

**Children and Young People's
Overview and Scrutiny
Committee**

23 July 2021



**Introduction to Children and
Young People's Services
Overview**

**Report of John Pearce, Corporate Director for Children and Young
People's Services**

Electoral division(s) affected:

Countywide

Purpose of the Report

- 1 The purpose of the report is to provide members of the committee with an introduction to the presentation giving overview of the Children and Young People's Services Service Grouping which is appended to this report at appendix two.

Executive summary

- 2 Children and Young People's Services bring together a number of functions to help support children, young people and families in County Durham. The structure of Children and Young People's Services with the associated Heads of service is as follows:

Helen Fergusson – Head of Children's Social Care

Martyn Stenton – Head of Early Help, Inclusion and Vulnerable Children

Jim Murray – Head of Education and Skills

- 3 The Children and Young People's Services Heads of Service will deliver a presentation at the meeting highlighting the key areas of work within the service grouping pertinent to the work of the committee and will take questions from committee members.

Recommendations

- 4 That the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee are requested to:

- a) note the content of the report and presentation and comment accordingly.

Background

- 5 Children and Young People's Services brings together a number of functions to help support children young people and their families in County Durham.
- 6 The team covers three key service areas of:
- Children's Social Care
 - Early Help, Inclusion and Vulnerable Children
 - Education and Skills
- 7 Children and Young People's Services provide a vast array of services to protect vulnerable people from harm working with both internal and external partners.
- 8 The presentation will cover the following areas:
- Children and Young People's Services Management Team
 - Services Provided
 - Inspection Framework
 - Partnership Working
 - Key Challenges

Conclusion

- 9 Children and Young People's Services contains a wide range of front line services working with and for our communities.

Background papers

- None

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

Not applicable.

Finance

Not applicable.

Consultation

Not applicable.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

Not applicable.

Climate Change

Not applicable.

Human Rights

Not applicable.

Crime and Disorder

Not applicable.

Staffing

Not applicable.

Accommodation

Not applicable.

Risk

Not applicable.

Procurement

Not applicable.

Appendix Two: Introduction to Children and Young People's Services
