

Written statement of a non-key decision
Cabinet

Title	Review of peer on peer abuse cases
Decision maker	Cabinet Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251
Date of decision	26 November 2020
Report exemption class	Open
Purpose	To receive the outcomes of the review; to agree the recommendations arising from the review; to approve the executive response to the scrutiny committees recommendations on the report of the review and to approve the peer on peer model guidance for use in all Herefordshire schools
Decision	<p>THAT</p> <p>a) The executive note the contents and recommendations set out in the Peer on Peer Review MASH Report (appendix 1) as amended and express the view that: (1) in relation to section 1.3 the review also investigated whether any children were put or left at risk. It found that according to the records held and cases under review, advice was given including national guidance at the time and was followed as far as was possible, separation was made and the likelihood of risk was reduced. We are aware however that contact between children, including sight of perpetrators and also bullying has taken place. With all due care being put in place, inadvertent contact remains possible and the findings here do not preclude this. Even now, with every effort being made and detailed guidance being shared with schools, we cannot guarantee that contact between children might not inadvertently occur however much care is taken. This includes outside of schools. We also acknowledge that harm has implications for social and mental health, potentially, well into adulthood; (2) all references to ‘alleged victim’ should be victim The executive agree the recommendations set out in paragraph 3 of appendix 1;</p> <p>b) The executive approves the executive response to the children and young people’s scrutiny committee’s recommendations set out in appendix 5 as amended;</p>

	<p>c) The executive approves the peer on peer model guidance set out in appendix 6 for use in all Herefordshire Schools; and</p> <p>d) The children and young people’s scrutiny committee be asked to review barriers to record keeping for children’s safeguarding.</p>
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50035813
Options considered	1. There no alternative options to the above recommendations; Cabinet may choose to request amendments to the peer on peer model guidance; or request alternative actions to address any identified areas of underperformance.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	4 December 2020

<p>Councillor:</p> <p>Leader of the Council (Councillor David Hitchiner)</p>	<p>Date 26 November 2020</p>
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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;
- and
- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.