

Supplement – schedule of questions received for meeting of children and young people scrutiny committee – 4 February 2019

Agenda item no. 5 - Question from members of the public

Question Number	Questioner	Question	Question to
PQ 1	Dr Whalley, Hereford	What assurance can the Scrutiny committee provide that there will be regular monitoring of the impact of changes proposed in response to recent court judgements which takes account of feedback from employees and the public as to their effectiveness?	Chairman of Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Response:

The Children's and Young People Scrutiny Committee has been asked to conduct a task and finish group to understand the judgements of the high court and how they are being addressed. Subject to the committee confirming the draft terms of reference, which appear elsewhere on the agenda today, the task and finish group will explore what new measures are in place to ensure that adoption processes and placement orders are appropriately and consistently applied. It will also examine how the wider corporate culture change is positively influencing working practices within children's services. It is a function of the executive to ensure that performance and culture change within children's services is reviewed and managed, and cabinet considers reports quarterly regarding performance. In addition a performance challenge session is scheduled monthly, focusing on performance of the children and families directorate, which is attended by the chairpersons and vice chairpersons of the scrutiny committees and the group leaders. However, the children and young people's scrutiny committee has indicated its intent to review the effectiveness of the actions being taken and make reports or recommendations to the executive to support continued improvement.