



# Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

## Committee Meeting

27 May 2025 **report deadline 15 May 2025** pre meeting lines of enquiry planning TBC

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
<b>Child exploitation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand different ways children are at risk of exploitation and the factors that contribute to that risk, to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Criminal exploitation</li> <li>Sexual exploitation</li> <li>Unaccompanied asylum seekers</li> </ul> </li> <li>Scrutinise how the different agencies work together to tackle exploitation, to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of intelligence</li> <li>Online safety training in schools and the wider community</li> </ul> </li> <li>Appraise the multi-agency response to children who go missing</li> <li>Scrutinise the role of the Herefordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership in tackling exploitation.</li> <li>Other objectives to be agreed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member briefing on child exploitation</li> <li><a href="#">Criminal exploitation of children, young people and vulnerable adults - county lines</a></li> <li><a href="#">Childrens-society-Criminal-Exploitation-Stages-of-Recruitment</a></li> <li><a href="#">Exploitation Safety Plan Practice Guidance</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Rachel Gillott, Service Director, Safeguarding</b></li> <li>West Mercia Police</li> <li>Lorna Tilley, West Mercia Youth Justice Service</li> <li>Wye Valley NHS Trust</li> <li>Christine Wellington, Herefordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership exploitation lead</li> </ul>
<b>Work programme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review work programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft work programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Statutory Scrutiny Officer</b></li> </ul>

## Exploitation Safety Plan Practice Guidance

### Committee Meeting

24 June 2025 **report deadline 12 June 2025** pre meeting lines of enquiry planning TBC

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
<b>Early help for children and families task and finish group</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agree terms of reference for a task and finish group to consider all forms of early help for children and young people.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Terms of reference</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Statutory Scrutiny Officer</b></li> </ul>
<b>Improvement Plan and Quality Assurance Framework</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on phase three of the improvement plan and end of year performance</li> <li>Update on complaints to Children and Young People Directorate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated Improvement Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Tina Russell, Director of Children's Services</b></li> <li>Dylan Harrison, Head of Service, Safeguarding and Review</li> <li>Suzanne Simms, Service Manager Quality Assurance</li> <li>Tilly Page – Complaints and Compliments</li> </ul>
<b>Work programme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review work programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft work programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Statutory Scrutiny Officer</b></li> </ul>

### Committee Meeting

16 September 2025 **report deadline 4 September 2025** pre meeting lines of enquiry planning TBC

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<b>Youth Justice</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objectives to be agreed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence to be agreed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Lorna Tilley, West Mercia Police</b></li> <li>Gareth Boulton, Chief Executive West Mercia Police and Crime Commission</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Justice Board team manager - Herefordshire</li> </ul>
<b>Pursue Prevent Protect Prepare</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objectives to be agreed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence to be agreed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tina Russell - Director of Children's Services</li> <li><b>Kayte Dixon-Thompson – Community Resilience Manager</b></li> <li>Vicky Leader Service Manager Early Help and Prevention</li> <li>Holly Powell – Team Manager, Get Safe</li> <li>Niall Crawford – Lead Officer for Education Safeguarding Social Inclusion and Elective Home Education</li> <li>Christine Wellington – Head of Service, Children in Need of Support and Assessment</li> </ul>

<b>Herefordshire Safeguarding Children's Partnership Annual review of effectiveness</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scrutinise the partnership's work for 2023-2024.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence to be agreed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Kevin Crompton</b> – Independent Scrutineer, Herefordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership</li> <li>Angela Wilson – Safeguarding Partnerships Business Manager</li> </ul> <b>Board Partners</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Tina Russell, Director of Children's Services</b></li> <li><b>Leanne Lowe</b></li> <li><b>Natalie Solomon</b></li> </ul> <b>Sub Group Chairs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heather Manning</li> <li>Dylan Harrison</li> <li>Christine Wellington</li> <li>Liz Farr</li> </ul>
<b>Work programme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review work programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft work programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Statutory Scrutiny Officer</b></li> </ul>

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

### Committee Briefings

The committee will carry out a number of briefings, dates to be agreed

Topic	Objectives
Fostering	Update to the committee following its scrutiny in late 2025

Complaints	Update to committee following its scrutiny in July 2024
School Capital Programme	Overview on the current programme and its priorities
Families First Programme	Overview of funding origins, purpose and delivery