

# Children and Families Scrutiny Panel – Monitoring report

Scrutiny Monitoring – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Date	Title	Recommendation	Action Taken	Progress Status
22/09/16	Children & Families Performance	1) That the Children and Families dataset provided to the Panel is updated to include additional indicators relating to the outcomes of Care Leavers.		
03/11/16	Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)	1) That the Licensing Committee consider making CSE training a condition of receiving a taxi licence in Southampton.	<p>SCC Licensing have worked with Hampshire Police and Children's Services to support Operation Makesafe. To impose training on the taxi and Private Hire Trade will incur cost and faces resistance from the trade who are wanting to support the good work of Op Makesafe but do not want training imposed upon them. Imposing training is likely to damage the healthy relationship authorities have with the majority of the trade. Presently there is a requirement for drivers to pass a BTech in carriage of the public, these are Nationally constructed courses so to introduce a CSE element is not possible locally.</p> <p>As imposing mandatory training is not suitable we have arranged for Op Makesafe posters to be sent to every operator for display in the offices, posters will be displayed at taxi ranks and every taxi or private hire licence application or renewal will have an Op Makesafe flyer inserted. All this literature provides helpful tips on what to look out for and relevant signposting. It is considered this will have a more beneficial affect than imposing training.</p>	
		2) That, in recognition of the benefits with regards to enhanced understanding and targeting resources more effectively, officers explore opportunities to increase resources dedicated to analysing CSE data, including consideration of commissioning academic research to support decision making.	Update to be provided at the meeting	

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		3) Under the proposed mandatory reporting duty certain groups or professionals would be placed under a legal duty to report suspected cases of child abuse and neglect to proper authorities. It is recommended that the Cabinet Member lobbies Ministers to encourage the duty to apply to a wide range of organisations rather than be limited to statutory bodies.	Update to be provided at the meeting	
03/11/16	Elective Home Education (EHE)	1) That the Panel are provided with information outlining the reasons given for the increase in the number of EHE in Southampton.	Update to be provided at the meeting	
		2) That available anonymised information on Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 exam results for children educated at home in Southampton is provided to the Panel.	Update to be provided at the meeting	
		3) That, to help support outcomes for young people in the city, the Cabinet Member considers if additional support, specifically regarding sitting examinations, can be provided to children educated at home.	Update to be provided at the meeting	
		4) That, the Cabinet Member writes to the 3 Southampton MPs encouraging them to lobby Government to strengthen the statutory duties placed upon local authorities with regards to the oversight of children educated at home.	Update to be provided at the meeting	