

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY PANEL		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - PERFORMANCE		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	7 NOVEMBER 2019		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	DIRECTOR – LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE		
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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>			
None			
<b>BRIEF SUMMARY</b>			
<p>Attached as Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 are the key data sets for Children and Families up to the end of September 2019. At the meeting the Cabinet Member and senior managers from Children and Families will be providing the Panel with an overview of performance across the division since August 2019.</p> <p>In addition, as requested by the Panel, the Service Director for Children, Families and Education will present the key findings from the analysis undertaken to develop understanding of the increase in demand for safeguarding services experienced in Southampton during 2019.</p>			
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>			
	(i)	That the Panel consider and challenge the performance of Children and Family Services in Southampton.	
	(ii)	That the Panel note and consider the findings from the analysis undertaken to improve understanding of the increased demand for safeguarding services in Southampton in 2019.	
<b>REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS</b>			
1.	To enable effective scrutiny of children and family services in Southampton.		
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</b>			
2.	None.		
<b>DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)</b>			
3.	To enable the Panel to undertake their role effectively members will be provided with appropriate performance information on a monthly basis and an explanation of the measures.		
4.	Performance information up to 30 September 2019 is attached in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2. An explanation of the significant variations in performance will be provided at the meeting.		
5.	The Cabinet Member for Aspiration, Children & Lifelong Learning and representatives from the Senior Management Team, Children and Families		

	have been invited to attend the meeting and provide the performance overview.
6.	At the 25 July 2019 meeting the Panel were informed that the Council's Intelligence and Strategic Analysis Team had been commissioned to help develop our understanding of the factors that had caused the surge in demand for children's safeguarding services in Southampton in 2019.
7.	At the request of the Panel the Service Director for Children, Families and Education will present the information at the meeting.
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Capital/Revenue</u></b>	
8.	None.
<b><u>Property/Other</u></b>	
9.	None.
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u></b>	
10.	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.
<b><u>Other Legal Implications:</u></b>	
11.	None
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS</b>	
12.	None
<b>POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS</b>	
13.	Improving the effectiveness of the political scrutiny of children's safeguarding will help contribute to the following priorities within the Council Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children and young people get a good start in life</li> </ul>
<b>KEY DECISION</b>	No
<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	None directly as a result of this report
<b><u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u></b>	
<b>Appendices</b>	
1.	Children and Families Monthly Dataset – September 2019
2.	Early Help Dataset – September 2019
3.	Glossary of terms
<b>Documents In Members' Rooms</b>	
1.	None
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>	

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessments (ESIA) to be carried out?		No
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>		
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out?		No
<b>Other Background Documents</b>		
<b>Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:</b>		
Title of Background Paper(s)		Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	None	