Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2023/2024

Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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- More and better jobs
- · People live long and independent lives
- Connected communities

Note:

Overview and Scrutiny Review – A systematic six-monthly review of progress against recommendations/action plan

Scrutiny/Working Group – In-depth review/light touch review

Overview/progress – Information on an issue; opportunity to comment, shape, influence, progress with a scrutiny review

Informal Information Sessions - Presentation via Teams on areas that fall within the remit of the committee

Briefing Reports – Reports for information on areas within the remit of the work programme

Performance/Budget – Ongoing quarterly monitoring performance reports/budgets

Item	When (Subject to confirmation of OSC meeting arrangements)	How Formal Committee Circulated electronically as a briefing report Informal Information Session	Who	Outcome	Comment
Overview and Scrutiny Review					
New area for focused review TBC	The committee will need to consider and	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC

	determine an area for focused review				
Overview/Progress					
Partnership Priorities	7 July 2023	Report to Committee	Julie Bradbrook/ Alison Ayres	Members will be aware of the partnership's priorities and how their work aligns to the committee's.	The Committee will receive information on the work of the Partnership and their priorities for the year ahead.
Holiday Activities with Healthy Food Programme (Fun with Food) in County Durham	7 July 2023	Report to Committee	Lyndsey Davison/ Karen Davison	Members will have an understanding of the work being done to help families during holiday periods and promotion of events taking place over the school holidays.	The Committee will receive detail of how the Fun with Food Programme has impacted on the lives of families and promotion of upcoming events taking place
Home to School Transport Proposals Feedback	22 September 2023	Report to Committee	Keith Forster	Members will be aware of the feedback from the consultation and the proposals the service is taking forward	Members will receive information on the feedback from the recent Home to School Transport proposals.
Child Poverty	22 September 2023	Report to Committee	Karen Davison/John Mitchell	Members will be aware of the work being done by DCC to support families	Members will continue to monitor and scrutinise the

				who are experiencing poverty.	various projects and schemes to address child poverty in County Durham and comment accordingly.
Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report	22 September 2023	Report to Committee	Cllr Simmons/Jayne Watson	Members will be aware of the work undertaken by the Corporate Parenting Panel during 22/23 and their plans for the future.	Report for information
CAMHS Waiting times Data	22 September 2023	Report for information to CYPOSC		Report for Information	Report for Information
Youth Vaping	Special Meeting TBC (Oct) Members of AWH and S&SC OSCs invited to attend	Report to CYPOSC	Katie Bewick	Members will understand the work with children and young people to discourage the use of vapes and with Public Protection Service to address availability to children.	Members will receive information on what work is being done with Children and young people to discourage them from vaping and work being done in schools and colleges and with DCC's Public Protection Service

Neurodivergence	Special Meeting TBC (Oct) Members of AWH OSC will be invited to attend	Report to CYPOSC	Alison Ayres	Members will be aware of the partnership work on neurodivergence.	Members will receive information in relation to partnership work on neurodivergence
High Needs Block Sustainability	Special Meeting (late Oct) TBC	Report to CYPOSC	Martyn Stenton/Paul Shadforth	Members will be aware of the work being done regarding sustainability of the High Needs Block and other SEND areas	The committee will receive information on how the service is addressing the challenges associated with High Needs Block funding
Best Start in Life	13 November Members of AWHOSC invited to attend	Report to CYPOSC	Julia Bates/Michelle Baldwin	Members will receive information on programmes that address areas such as breastfeeding; smoking in pregnancy.	Members will continue to monitor and scrutinise the Best Start in Life Programmes.
0-25 Family Health Services	13 November Members of AWHOSC invited to attend	Report to CYPOSC	Julia Bates/ Michelle Baldwin/ Amanda Smith	Members will receive information from HDNHSFT in relation to the contracts they provide to DCC such as health visiting and school nurse.	Members will scrutinise the projects within the programme and gain an understanding of their performance.

Family Hubs	13 November	Report to CYPOSC	Karen Davison	Members will be aware of the support available at Family Hubs	Following their visit members will receive information relating to the work carried out in the Family Hubs, the challenges faced in their first year and how they have addressed them
Preparation for Adulthood	Joint Special Meeting CYP & AWH OSC TBC (Dec)	To Joint Special CYP & AWH OSC	Jennifer Illingworth	Members will have an opportunity to hear about the work and provide comment on this work.	Members will receive information on the partnership work looking at health and social care transitions between the ages of 16 to 25 years
Support of children and families on the edge of care	8 January 2024	Report to CYPOSC	Bernie Toomey/Paul Rudd	Members will be aware of support available for those on the edge of care	Members will receive information on the support available to those on the edge of care
Pre Birth Programme	8 January 2024	Report to CYPOSC	Jac Tyler	Members will have an understanding of the pre birth programme	The committee will receive information on the pre-birth programme, including

					challenges and successes.
CAMHS Waiting times Data	TBC	Report for information to CYPOSC		Report for Information	Report for Information
Elective Home Education Update	6 March 2024	Report to CYPOSC	Clare Nicholl	Members will be aware of the challenges and how the service is engaging with families and getting children back into schools.	The committee will receive an update on the work to engage with families who choose to educate their children at home and to ensure these children are safeguarded.
School Attendance and Inclusion	6 March 2024	Report to CYPOSC	David Wall/ Clare Nicholl	Members will be aware of attendance levels in county Durham schools.	The Committee will receive data on the levels of school attendance in County Durham and how the service is working with schools to provide support.
Educational Attainment and School Ofsted Update	6 March 2024	Report to CYPOSC	Jim Murray	Members will receive information relating to educational attainment across	Members will be aware of the educational attainment of children and

				all kay stages of a child/young person's development.	young people in County Durham.
CYP Mental Health, emotional wellbeing and resilience	25 April 2024 Members of AWHOSC invited to attend	Report to CYPOSC	Julia Bates	Members will receive information on the various programmes to support children and young people with mental health and emotional wellbeing issues.	Members will Continue to monitor and scrutinise the number of programmes on offer to CYP both in school and in Members will Continue to monitor and scrutinise the number of programmes on offer to CYP both in school and in them.
Evaluation of Multi Agency Pilot	25 April 2024 Members of AWHOSC invited to attend	Report to CYPOSC	James Graham	Members will be aware of the early findings of the pilot.	Members will receive information regarding the early findings of the Multi Agency Pilot that took place in Consett to improve access to services

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DfE Safeguarding Guidance update on Working Together	TBD (Dependant on publication by government)	Report to CYPOSC	Rachel Farnham/ Martyn Stenton	Members will be aware of the government's plans for the update of the Working Together to Safeguard Children guidance.	Members will receive information on how the government plan to update safeguarding guidance
Briefing Reports					
Support for Young Carers	TBC	Report circulated electronically	Karen Davison	Members will receive information on the work being done to support young carers in County Durham	Members will continue to monitor the help and support available to young carers and their families.
Stronger Families Programme	TBC	Report circulated electronically	Karen Davison	Members will receive information on how many families lives have been turned around by the focussed help and support of the programme.	Members will continue to monitor the programme, the targets and performance to date.

Autism Strategy Information	TBC	Report circulated electronically AWHOSC members included in circulation	Peter Mulholland	Members will have an understanding of the support available for children and families awaiting an autism diagnosis.	Members will receive information on the support available to families who are awaiting an autism diagnosis
Relationship Based Social Work	TBC	Report circulated electronically	Chris Ring	Members will understand the capacity within the service and the level and complexity of caseloads.	Members will receive information updating them on social worker recruitment and retention and caseloads
Risks Outside the Home	TBC	Report circulated electronically S&SCOSC members included in the circulation	Bernie Toomey	Members will receive information on work to protect vulnerable children from being exploited.	Members will be aware of the partnership working taking place to help and support vulnerable children.
Work of the Healthy Weight Alliance	TBC	Report circulated electronically AWHOSC members included in circulation		Members will be aware of projects and support available to children and families reach and maintain a healthy weight.	Members will receive information on the various projects to help people reach a healthy weight including children and families.
Support for Young People who are Not in Education, Employment or Training	TBC	Report circulated electronically	Helen Radcliffe	Members will be aware to the support provided to help young people	Members will receive and update on the projects and

		EEOSC members included in circulation.		into education, employment and training.	programmes supporting young people into education, employment and training.
Joint local Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2023-2028	Following the strategy being considered at Cabinet	electronically	Jayne Watson	Members will be aware of the final adopted strategy	Members will receive the adopted strategy which they had commented upon.
Director of Public Health Annual Report	TBC	Circulated Electronically	Director of Public Health	Members will receive the annual report	Report for information
HWB Annual Report	TBC	Circulated Electronically	Julie Bradbrook	Members will receive the annual report	Report for Information

Durham Safeguarding Children Annual Report	TBC	Report circulated electronically	Chair of DSCP/ Jacqui Doherty	Members will receive the annual report	Report for information
Informal Briefing Sessions					
Third Party Payments	TBC	Informal Information via Teams	Jodie Henderson	Members will be aware of how the service is addressing third party payments.	The Committee will receive information relating to the use of third party agencies and the costs to the Council
Visits					
Family Hubs	TBC (Oct/early Nov)	Visit	Karen Davison	Members will have an opportunity to visit the family hubs and receive information in relation to the approach taken in developing them.	Members will be able to see how the family hubs are being developed.
Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)	TBD	Visit	Hilary Bagley	Members will have an understanding of the work of the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub	Members will have an opportunity to observe multi agency working

Performance/Budget					
Performance Quarterly reporting	6 July 2023 22 Sept 2023 8 Jan 2024 26 April 2024	Report to CYPOSC	Stephen Tracey (Resources)	To provide Members with progress towards achieving the key outcomes of the council's corporate performance framework.	Summary information to Members
Budget Outturn Report Quarterly reporting -	22 Sept 2023 (Q4 & Q1) 8 Jan 2024 26 April 2024	Report to CYPOSC	David Watchman (Resources)	Detail of budget	Summary information to Members