

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee draft work programme

18 July 2023 **report deadline 10 July 23**

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
Children’s Services Improvement Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Measure progress in delivering the priorities of the improvement plan. - Identify areas of the focus for the committee’s work programme, to include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Quality of assessment o Partnership working 	Service Improvement Plan “Measures that Matter” dataset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Director, Improvement – Herefordshire Council
Safeguarding Children’s Partnership Annual Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scrutinise responses to questions to the independent scrutineer. 	Partnership Annual Report Answers to questions submitted the Independent Scrutineer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Scrutineer, Herefordshire Safeguarding Partnership

26 September 2023 **report deadline 18 September 23**

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
Early help <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand the nature of both targeted and universal early help services in Herefordshire. - Further understand the offer made by the council and other agencies. - Scrutinise how partners work together to identify and support children and families who need early help. 	“Right Help Right Time” framework for support Herefordshire Council Early Help Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Public Health • Service Director Early Help, Quality Assurance and Prevention • West Mercia Police • Independent Care Board
Families’ Commission Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scrutinise progress in responding to the seven challenges contained in the report 	Families’ Commission Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Scrutineer, Herefordshire Safeguarding Partnership

14 November 2023 **report deadline 6 November 23**

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
SEND action plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scrutinise the action plan. - Identify gaps in action and progress in delivering the plan. 	SEND strategy and action plan Pre-meeting briefing session with service director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Education, Skills and Learning • Parent Carer Voice • Maria Hardy Health • Roz Pither – head of service SEND • Rachel Gillett - Safeguarding
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigate access to and the availability of appropriate mental health services for children and young people. - Identify gaps in provision and explore opportunities for more effective commissioning of services. 	Directory of mental health support services in Herefordshire Service specification for CAMHS CAMHS performance information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herefordshire and Worcestershire NHS Trust • Director of safeguarding • Director of all-age commissioning

23 January 2024 **report deadline 15 January 2024**

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
Workforce, fostering and adoption sufficiency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand the shortages faced by the council and its partners in workforce recruitment. - Identify challenges in recruitment of foster families. - Make recommendations to support improved rates of recruitment. 	Current staffing levels Fostering and adoption rates of recruitment Payment rates for fostering and adoption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head of Service, Fostering and Adoption
Schools Capital Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding how the local authority determines its investment in new and existing schools. - Review the impact of the 2016 capital investment strategy. - Seeking assurance that capital investment is aligned to implementation of the Local Plan. 	Capital Investment Strategy Schools investment programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Education, Skills and Learning
Safeguarding Children's 2022-2023 Partnership Annual Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scrutinise responses to questions to the independent scrutineer. 	Partnership Annual Report Answers to questions submitted the Independent Scrutineer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Scrutineer, Herefordshire Safeguarding Partnership

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26 March 2024 **report deadline 18 March 23**

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Looked after children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify the factors resulting in the current rate of children being looked after. - Further identify areas of focus for the committee to pursue. 	Current and historical numbers of children looked after by the local authority Comparison with statistical neighbours and other local authorities in West Midlands region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director, safeguarding
Corporate Parenting Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scrutinise the current constitution and activity of the corporate parenting board. 	Corporate Parenting Strategy Corporate Parenting Board agendas and minutes % care leavers who are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In suitable accommodation - in education, training or employment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair, Corporate Parenting Board • Service Director Early Help, Quality Assurance and Prevention • Head of service, looked after children • Your Voice Matters representatives

*The Corporate Director, Children and Young People and Portfolio Holder, Children and Young People, both have a standing invitation to the meeting. It is assumed that the portfolio holder will attend each meeting.

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