

Children and Families Scrutiny Panel

Scrutiny Monitoring – 17 June 2021

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01/10/20	Children's Services - Performance	1) That the planned threshold review is considered at a future meeting of the Panel.	The threshold review is underway. It is recommended that the document is presented at the next Scrutiny Panel.	Recommend review in July 2021										
01/10/20	Recruitment of In-House Foster Carers	1) That consideration be given to providing full time funding for the proposed specialist foster carers.	The funding for specialist foster carers sits within the fostering recruitment budget and therefore provides the service with the capacity to grow the specialist offer.	Recommend review in July 2021										
		2) That examples of the feedback provided by enquirers who did not progress to become foster carers is circulated to the Panel.	Recommendation that this is rescheduled as part of a broader fostering discussion.	Recommend review in July 2021										
25/03/21	LGSCO Report – Looked After Children	1) That placement sufficiency, including fostering and an audit of the use of unregulated provision is considered at the 17 June meeting of the Panel.	Placement sufficiency is scheduled for discussion at the Panel in July 2021. The service has produced a report on the use of unregulated provision, which is appended to the Ofsted Focused Visit report.											
		2) That the Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) Annual Report is presented to the Panel at the 25 November 2021 meeting of the Panel alongside a report from the Child Protection Conference Chairs.	Provisionally identified for discussion at the January 2022 meeting of the Panel as part of a Quality Assurance focused meeting.											
		3) That the Panel are provided with the range of days that Southampton Children in Care with SEND have to wait for a school place, if a new school is required, following a placement move.	The most recent data available is from the Easter 2021.											
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			<p>Those placed out of city and those who have experienced placement breakdown and move between LA's can experience delays in getting the SEND support they need. Where the virtual school has concerns about this, they readily fund schools and settings above and beyond what is ordinarily available to provide for identified interventions and provision. The Head of Virtual School the Service Manager for SEND will discuss and agree to carry out our own EHC Assessment where this would be delayed if reliant on the host LA. Southampton SEND have been 100% in statutory timescales for 18 months and the virtual school appoint an EP to specifically support children with SEND. The virtual school fund an honorarium for a SEN Officer to have a specific responsibility for CLA in order to ensure there is robust and consistent practice that ensuring collaborative working.</p>	
25/03/21	Children's Services Performance	1) That the Child Sexual Exploitation indicator is reviewed for the June 2021 meeting.	<p>The MET Hub manager has produced a performance briefing paper for the Scrutiny Panel attached as Appendix 2.</p> <p>The review of the Children and Learning Service core data set is scheduled to conclude in July 2021.</p>	