the interests of consistency, the current accommodation	Kate Rose Head of Service	Discussions have been held with Denise Griffiths, and the current use of the spaces/offices in Delamere	June 2017	Effective engagement with children and young people who are affected by CSE, requires they are enabled to	

arrangements that exist at Macclesfield Town Hall in respect of CSE conferences, which includes a separate ante room/break out area for young people to retire to, be replicated at Delamere House Crewe.		House are being reviewed. This review is still at an early stage, however a conference provision comparable to that in Macclesfield will be actively sought.		actively participate in the plans to safeguard them. This will provide an environment to support this, ensuring better outcomes for those children and young people.	
8. That the Director of Education be requested to report to the Schools Forum on the impact on Education support services of the withdrawal of Education Support Grant in the Autumn of 2017.	Jacky Forster	A report has been to school forum to highlight the statutory functions delivered through the Education Support Grant. Schools forum agreed to contribute £15 per pupil to the Education Support Grant for 2017/18 to deliver the statutory services. Regular reporting to schools forum will continue.	April 2017	Children will be identified and safeguarded at the earliest opportunity where the need is identified within education provision.	

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Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 26 June 2017

Report of: Mark Palethorpe, Acting Executive Director of People

Subject/Title: Children and Families Performance Scorecard – Quarter 4, 2016-17

Portfolio Holder: Cllr George Hayes

1. Report Summary

- 1.1. This report and the attached performance scorecard provide an overview of performance across the Children and Families Service for quarter 4 of 2016-17.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. Scrutiny is recommended to:

- a) Note the contents of the report and scorecard; and
- b) Scrutinise areas where expected levels of performance are not being met.

3. Other Options Considered

- 3.1. Scrutiny may want to consider the performance of the Service more or less frequently.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

- 4.1 One of the key areas of focus for the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee is to highlight areas of poor performance and to scrutinise the effectiveness of plans in place to improve services. Overview and Scrutiny has an important role to play in the performance management systems of the local authority. The Children and Families performance scorecard provides essential data, along with qualitative information, to measure the effectiveness of services within children's services. This report and scorecard will be provided to Scrutiny on a quarterly basis to enable the Committee to maintain an overview of performance across the Service.

5. Background

- 5.1. This is the sixth performance scorecard presented to the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee following Ofsted's inspection of Children's Services in July 2015. This report and scorecard sets out the performance against the agreed measures across the Children and Families Directorate for quarter 4 (1st January – 31st March 2017).

5.2. The performance scorecard details the following:

- Measure – details of each performance measure
- Polarity – whether it is good to have the measure high or low
- Statistical neighbour average – gives a comparator against local authorities with similar characteristics to Cheshire East. Cheshire East's statistical neighbours in rank order are:
 - Cheshire West and Chester
 - Warwickshire
 - Central Bedfordshire
 - Warrington
 - Hampshire
 - North Yorkshire
 - East Riding of Yorkshire
 - Solihull
 - North Somerset
 - West Berkshire
- National average – gives a national comparator figure
- Target – this is either a national target, eg, adoption timeliness, or a local one set by the service to provide a 'good/outstanding' service
- Year end 2015-16 – enables Members to compare existing performance to that in the previous year
- Quarterly performance – enables Members to compare performance from quarter to quarter
- RAG – this is a rating of red, amber, green based on current performance against the expected level of performance
- Direction of travel – this provides the direction of travel this quarter and whether this is positively or negatively in an upward/downward trajectory or static
- Comments – this provides a general commentary on the information presented
- C&YP Plan Priority – links the measure to the relevant priority within the Children and Young People's Plan
- Corporate Priority – links the measure to the relevant priority within the Council's Corporate Plan

5.3. Throughout 2016-17 considerable work has been undertaken to devise and develop comprehensive detailed scorecards for the Special Educational Needs Service, the Education and 14-19 specialist services, and the Prevention and Support services. The intention is to revise the overarching Children and Families Service scorecard for 2017-18 in line with the key indicators recorded in these for consistency. This will include changes in terms of reporting some figures half termly in line with the school year. These will be highlighted in quarter 1 of 2017-18.

5.4. The quarter 4 report includes 7 indicators where the full year outturn has not been included, but a comment has been made that the figure is being validated as part of either the CIN Census (Children In Need statutory annual return) or

the SSDA903 (Looked after Children statutory annual return). These returns have to follow a detailed set of guidelines and rules as defined by National Government which may differ slightly from the in-year figures that are published. Full details of the guidelines are publically available.

6. Performance Overview

6.1. The performance scorecard at Appendix 1 includes 69 separate measures covering all areas of the service. Some of these measures are non-performance related, eg those that relate to population cohorts. In total, 54 of these measures relate to performance and have been RAG rated. A breakdown summary is set out follows:

Performance Measures	Red	Amber	Green	n/a	Total
This quarter	7	10	37	15	69
Previous quarter	1	15	37	16	69

6.2. The above table shows that there has been some deterioration in Children and Families performance from the previous quarter with an increase in the number of red ratings. These relate to the following:-

- Repeat referrals into children's social care which has increased from quarter 3 to quarter 4. These receive regular scrutiny to ensure they are appropriate and whether previous work undertaken has been successful.
- The percentage of children who were on a child protection plan for longer than 2 years at point of closure. This is a very small increase, but the internal target is 0%. The reasons individuals were on a plan for longer than 2 years are clearly understood by the service and there are justifications in this instance.
- Two indicators relating to the short term and long term stability of children in cared for placements. This has been closely monitored for a number of months now by the service who understand the reasons for the increase. This has been reported to Corporate Parenting Committee and within service challenge sessions.
- Two indicators relating to initial health assessments and completion timescales. It is important to note that both these indicators have improved throughout the year and remain subject to detailed scrutiny and challenge through the Corporate Parenting Committee and Local Safeguarding Children Board.
- The number of fixed term exclusions in the quarter. It is important when considering this on a financial year quarterly basis that there can be wide variations as a result of where term times fall. In order to make this more

easily comparable this will be reported on a half termly basis for 2017-18. The number of individuals with repeat fixed term exclusions has reduced from the autumn term.

- 6.3. Whilst it is important to look at the current performance around particular measures, it is equally important to look at the direction of travel and to RAG rate this in relation to performance, ie, whether this is improving (green), staying broadly the same (amber) or getting worse (red). A summary of the direction of travel of performance across the service is detailed below.

Direction of Travel	Red	Amber	Green	n/a	Total
This quarter	6	17	45	1	69
Previous quarter	1	23	44	1	69

- 6.4. In terms of the direction of travel one of the indicator with a red RAG rating has an amber trajectory as the percentage of cared for children with 3 or more placements in a year is showing an improving picture. All others with a red trajectory are highlighted above.

7. Wards Affected and Local Ward Members

- 7.1. The performance measures relate to all ward areas.

8. Implications of Recommendation

8.1. Policy Implications

- 7.1.1 There are no direct policy implications, although low or high performance in a certain area may lead to suggest changes in policy to address them.

8.2. Legal Implications

- 7.2.1 There are a no direct legal implications.

8.3. Financial Implications

- 7.3.1 Although there are no direct financial implications related to this report, performance measures may be used as an indicator of where more or less funding is needed at a service level.

7.4 Equality Implications

- 7.4.1 Members may want to use the performance scorecard to ensure that services are targeted at more vulnerable children and young people.

9. Access to Information

- 9.1. The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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Children's Services Scorecard - Quarter 4, 2016-17

PI Ref	Measure	Polarity	Stat Neigh Av	National Av	Target	Yr. end 15-16	Qu 1 16-17	Qu 2 16-17	Qu 3 16-17	Qu 4 16-17	Yr. end 16-17	RAG	Quarterly dir of travel	Comments	C&YP Plan Priority	Corporate Priority
Safeguarding																
1.1	Number of contacts				2600-2800 per Qu	9842	2713	2648	2720	2600	10,681		↓	The 12 month period to 31/3/17 has seen a 8.5% increase in contacts compared to last year. It is difficult to compare this with other local authorities due to the differing front door arrangements, however regional conversations have suggested that there has been an increase in overall requests for support in other LAs too.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.2	Number of referrals				850-950 per Qu	3749	940	931	809	758	3438		↓	The last 2 quarters have seen a substantial dip in the number of referrals to social care against an increase in overall contacts. This may be because early help brokerage is more established and more cases are being supported by an early help offer.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.3	% contacts to referrals				35%-40%	38%	35%	35%	30%	29%	32%		↓	This has dipped below expected thresholds, with a corresponding rise in the percentage of contacts being passed to early help brokerage (a rise from an average of 25% in quarter 2 to 33% in quarters 3 and 4). Whilst we would expect that as the early help offer continues to develop and expand this rate will rise further, we would ideally like to see the number of contacts reduce with a high percentage to early help, the rest to referral and very few to no	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.4	Number of repeat referrals					829	239	232	177	227	875		↑	After a reduction in quarter 3 there has been an increase in the number of individuals in quarter 4 with a repeat referral to the local authority. However it is important to note that 46% of these were closed after assessment to social care.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.5	% repeat referrals	Low is good	20.8%	22.3%	<20%	22%	25%	25%	22%	30%	25%		↑	Cheshire East overall performance for this year remains within statistical neighbours' (SN) performance based on 2015-16 published benchmarking data. However the quarter 4 performance is higher than the SN range. The latest regional comparable data from quarter 3 showed repeat referrals ranged from 6.5% in Warrington to 30.2% in Knowsley. Initial analysis of quarter 4 suggests a large number of families with 3 or more children included in the repeat referral cohort.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.6	Number of children that went missing 5 times or more from home (quarterly figure is 5 or more times in any month in that quarter)	Low is good			5	13	supressed	supressed	supressed	0	4		↓	In quarter 4 of 2016-17 no individuals went missing from home more than 5 times in any month. This is a positive picture as it indicates that where there are issues, the appropriate multi agency plan is in place and that individuals are not at risk from the dangers associated with going missing from home.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.7	% of assessments completed within 45 days	High is good	84%	83%	85%	89%	85%	83%	87%	87%	88%		→	The percentage of assessments completed within 45 days in this quarter has remained static and the indicative year end figure for completion rates stands at 88%, comparable with last year. Performance remains slightly ahead of NW and England published averages.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.8	Number of children in need (CIN) - local definition					1133	1133	1054	978	880	880		↓	There has been a further reduction in the number of children open at child in need level and this is now 22% lower than at the start of the year. This could be reflective of more timely assessments and slightly lower referral rates, together with the embedding of early help brokerage. We may also be beginning to see the impact of Project Crewe on sustained improvement in families as a result of more intense support.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.9	Rate of children in need (CIN) per 10,000 - local definition				145 - 165	150.9	150.9	147.4	130.4	117.3	117.3		↓	The rate of children in need is calculated using the population figure of 75,000. The continued dip is lower than previous levels seen within Cheshire East. The finalised outturn for year end is underway with a deadline of 30th June and 31st July for the SSDA903 return and CIN Census, respectively. at which stage overall comparison with 2015/16 will be	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.10	% initial child protection conference (ICPC) within 15 days of Section 47 enquiry (S47)	High is good	88%	77%	90%	68.0%	77%	82%	80%	91%	To be finalised as part of CIN return		↑	Whilst lower than our statistical neighbour average, Cheshire East's performance is better than the national average and a substantial improvement on the 2015-16 outturn. Quarter 4 has seen further improvement in overall performance with only 3 conferences (4 children) taking over 20 days from Section 47 to initial child protection conference. This suggests that the action plan around timely notification to the Safeguarding Unit is working. Any cases not meeting the 15 day target are closely scrutinised and reported weekly to ensure management oversight.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.11	Number of children subject to child protection (CP) plan [includes child sex exploitation (CSE) Plans]				260-300	273	268	282	263	272	272		→	Whilst at the lower end of our statistical neighbour cohort, audits suggest that the right individuals are on a plan the right children are being stepped up to child protection and that this is a number reflective of our demographic	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.12	Rate of children subject to child protection (CP) plan per 10,000		41.5	43.1	35-40	37.2	35.7	37.5	35.1	36.3	36.3		→	Whilst at the lower end of our statistical neighbour cohort, audits suggest that the right individuals are on a plan, the right children are being stepped up to child protection and that this is a number reflective of our demographic	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.13	% children becoming subject to a child protection (CP) plan for 2 nd / subsequent time	Low is good	17.3%	17.9%	<15%	22.9%	23.3%	23.9%	6.9%	14.8%	17%		↑	Whilst quarter 4 has shown an increase, it is in part due to 7 of the 12 individuals coming from 2 families. The overall year end position is a substantial improvement on last year's performance and in line with SN and slightly lower than England average.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.14	Number of child protection (CP) plans over 2yrs	Low is good	supressed	2.1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2.9%	0.5%		↑	The length of time on a plan is monitored very closely at the challenge sessions and there has been detailed scrutiny regarding the cases involved in the recent dip in performance. We are assured that cases going over 2 years remain few and there is no evidence of general drift in case decision making.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.15	Number of children on a child sexual exploitation (CSE) plan					8	6	7	9	10	10		→	This number represents the individuals who are on a specific child sexual exploitation (CSE) plan. There are other individuals we are supporting where CSE actions form a part of an overarching CIN/CP/LAC plan. In addition, where any agency has concerns around individuals they are brought to the multi-agency CSE group for discussion and possible tracking.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.16	% child protection (CP) children reviewed in timescales (year to date fig)	High is good	95.8%	93.7%	100%	99.5%	99%	99%	98%	100%	99%		→	Quarter 4 saw 100% timescale for the quarter, resulting in an overall year position of 99% with only 9 children (5 sibling groups) not being reviewed in timescales within the year. This is from a total of 795 individual reviews and 400 meetings (NB a child may be reviewed more than one in the reporting	1 Having A Voice	Outcome 5

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Cared for Children																
2.1	Number of cared for children				380-430	387	400	398	420	422	422		↑	It is being reported nationally and locally that numbers of cared for children are increasing. Cheshire East remains at the lower end of our statistical neighbour group, with latest figures from CWAC and Warrington showing much higher rates. We have amended our target to reflect a range which is considered more appropriate.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.2	Rate per 10,000 cared for children		56	60	50.7-57.3	51	53.3	53	56	56.3	56.3		↑	Cheshire East in the mid range of our statistical neighbour group range of between 35 -79 per 10,000 of population. Latest NW region figures range from 53 to 174 per 10,000 and we are substantially lower than both Warrington and CWAC as stat neighbour and have the 2nd lowest rate in the NW (Stockport being the lowest at 53 per 10,000). We are one of only two LA's in the NW below the England average	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.3	% cared for children with 3 or more placements in year	Low is good	data not yet released	10%	<12%	12.2%	13.8%	13.7%	14.0%	13.2%	To be finalised as part of SSDA903 return		↓	Full year figures are currently being finalised for the SSDA903 return but early indications show a slight reduction in the overall number of cared 4 children with 3 or more placements in the year.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.4	% cared for children in long term stability placement	High is good	data not yet released	68%	75%	66.7%	70.2%	64.8%	62.2%	58.7%	To be finalised as part of SSDA903 return		↓	Placement stability is currently an issue for CE and a working group has been convened in order to achieve a greater understanding of the issues and deliver an action plan in response. Issues being considered relate to earlier identification of risk of breakdown and re-focusing key resources.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.5	% cared for children reviews in timescales	High is good			95%	96%	97%	89%	99%	98%	To be finalised as part of SSDA903 return		→	Where individuals are reviewed in a series of meetings occasionally the system doesn't record the timescales correctly. All those showing as reviewed out of timescales will be manually checked for the annual returns and amended accordingly. Indicative full year figures shows that we have performed in line with last year.	1 Having A Voice	Outcome 5
2.6	Number of cared for children in internal foster care (including friends and family placements)	High is good			215	210	191	188	200	209	209		↑	When we exclude CE foster carers who have been approved for respite provision only, the current CE foster care bed occupancy rate is 82% which is consistent with last quarter. There is a small increase in the number of beds not available from 17 to 19 however for 5 of these it is due to either a staying put not 18 placement or and SGO/placed for adoption placement which is	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.7	Number of cared for children in external foster care	Low is good			85	89	97	88	90	95	95		↑	The has been a small drop in the % of the individuals in external foster care placed on a full care order with plans to remain in placement with carer long term/ until they reach 18 from 83% to 79%	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.8	Number cared for children placed over 20 miles from home address (Cheshire East and out of borough)	Low is good				69	77	89	91	91	91		→	The 91 excludes unaccompanied asylum seeking children. The data has remained unchanged between quarter 3 and quarter 4 and over 25% of these are placed either with family/relatives or in adoption placements.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.9	Number of cared for children that went missing 5 times or more (quarterly figure is 5 or more times in any month in that quarter)	Low is good			5	16	7	supressed	6	supressed	14		↓	Due to discrepancies in the data provided by the police the figures for the full year have been revised. There have been 14 Cheshire East cared for children that have gone missing more than 5 times in anyone month whilst in the care of the LA. This is a reduction from last year however many of these individuals have a very high number of episodes. A much more detailed analysis of the missing incidents will be provided in separate analysis.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.10	% of initial health assessments requested within 48 hours of coming into care	High is good			85% - 90%	11%	69%	68%	82%	64%	71%		↓	There was a temporary dip in quarter 4 due to an increasing number of children becoming cared for and an increase in the number of court applications. This has placed additional pressure on CIN/CP teams. A deep dive of the late requests indicates that 16 children's requests were late, 11 were only 1-2 days late and 2 were in care a short period and did not require IHA. The process for requesting IHA's has been	4 Being Healthy	Outcome 5
2.11	% of initial health assessments completed by paediatricians within 20 days	High is good			100%	34%	36%	52%	30%	58%	39%		↑	The improvement in performance around initial health assessments completed by paediatricians within 20 days from quarter 3 to quarter 4 is as a result of work around developing a better process and pathways around this service. Whilst this increase is positive, it is still well below the target required and further improvements are planned.	4 Being Healthy	Outcome 5
2.12	% of children in care over 12 months with a health check in the last year	High is good	84%	90%	100%	80.0%	71.2%	69.8%	75.0%	81.0%	To be finalised as part of SSDA903 return		↑	Of the 295 individuals recorded as being in care for over 12 months as at the end of March 2017, 55 had either no health check date loaded or a health check dated over 12 months. It is noted that there is a backlog in uploading completed health check forms. The indicative figure is 74% for the year currently but this is likely to rise.	4 Being Healthy	Outcome 5
Care Leavers																
3.1	Number of care leavers					225	201	202	195	199	199		→	This represents all eligible, relevant and former relevant care leavers who are supported with access to a Personal Advisor (PA) to offer help and guidance as they move to independence together with financial support as appropriate to individual needs.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
3.2	% not In education, employment or training (NEET)	Low is good			38%	42%	47%	40%	46%	43%	To be finalised as part of SSDA903 return		↓	NB THIS WILL DIFFER FROM THE RETURNED FIGURE ALSO PLEASE NOTE THAT WE MUST EXCLUDE POSITIVE ACTIVITIES THAT DON'T MEET THE CRITERIA FOR THE REPORTED FIGURE. This figure relates to the 19th, 20th and 21st birthday cohort only and details their latest status. When taking into account all individuals engaged in positive activities leading towards entering into education, employment or training (EET) then this percentage reduces to 29%. Each individual will have a designated PA and work continues to engage individuals where possible	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
3.3	% in suitable accommodation	High is good			96%	96%	95%	95%	94%	94%	To be finalised as part of SSDA903		→	This relates to the 19th, 20th and 21st birthday cohort only. This includes individuals currently in custody. Improved tracking in the care leavers service means that these young people are known and work continues to engage them where possible to improve their accommodation and support.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
Adoption																
4.1	% of children ceased to be looked after due to adoption - year to date fig	High is good			20%	12.8%	21.0%	20.3%	15.0%	17.9%	17.9%		↑	This figure reflects 26 individuals out of 145 who have left care in 2016-17.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5

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4.2	% of children ceased to be looked after due to granting of special guardianship order (SGO) - year to date fig	High is good			12%	18.4%	11.6%	11.4%	16.0%	17.2%	17.2%		↑	This represents a total of 25 individuals in 2016-17 and is similar to last years outturn.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
4.3	Number of children adopted (ytd)	High is good			30	18	9	16	16	26	26		↑	In addition to the 26 adoptions in the year we have an additional 27 individuals with an adoption plan, 15 of which are living with their adoptive family/ foster to adopt placement.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
4.4	% children who wait less than 16 months between entering care and moving in with adoptive family	High is good			58%	83%	84%	84%	83%	84%	84%		→	This continues to be a focus to ensure that timely decisions are made to ensure children and young people are in a permanent placement as quickly as possible. There is now a specific Independent Reviewing Officer identified to track the progress for these children to ensure there is no	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
4.5	Average number of days between entering care and moving in with adoptive family (A1 national indicator)	Low is good			426	545	936	678	678	541	541		↓	Although this has been RAG rated amber, the story behind the data is very positive. This is due to the extremely positive outcome of children and young people being adopted by foster carers after a number of years due to a freestanding application. This is reflected in the reduced figure at 4.7	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
4.6	Average number of days between placement order and match with adoptive family (A2 national indicator)	Low is good			121	99	49	70	70	66	66		↓	The number of days has reduced slightly and remains well within the national target of 121 and ahead of last year's position.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
4.7	Average number of days between entering care and moving in with adoptive family/ foster carer who becomes adoptive family	Low is good			426	477	243	265	265	284	284		↑	Whilst the number of days has increased it still remains well within the national target of 426 and a substantial improvement on last year's position.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5

Education and 14-19 Skills

Virtual School																
5.1	% attendance of children in care (quarterly figure is all cared for children rather than those in care for 12mths which are published figs)	High is good	95.9%	96.1%	95%	94%	89%	94%	94%	94%			→	Latest percentage attendance is 95% for primary schools and 93% for secondary schools.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
5.2	% persistent absence of children in care (quarterly figure is all cared 4 rather than those in care for 12mths which are published figs)	Low is good				15%	18%	11%	12%	12% P 17% S			→	The primary figure includes one individual newly into care and 2 on reduced timetables as they integrate to new schools. The secondary figure includes 4 children on integration plans - showing improved attendance since entering care. Includes 2 children who refused to engage - one has now moved and another has tuition and is subject to joint planning with Social Care.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
5.3	Percentage of completed PEPs (Termly)	High is good						52%	94%	83%			↓	250 out of 306 PEPs were returned within the term. This was a short term, so PEPs done during latter weeks not returned by end of term. All will be chased in new term along with next PEP.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3

Schools																
6.1	% good or outstanding secondary schools	High is good		76%		86.4%	86.4%	76.0%	76.0%	76.0%	76.0%		→	The profile for secondary school Ofsted outcomes remains strong. Currently 12% of our schools have not yet been inspected, which primarily is due to academisation.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.2	% good or outstanding primary schools	High is good		87%		92.7%	92.7%	94.4%	94.4%	92.8%	92.8%		→	The profile for primary schools remains strong however the slight dip is due to a recent report published (March) for one primary school – judgment inadequate when previously was good.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.3	% good or outstanding special school	High is good				80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%		→	The only reason that the data shows a reduction from 100% is due to the additional special school which has not yet been inspected.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.4	Number of fixed term exclusions starting in month	Low is good				1889	474	269	493	691			↑	This relates to 71 in primary schools, 601 in secondary schools and 18 in special schools. From Q1 2017-18 this will be amended to report half termly.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.5	Number of permanent exclusions starting in month	Low is good				37	11	7	12	10	40		↓	This data is being reported on a half termly basis on the 14-19 skills report card. From Q1 2017-18 this will be amended for consistency.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.6	Number of fixed penalty notices issued	Low is good				1056	189	19	27	42	277			Fixed penalty notices (FPN) issued in February have increased. School's requesting warning letters have increased considerably, which will see a further rise in FPN' in future months. Outcome of key legal challenge now received. Code of conduct will need revising in preparation for the new academic year.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.7	Number of prosecutions	Low is good				118	29	14	15	4	62		↓	No additional comment at this time (see above).	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.8	% of pupils with less than 90% attendance Primary school year to date	Low is good							8%	8%	8%		→	This has been amended to report primary attendance only - quarter 4 reflects the academic year to date. There are some schools excluded from this figure that don't use the SIMs system due to issues with the weekly extract. Work is underway to address this.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.9	% of pupils with less than 90% attendance Secondary School year to date	Low is good							12%	12%	12%		→	This has been amended to report secondary attendance only - quarter 4 reflects the academic year to date. There are some schools excluded from this that don't use the SIMs system due to issues with the weekly extract. Work is underway to address this.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.10	Current number of pupils being educated at home (year fig is position at yr end)	Low is good				286	267	259	283	299	299		↑	The number continues to follow the national trend and increase. A recent review of systems has led to more comprehensive data being held and service change has ensured that there is sufficient capacity to increase the challenge back to schools and arrange visits to families.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3

Prevention and Support

Prevention and Early Intervention																
7.1	% of all 0-4 children registered at children's centre	High is good			82%	82%	82%	81%	79%	79%	79%		→	Registration is being maintained due to the collaborative approach with health colleagues and children's centre managers ensuring that individuals are informed of the support and offer available at the centres during their antenatal care. It is expected that with the introduction of the new 'Parent journey' programme, registrations will increase in 2017/18.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
7.2	% of all 0-4 children engaged at children's centre (seen in last 6 mths)	High is good			33%		22%	32%	31%	28%	28%		→	Whilst there has been a small dip in attendance in quarter 4 this is against an increased number of individuals accessing the 2 year old offer and an extremely high take up of the 3 & 4 year old offer. As such many eligible children are accessing pre-school provision.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
7.3	% eligible children taking up 2 year old offer (termly figure only)	High is good		72%		77%	75%	69%	75%	76%	76%		→	Quarter 4 has shown a small increase with a continued take up in the Spring term.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3

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7.4	% children taking up 3 and 4 year old offer (termly figure only)	High is good			97%-99%		97%	97%-99%	97%-99%	97%-99%	97%-99%		➡	This is a range based on known data. We know the number of Cheshire East children taking up the offer at settings in the borough, but we are not aware of all those attending settings in other authorities. The population figures are estimates taken from two years ago and the term in which a child becomes eligible depends on when their birthday falls as they are eligible the term following their 3rd birthday. The figures given assume no children go out of the authority to claim their 3 and 4 year old funding, that the population estimates are accurate and birthdays are distributed evenly.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
7.5	Number of families turned around (family focus) - claims made at agreed points in the year	High is good				21	9	62	118	153	153		⬆	Claims under the family focus criteria now total 153 for the year to date. This shows continued improvement and reflects appropriate plans and support mechanisms being provided by families to ensure sustained positive change in their lives.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 6
Youth Support																
8.1	Number of young people accessing the youth support service						1298	1006	1345	1536			⬆	Quarter 4 has seen a further increase in individuals accessing support. This is likely due to the impact of additional projects being offered together with preparation for leaving Year 11 and Year 13.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 2
8.2	Number of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) individuals [yr. 12-14]	Low is good				323	328	201	281	291	291		➡	Of this cohort, 206 are available to the labour market with 97% either actively seeking employment/training or with start dates agreed. Of the 84 not available to the labour market, 51% is due to parenting/pregnancy/young carer and 49% to illness.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 2
8.3	% of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) individuals [yr. 12-14]	Low is good				2.8%	2.8%	3.1%	2.6%	2.7%	2.7%		➡	We continue to have an exceptionally high percentage rate in terms of supporting all young people into EET.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 2
8.4	Number of individuals where education, employment or training (EET) status not known	Low is good				45	30	1810	534	344	344		⬇	Proactive work continues to reduce the number of individuals where we do not know their current EET status. Many of these will likely be on gap years pending deferred start at university.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 2
Youth Offending Team																
9.1	Number of young people sentenced to custody (quarterly fig)	Low is good				7	supressed	0					➡	Quarter 2 data is suppressed due to the extremely low number. Quarter 3 data is not yet available.	4 Being Healthy & Making Positive Choices	Outcome 1
9.2	Number of young people remanded to custody (quarterly fig)	Low is good				supressed	0	0					➡	Quarter 2 data is suppressed due to the extremely low number. Quarter 3 data is not yet available.	4 Being Healthy & Making Positive Choices	Outcome 1
9.3	Number of first time entrants - rolling 12 month figure (data from police national computer)	Low is good				94	71	62					⬇	Quarter 2 data was released in November 2016 and, as at publication, there was no data for quarter 3. This however continues to show a positive downward trend.	4 Being Healthy & Making Positive Choices	Outcome 1
9.4	Rate of first time entrants - rolling 12 month figure (data from police national computer)	Low is good		369		281	212	186					⬇	Quarter 2 data was released in November 2016 and, as at publication, there was no data for quarter 3. This however continues to show a positive downward trend.	4 Being Healthy & Making Positive Choices	Outcome 1
Special Educational Need (SEN)																
10.1	Number of new education, health and care needs assessments requests in quarter					268	81	80	66	86	313		⬇	The number of requests in each quarter relate to the number received into the local authority from both parents and professionals rather than the number subsequently heard and assessed at panel in the quarter.	6 Additional Needs Additional Chances	Outcome 3
10.2	% of new education, health and care plans (EHCP) completed with 20 weeks	High is good	43.4	55.5		71.0%	24.0%	23.0%	51.0%	84.0%	41% (Jan 17 SEN return)		⬆	The additional posts now in place are clearly having an extremely positive impact on the percentage of new assessments completed in 20 weeks. The final year figure refers to the SEN2 outturn at Jan 2017.	6 Additional Needs Additional Chances	Outcome 3
10.3	Number of ongoing transfers from statements of educational need/learning difficulty assessments (LDA) to education, health and care plans (EHCP)					184	301	305	125	99	99		⬇	The number of transfers in progress will inevitably slow as the ratio of EHCP to SEN reduces. Since December this has increased from 68% EHCP/ 32% SEN to 75% EHCP / 25% SEN.	6 Additional Needs Additional Chances	Outcome 3
10.4	Total number with an education, health and care plan (EHCP) [accumulative]					794	880	982	1288	1412	1412		⬆	This is a steadily improving picture and has increased from 68% to 75% of the total number between quarter 3 and quarter 4.	6 Additional Needs Additional Chances	Outcome 3
10.5	Total number with an education, health and care plan (EHCP) or statement of educational need					1775	1784	1828	1889	1879	1879		➡	Total number as a proportion of our 0-17 population per 10,000 indicate that we are comparable with both the NW, Statistical neighbours and England average.	6 Additional Needs Additional Chances	Outcome 3

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 26 June 2017
Report of: Director of Legal Services
Subject/Title: Work Programme update

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 To review items in the Work Programme listed in the schedule attached, together with any other items suggested by Committee Members.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the work programme be reviewed.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 It is good practice to agree and review the Work Programme to enable effective management of the Committee's business.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6.0 Policy Implications including - Carbon reduction - Health

- 6.1 Not known at this stage.

7.0 Financial Implications

- 7.1 Not known at this stage.

8.0 Legal Implications

- 8.1 None.

9.0 Risk Management

- 9.1 There are no identifiable risks.

10.0 Background and Options

- 10.1 The schedule attached has been updated following the last meeting of the committee.
- 10.2 Members are asked to review the schedule attached to this report, and if appropriate, add new items or delete items that no longer require any scrutiny activity. When selecting potential topics, Members should have regard to the Council's new three year plan and also to the general criteria listed below, which should be applied to all potential items when considering whether any Scrutiny activity is appropriate.

The following questions should be asked in respect of each potential work programme item:

- Does the issue fall within a corporate priority;
 - Is the issue of key interest to the public;
 - Does the matter relate to a poor or declining performing service for which there is no obvious explanation;
 - Is there a pattern of budgetary overspends;
 - Is it a matter raised by external audit management letters and or audit reports?
 - Is there a high level of dissatisfaction with the service;
- 10.3 If during the assessment process any of the following emerge, then the topic should be rejected:
- The topic is already being addressed elsewhere
 - The matter is subjudice
 - Scrutiny cannot add value or is unlikely to be able to conclude an investigation within the specified timescale

11 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting

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Date 26 June 2017 Time:2.00pm Venue: Committee suite, Westfields	Date: 25 September 2017 Time:2.00pm Venue: Committee suite, Westfields	Date: 27 November 2017 Time:2.00pm Venue: Committee suite, Westfields	Date: 29 Jan 2018 Time:2.00pm Venue: Committee suite, Westfields	Date: 26 March 2018 Time:2.00pm Venue: Committee suite, Westfields
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Essential items

Item	Description/purpose of report/comments	Outcome	Lead Officer/ organisation/ Portfolio Holder	Suggested by	Current position	Key Dates/ Deadlines
Emotional Health and Wellbeing - CAHMS	To scrutinise tier 3 and 4 of the service. partners to be invited and answer a series of questions	People live well and for longer	Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People , Director of Public Health Children and Families Portfolio Holder and Adults health and Leisure Portfolio Holder	The Committee	Spot light review	26 June 2017 List of questions to be agreed on 30 January 2017
CSE Task and Finish	To receive a response on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Task &	People live well and for		The Committee	Progress Report	26 June 2017

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Recommendations	Finish Group Recommendations	longer				
Independent Review Officer Annual Report	Further to meeting held on 31 October, to receive a 6 monthly progress report	A responsible effective and efficient organisation. People live well and for longer	Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People Children and Families Portfolio Holder	The Committee	Update report to include details of the 34 care leavers not in employment or education.	25 September 2017

Monitoring Items

Item	Description/purpose of report/comments	Outcome	Lead Officer/organisation/Portfolio Holder	Suggested by	Current position	Key Dates/Deadlines
Performance Monitoring – C&F Scorecard	Quarterly performance reports	A responsible effective and efficient organisation	Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People Children and Families Portfolio Holder	Ofsted	Quarterly performance report	26.06.17 27.11.17
SEND Reforms	To scrutinise the implementation of SEND Reforms. Membership to be agreed in June	People have the life skills and education they need in order to thrive	Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People Children and Families	Director of Children's Services	Task and Finish Review	25 September 2017

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			Portfolio Holder			
Local Safeguarding Children's Board – Annual Report	To review the annual report for 2016/17	People live well and for longer	Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People Children and Families Portfolio Holder	Scrutiny Liaison Meeting	Progress report	25 September 2017
Available Walking Routes to Schools/ School Transport Process Update	Further to the Call In, to receive an update on the recommendations agreed by Cabinet.	People live well and for longer	Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People Children and Families Portfolio Holder	The Committee	Progress report.	26 June 2017

Children's Centres	To review the February 2016 Council decision to de-designate 4 children's centres, following an informal briefing on 23 June 2016. On 27 March the Committee agreed to continue to monitor this item.	People have the life skills and education they need in order to thrive	Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People Children and Families Portfolio Holder	The Committee	Progress report	TBA
Corporate Parenting	To review the annual report of the newly established Corporate Parenting Committee	People live well and for longer	Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People , Children and Families Portfolio Holder	The Committee	Annual report	25 September 2017
Summer Born	To review the performance	People have	Deputy Chief	Scrutiny	Committee Report	25 September

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Children	(education) of summer born children	the life skills and education they need in order to thrive	Executive and Executive Director People , Children and Families Portfolio Holder	Liaison Meeting		2017
Multi Academy Trusts (MATs)		People have the life skills and education they need in order to thrive	Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People , Children and Families Portfolio Holder	Scrutiny Liaison Meeting	Committee Report	27 November 2017
LADO Annual report	To review the annual report for 2016/17	People live well and for longer	Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People , Children and Families Portfolio Holder		Committee Report	27 November 2017
Annual Education Report	To review the annual report for 2016/17	People have the life skills and education they need in order to thrive	Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People , Children and Families Portfolio Holder		Committee Report	26 March 2018

Possible Future/ desirable items

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Neglect/Innovation Fund (project Crewe) (Jan 2017) and potential Review of Neglect (possibly through a task and finish group) – April 2017. To be considered on 30 January to allow time for the evaluation report to be produced – Evaluation report to be submitted in due course and expansion of project Crewe be monitored.

Task and Finish Group on the transition process for care leavers (if required following a report to the Corporate parenting committee) – Agenda/minutes of Corporate Parenting Committee and Care Leavers Task and Finish Report to be circulated

Safeguarding Board Report – Reflective Review – date TBC

Safeguarding Board Report – Serious Case Review – date TBC

Alignment of School Support

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