

Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

Topic/Issue	Purpose of scrutinising this issue & Source	Timing/ Approach
Forthcoming Committee Meetings		
Early Help Service – review of new model	Performance Monitoring – to assess the impact of the first year of implementation of the new Early Help Model (implemented January 2022). What is working well, is it achieving what it set out to do and any areas for improvement. To also include a review of the financial impact (revenue and capital). (<i>Source: CYPSSC July 2021</i>)	7 June 2023
Performance and Resources Report - Q4 2022-23	Performance Monitoring: To assess the performance indicators relating to Children and Young People's Services in Our Council Plan (to be done quarterly).	7 June 2023
Family Safeguarding Model	Performance Monitoring: To assess the impact and performance of the first year of implementation of the Family Safeguarding Model (implemented February 2022)	13 September 2023
Performance and Resources Report – Q1 2023-24	Performance Monitoring: To assess the performance indicators relating to Children and Young People's Services in Our Council Plan (to be done quarterly).	13 September 2023
Performance and Resources Report – Q2 2023-24	Performance Monitoring: To assess the performance indicators relating to Children and Young People's Services in Our Council Plan (to be done quarterly).	15 November 2023
TBC		17 January 2024
Performance and Resources Report – Q3 2023-24	Performance Monitoring: To assess the performance indicators relating to Children and Young People's Services in Our Council Plan (to be done quarterly).	28 February 2024

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Items for timetabling		
Children First Improvement Programme – Outcome of ILACS and next steps	Performance Monitoring: To scrutinise the outcome of the Full Ofsted Inspection (ILACS) and next steps (<i>Source: BPG 9 May 2022</i>).	TBC – awaiting Ofsted inspection date to be confirmed.
Children’s Social Care Quality Assurance	Performance Monitoring: To assess and seek assurance that the quality of practice is improving and providing better outcomes for children and young people. (<i>Source: CYPSSC 16 November 2022</i>)	Date TBC
Early Years	Performance Monitoring - to assess the ongoing work in Early Years, including improving school readiness to ensure children are reaching their full potential (<i>Source: CYPSSC 12 January 2022</i>)	TBC – awaiting development of workstream in Education & Learning Strategy to consider appropriate time for scrutiny.
Business Planning Group – items for BPG to consider for Scrutiny (including those raised by Committee Members under ‘Items for Future Scrutiny’).		
Care Leavers	Performance Monitoring – To assess the support and provision provided for Care Leavers. (<i>Source: CYPSSC on 28 September 2022</i>)	BPG obtaining further information to establish if this is an item for scrutiny.
West Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2021-22	Performance Monitoring – to consider the successes and areas of improvement for the partnership and to identify any areas for future scrutiny.	Annual Report has been circulated to Committee members. BPG to consider if there are any areas within the report where scrutiny could add value on 12 May meeting.
MASH/Integrated Front Door	Performance Monitoring – To consider the performance of the MASH and impact of the introduction of the Integrated Front Door. (<i>Source: BPG 18 October 2022</i>)	BPG to consider in more detail on if this item requires scrutiny.

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Lessons Learnt from inquests	Performance Monitoring – To scrutinise the lessons learnt and action plans following recent inquests, including if services are configured appropriately and if response to actions are sufficient to address any identified issues. This could include a focus on transitions. (<i>Source: CYPSSC 28 September 2022</i>)	BPG to have an update once inquests are complete to consider any potential areas for scrutiny (expected Autumn 2023).
Sufficiency of Placements for Children we Care For	Policy Development: To assess the mix and numbers for placements and the policies the County Council is working to; and whether the right strategies are in place to provide the best outcomes for children we care for.	Sufficiency action plan to be shared with Committee- BPG to consider on 12 May.
Business Planning Group – to monitor		
School Placements	Policy Development: To monitor the impact of any reduced birth rates on demand for school places, particularly small schools or rural areas and the impact this has on secondary schools (<i>Source: BPG 9 May 2022</i>).	BPG to be kept updated on specific proposals and to consider if there are any areas that require scrutiny.
Social Worker Recruitment and retention	Performance Monitoring - To monitor the impact of the recruitment and retention initiatives in increasing the permanent social worker workforce (<i>Source: CYPSSC on 8 June 2022</i>).	BPG will continue to monitor progress to identify if there is anything to add to the work Programme. Impact of initiatives to be shared with Committee in April 2023.
SEND and Inclusion Strategy updates.	Policy Development – To scrutinise any proposed changes or amendments to the SEND and Inclusion Strategy as a result of the outcomes of the SEND Green Paper (<i>Source: CYPSSC 12 July 2022</i>).	BPG to monitor this and schedule scrutiny should any changes be proposed.
Elective Home Education (EHE)	Performance Monitoring – to assess the County Council's approach to elective home education. Impact of Covid-19 on EHE also to be considered as well as the implications of the Schools White Paper (currently paused for Policy Review).	BPG to monitor as part of the implementation of Education and Learning Strategy.

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Skills Strategy	Policy Development – to input and influence the development of a Skills Strategy. (<i>Source: BPG & Work Programme Planning member session Spring 2022</i>). An Executive TFG is being established as agreed at Full Council on 16 December 2022. Members will be kept updated on the progress of this, including any opportunities for involvement. Any scrutiny of the Strategy will be considered at the appropriate time.	TBC
Youth Justice Action Plan	Performance Monitoring: To consider the progress made on the Youth Justice Action plan that was implemented following the Inspection of the service in Spring 2022 with a particular focus on the 6 recommendations from Ofsted (<i>Source: Full Council 15 July 2022</i>).	An update on progress will be provided to BPG in Spring 2023.
CYPSSC Task and Finish Groups		
Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing of Children and Young People	Service Development – to assess the provisions and plans in place to support young people’s mental health and emotional wellbeing and any areas of influence. An TFG is being set up (led by HASC) and will include representation from CYPSSC. The work will commence with an evidence gathering session to which CYPSSC and HASC members will be invited.	In Development - date for evidence gathering session being finalised.
Needs Assessments and EHCPs –Process, Practice and Delivery	Service Development – To explore the process, criteria and practice of Education Health and Care Needs Assessments and Education and Health Care Plans. To review whether the County Council is providing a consistent approach and delivery to West Sussex Children and Families and to identify any potential areas of improvement. (<i>Source: CYPSSC BPG</i>)	On Hold – BPG to monitor through PRR and Education and Learning Strategy development to assess any future scrutiny requirements.
Visits/Briefings to support scrutiny		
Briefing: Children’s Residential Homes	All member briefing on Children’s Residential Homes and Placement challenges (<i>Source: CYPSSC 28 September 2022</i>)	Complete - 7 December 2022 1.30pm – 3pm