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# **Children Sub-Committee**

Date: Wednesday, 30 March 2016

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Committee Room 1 - Wallasey Town Hall

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# **AGENDA**

1. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 6)

To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the Children Sub-Committee held on 16 December 2016.

#### 2. MEMBER'S CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members are asked to consider whether they have any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any item(s) on this agenda, if so, to declare them and state the nature of the interest.

#### 3. CHILDREN'S CENTRES - PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

To receive a verbal presentation.

- 4. SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP ORDERS (Pages 7 10)
- 5. FEEDBACK FROM RECENT OFSTED INSPECTIONS OVERVIEW

To receive a verbal presentation.

6. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 11 - 18)



# Public Document Pack Agenda Item 1

## CHILDREN SUB-COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 16 December 2015

**Present:** Councillors A Brighouse M McLaughlin

W Clements T Norbury A Davies W Smith

P Hayes

#### 10 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair announced that following a meeting of the full Council held, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, Mr Mark Harrison, Parent Governor Representative was appointed to the Families and Wellbeing Policy and Performance Committee.

Mr Harrison was in attendance to observe the Children's Sub Committee and was introduced to all present.

#### 11 MINUTES OF THE CHILDREN SUB-COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Children's Sub Committee held 23 September 2015 were considered by Members

Councillor W Clements identified an inaccuracy in respect of minute number 1 and requested that her Declaration of Interest be amended to reflect her employment to be in an 'Early Years Setting.'

<u>Resolved</u> – That subject to the above amendment the minutes be approved.

#### 12 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members of the Sub-Committee were asked to consider whether they had any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any relevant interest in connection with any items on the agenda and if so, to declare them and state the nature of the interest.

No such declarations were made.

# 13 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT ANNUAL STATUTORY COMPLAINTS REPORT 2014/2015

Simon Garner, Corporate Safeguarding Manager outlined a report giving information on representations and complaints received by children's specialist services within the Children and Young People's Department for the year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015. The report demonstrated an overview

of complaint trends, performance and areas for development. Members were informed that the report could be accessed on the council's website in line with statutory framework.

Members heard that the vast majority of complaints had been resolved by Council staff or the Customer Resolution and Information Team at an early stage, preventing the need for resource intensive formal complaint investigations and providing the customer with a timely response. Complaints that mostly related to financial matters had been dealt with more proactively in order to minimise the volume of stage 2 complaints.

It was explained that complaints over a perceived breach of confidentiality had been justified as being in line with Working Together to Safeguard Children guidance, whereby the need to share such information had been a requirement in the circumstances of the case.

Members then heard that when reviewing effectiveness, it had been identified that the number of complaints received by children and young people continued to be low in comparison to the number of Looked After Children. It was explained that action taken following consultation with the Children in Care Council; including the provision of a freephone complaints number for children and links within the Right Side of Care website, had not resulted in a marked increase in the number of complaints received from Children and Young People. It was identified that there is a need to be more innovative and creative in involving children and that some work is being undertaken to introduce an advocacy service for those children subject to a Child Protection Plan.

It was further explained that the Customer Resolution and Information team are commissioning a new IT solution with the view to enable a wider range of representations to be recorded and reported on in order to enhance the information available to the department and assist with learning and development.

In response to questions raised by Members, the Corporate Safeguarding Manager advised that an advocacy service is currently being piloted in Wallasey and the project is taking a proactive approach. Members heard that all correspondence is responded to include any verbal or written material that could be considered to be a representation and that early intervention with complaints is working well. Members were then advised that at present there is no timescale for implementing a working protocol between Specialist Services and MST, however, any progress would be reported to a future meeting.

Following a query from Councillor Brighouse regarding comparison with neighbouring authorities, the Corporate Safegaurding Manager informed Members that he did not have this information to hand, however, he would ensure it is included in any future reports.

A recommendation was made for Members to include the Annual Complaints Report to their work programme for consideration ahead of publication.

Resolved - That committee note the report.

# 14 SCHOOLS STANDARD REPORT - ATTAINMENT AT GCSE AND A LEVEL 2015

Sue Talbot, School's Commissioning Manager, gave a verbal presentation to Members on the School Standards Report – Attainment at GCSE and A level 2015.

#### Members heard how:

- Measure in A\* C grades, for English and maths, Wirral had performed
   1 % above the national average;
- 3 + levels performance Wirral had performed 2 % above the national average for English and 1% below the national average for maths;
- Attainment in maths is an issue both nationally and locally, children who receive free school meals are below the average in the subject;
- The A level pass rate had dipped nationally, the average grade attained is now a C;
- There is a real concern that the inequality gap, in education, is not being closed;
- Sixth form provision has become a key line of enquiry for Ofsted inspections; and
- There are some schools with small sixth form colleges that are not as able to offer the breadth of courses to pupils.

A discussion was had regarding the potential for larger sixth form colleges, offering pupils a much wider range of subjects, proving to be more cost effective as secondary schools are experiencing cuts to sixth form funding. It was felt by some Members that in their experience, sixth form colleges are a better use of resources than those associated with particular secondary schools.

A further discussion was had regarding the inequality gap that remains an issue in Wirral Schools with regards to attainment. It was suggested that Members should be involved with visits to schools in order to observe strategies in place as a means to narrow the gap.

<u>Resolved</u> – That Members note the contents of the presentation.

#### 15 POST 16 QUALIFICATIONS AND THE IMPACT ON NEETS - UPDATE

Paul Smith, 14 – 19 Strategy Manager, outlined to Members the content of his report that identified the number of young people transitioning in to post 16 learning and training opportunities whilst also assessing how successful they are by pathway. The report made reference to Post 16 qualifications and the impact on levels of young people not engaged in employment, education and/or training (NEET)

Members were informed that Wirral has a complex post 16 education and learning landscape. It was explained that Wirral young people making the transition at age 16 in to further education and training have a number of options and pathways including, school sixth form, further education (including study programme provision) and Apprenticeships.

Members heard how, locally, post 16 participation rates are good with some 92.9% (adjusted figures as at June 2015) of the 16 to 18 cohort (11,409 young people) participating in some form of employment, education and training (EET). It was explained how the proportions of Wirral young people not in employment, education and/ or training (NEET) have, for the last 12 months, been the lowest ever recorded. The local authority NEET national indicator, published March 2015, detailed the average NEET (adjusted) to be 4.3 percent. It was stated that projected figures for next year are thought to be around 4.8 percent.

Members were informed that the highest attaining young people at age 16 generally progress in to schools sixth form provision at a grammar school and the majority of young people choosing vocational options do so at Wirral Met College where the specialist resources exist. Those young people who are considered to be more vulnerable with a lower level of academic achievement would access first steps provision at an independent provider as a stepping stone to further education and/or training.

The 14 - 19 Strategy Manager explained that the biggest challenge is the level 3 progress measures and it was reported that as 26 percent of schools (5x schools) had statistically significant negative overall academic qualification progress scores.

Members then heard how Apprentice provision in Wirral has always been very strong with high success rates of level 3 vocational courses.

Some associated risks were identified including the fundamental national challenges in relation to post 16 funding and curriculum reform (including Study Programme) and the perception that this is likely to have a significant negative impact on local post 16 participation and levels of NEET.

The 14-19 Manager responded to questions from Members around levels of vocational training and Members were informed that this would be targeted. Members then heard how new providers in education would be emerging and a free market approach would be adopted to commissioning services in schools to move them away from the LA's control. Members were then advised that vulnerable young people and schools with larger inequality gaps would be targeted.

#### Resolved - That committee note the report

#### 16 WORK PROGRAMME FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

A Report by the Scrutiny Support Officer updated members on progress towards delivering the work programme for the Children Sub Committee as agreed for the 2015/16 municipal year.

Councillor Clements requested that a performance report indication be included in the work programme to update Members on Children's Centres progress.

It was proposed by Councillor Norbury that devolution of the Further Education Budget and the Apprenticeship Framework be added to the work programme for the new municipal year.

<u>Resolved</u> – That Members note the contents of the work programme for the Children Sub Committee for the 2015/16 municipal year.

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# Children Sub-Committee 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016 Special Guardianship Orders

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the progress being made in implementing recommendation 9 of the Scrutiny Review of Safeguarding Children in Wirral, December 2015.
- 1.2 The Scrutiny Review obtained evidence directly from council officers and partners, through observations of a child protection case conference, a meeting of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and through meetings with families who have experience of the safeguarding process.
- 1.3 A total of 20 recommendations were made, each of which are being implemented and will be subject to a further report to this Committee.

#### 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Children Sub-Committee is requested to note and comment upon the contents of this report. This is to provide evidence that recommendation 9 of the Scrutiny Review of Safeguarding Children in Wirral report is being actioned.

#### 3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 The Scrutiny Review, cited research into Special Guardianship, 'Investigating, Special Guardianship: Experiences, Outcomes and Challenges' 2014 Department for Education. The research highlighted the positive contribution that Special Guardianship can make to children unable to remain in the care of their birth parents. This is especially significant for those children who have existing relationships with extended family members, and where the preservation of these relationships would benefit the child rather than being severed, as is often the case in adoption outside of the family.

The research also identified that for some very young children who have siblings living with family members, Special Guardianship enables them to establish and maintain those relationships.

3.2 The two main areas that the Scrutiny Report Recommendations being addressed in relation to Special Guardianship are: i) Assessment of potential Special Guardians in line with regulations and procedures and ii) Post Special Guardianship support offered throughout childhood.

#### 4.0 UPDATE & PROGRESS

#### 4.1 Assessment

Wirral Council, in common with all local authorities are required to seek to identify suitable relatives who may care for a child or children, as early as possible, during Care Proceedings. To this end a well-established approach used nationally and internationally, called Family Group Conferencing (FGC) is used to bring relatives together to agree who will be most able and willing to care for a child, if it is not possible to make arrangements for the child to safely return to their parents care. A Family Group Conference is held at the same time as considering whether the child may return home, in order to make every effort to prevent there being any delays for the child.

- 4.2 Once a relative has been identified through FGC, an assessment of their suitability to care for and safeguard the child will be completed by the fostering service, taking account of information from the child's social worker. The assessment criteria for assessing a Special Guardian differs from a fostering assessment in that a Special Guardianship assessment is based on the specific, individual needs and circumstances of the particular child / children, although, it is important to stress that the ability to keep a child safe is central to both forms of assessment. When assessing a potential carer as a Special Guardian, it is essential that they can evidence their ability to evaluate potential risks in the future in order to protect the child / children.
- 4.3 If the plan for the child is for a Special Guardianship Order to be sought at the end of Care Proceedings, then a report is presented to the Permanence Panel evidencing why Special Guardianship is the appropriate plan for this child and how the applicants are suitable Special Guardians. The Permanence Panel will then make a recommendation to the Agency Decision Maker, who is the Assistant Director of Children's Social Care.
- 4.4 It is often the case that the Court will direct that more than one family member at a time will be assessed and that they will be assessed as potential Foster Carers and Special Guardians at the same time. Although this is difficult to manage from a resource perspective, care is taken that this does not affect the quality of assessments.
- 4.5 The recently published Special Guardianship (amendment) regulations 2016 sets out the requirement for a stronger evidence base for the assessment, stating that an assessment of prospective Special Guardians' parenting capacity must include:
  - (i) Their understanding of, and ability to meet the child's current and likely future needs, particularly, any needs the child may have arising from harm that the child has suffered;
  - (ii) Their understanding of, and ability to protect the child from any current or future risk of harm posed by the child's parents, relatives or any other person the local authority consider relevant, particularly in relation to contact between said person and child;
  - (iii) Their ability and sustainability to bring up the child until the child reaches the age of eighteen;

Children's Services in light of the new regulations and supporting court reports is in the process of updating our procedure for Special Guardianship in this respect with associated practice guidance for Social Workers, which will be complete in April 2016. There will also be a programme of training for social work staff to ensure they are all consistently evidencing any safeguarding concerns in their evidence to Court.

4.6 To support the transition towards Special Guardianship for a child / children, Children's Services may recommend to the Court that a Supervision Order is issued in addition to a Special Guardianship Order, to strengthen the authority's responsibilities and duties to support the placement. This is particularly important where there are issues about the supervision of contact between the birth parents and supporting carers, where any risks need to be identified with clear plans in place to manage them.

#### 4.7 Support

The regulatory framework of Special Guardianship support was originally modelled on that for post adoption support. With the introduction in the Children and Family Act 2014, and the creation of a national Adoption Support Fund (ASF), this has created a division in the ability to access funding for therapeutic support, depending on which Order has been granted, rather than considerations being based on the needs of the child and family.

- 4.8 Locally in Wirral, support is provided by the Adoption and Permanence Team to Adopters and Special Guardians. A robust support plan is presented to Permanence Panel at the time of making a recommendation for Special Guardianship, which assesses the needs now and the potential needs of Special Guardians in the future. Special Guardians are able to request an assessment of their current support needs which will usually involve signposting to providers to meet their support needs.
- 4.9 The majority of Special Guardians receive a level of financial support for the care of the child and this is included in their support plan. Financial assessments are reviewed annually; however there is not the same mechanism for reviewing general support needs at this time. It is our plan that a framework for doing this will be developed over the next six months; this is likely to have implications about how resources are deployed.

#### 5.0 FUTURE PLANNING

- 5.1 In order to capture a wide audience to understand Special Guardian support needs more fully, Focus Groups will be held during May 2016 with Special Guardians to consider the breadth of their support needs, so that they are well supported to enable children to reach their full potential. This is a key pledge for partners in Wirral, contained within the Children, Young People and Families Strategy. Support will include access to training for specific support requirements.
- 5.2 Some Focus Group members will then go on to form a Special Guardianship Partnership Group, working with a range of staff delivering and securing early help and prevention services, as well as children's social care, to develop support and services for Special Guardians further. Planning for this has started with some Special Guardians now.
- 5.3 It is our intention through the Focus Groups and the Partnership Group, to develop support groups, newsletters, social activities and training.

Sue Leedham Group Manager – Adoption & Fostering

#### WIRRAL COUNCIL

#### **CHILDREN SUB-COMMITTEE**

#### **30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016**

SUBJECT:	COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME
REPORT OF:	THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE

#### 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report updates members on progress towards delivering the work programme for the Children Sub Committee as agreed for the 2015/16 municipal year. There is also an opportunity for members to review the programme.

#### 2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 The Children Sub-Committee has developed a work programme in order to prioritise the topics which members want to scrutinise within the remit of the Sub-Committee. This work programme should align with the corporate priorities of the Council and be informed by service priorities and performance, risk management information and public or service user feedback.

#### 3.0 THE WORK PROGRAMME

- 3.1 The work programme could include a combination of scrutiny reviews, standing items and requested officer reports. The current work programme for the Children Sub-Committee is shown on page 4 of the attachment.
- 3.2 Members are requested to propose any further items within the remit of the Sub-Committee for inclusion on the work programme. However, it should be noted that any new items will need to be referred to the Chair and members of the Sub-Committee in the new municipal year for inclusion on their new work programme.

#### 4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Members are requested to review the work programme for the Children Sub-Committee for the 2015/16 municipal year.

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## 2015-16 Families and Wellbeing Policy & Performance Committee - Work Programme

(including Children Sub-Committee and the Health & Care Performance Panel)

Key Activities	Lead Member / Officer	Reason for Review	May 2015	June 2015	July 2015	Aug 2015	Sept 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2015	Dec 2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016	April 2016	Outcome
Committee Dates				Tues 30th			Tues 8th		Mon 2nd	Tues 1st	Tues 19th		Tues 8th		
Scheduled Reviews															
Safeguarding Children	Cllr Moira McLaughlin	Agreed by P&P Committee on 5th Dec 2013									Committee report due				19/01/16 Report approved by Committee and referred to Cabinet meeting of 21/03/16.
Reducing hospital admission and dependency on nursing and residential home for older people (To be known as the Avoiding Admissions review)	Cllr Moira McLaughlin	Agreed by P&P Committee on 2nd February 2015													12/08/14 - Spokespersons agreed to prioritise this review for early 2015. 02/02/15 - Committee agreed to establish a Task & Finish Group to work during the 2015/16 municipal year.
Children ready for school		Agreed by P&P Committee on 20th March 2015													Scope meeting held on 2nd March
Budget options	Cllr Moira McLaughlin	Part of the Council's budget process													Workshop held in January 2016. Report to Coordinating Committee on 16th February 2016.
Wirral Plan - Development of delivery plan	Cllr Moira McLaughlin	Proposed by Spokespersons, 21st July													Workshops held in November 2015. Report to Coordinating Committee on 10th December 2015.
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It pct Report from previous In-depth Reviews									•	'					
Looked After Children Review															Committee (02/12/14) requested future progress report in Dec 2015. March 2016 - Committee proposed a short follow-up review to assess the impact of the original review's recommendations. To be added to the 2016/17 work programme.
Implications of the Francis Report for Wirral															12/08/14 - Spokespersons agreed to refer this item to the Health & Care Performance Panel. A report was presented to the Panel on 20/10/14. Future updates will be provided.
Quality Assurance and Standards in Care Homes															12/08/14 - Spokespersons agreed to refer this item to the Health & Care Performance Panel. A report was discussed by the Panel on 19/11/14. Future updates will be provided.
Reports Requested to Committee															
School Traded Services - proposed changes to service delivery (Edsential)	Clare Fish / David Armstrong														Committee (02/12/14) requested future progress updates, which will be provided in 2015/16 municipal year.
Safeguarding Children Annual Report 2014/15	Simon Garner														Complete
All-age Disability Strategy	Julia Hassall / Graham Hodkinson														
Child Poverty Strategy - update	Julia Hassall														Committee (02/02/15) requested future updates re effectiveness of the child poverty strategy. Complete

Updated - 18/03/2016

Key Activities	Lead Member / Officer	Reason for Review	May 2015	June 2015	July 2015	Aug 2015	Sept 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2015	Dec 2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016	April 2016	Outcome
Disability service for children: budget option - progress report	Julia Hassall	Agreed by Spokespersons, 24th Feb 2015													Deferred from 2014/15 municipal year
CRI - Follow-up from Spotlight session on 21st Jan 2015															01/10/15 - Spokespersons agreed to refer this item to the Health & Care Performance Panel.
Public Health Annual Report - 2014	Fiona Johnstone	Agreed by Spokespersons, 4th June 2015													Complete
Draft protocol to promote more effective working between Health & Wellbeing Board, Healthwatch and health scrutiny	Clare Fish	Agreed by Spokespersons, 4th June 2015													Draft protocol approved by F&W P&P on 30/07/15. Also approved by Healthwatch board. Awaiting approval from Health & Wellbeing Board
Healthwatch Wirral - update (including Annual Report)	Karen Prior														
Day centres and the establishment of Wirral Evolutions - progress report	Chris Beyga	Agreed by P&P Committee, 8th Sept 2015													Complete
Childcare Bill - update	Julia Hassall	Agreed by Spokespersons, 3rd Sept 2015													01/10/15 - Spokespersons agreed to remove this item from the work programme.
Adults Safeguarding Annual Report	Bernard Walker / Simon Garner	Agreed by Spokespersons, 1st October 2015													Complete
Meting the housing needs of vulnerable people	Graham Hodkinson / lan Platt	Agreed by Spokespersons, 1st October 2015													19/01/16 - Committee requested a follow-up report in 6 months (July 2016) re the implications of Gov't policy on future plans for Extra Care housing
In (a) ct of the reduction in funding for public health	Fiona Johnstone	Agreed by Spokespersons, 1st October 2015													This issue will be reflected upon as part of the budget workshop (11/01/16)
Dran Children Strategy	Julia Hassall	Agreed by Spokespersons, 9th December 2015													Complete
Healthy Wirral programme	Clare Fish	Agreed by Spokespersons, 9th December 2015													
Local inplementation of the Modern Slavery Act 2015		Agreed by P&P Committee, 19th Jan 2016													A position statement report was requested in advance of possible review work in the 2016/17 municipal year
Services provided by Alzheimer's Society	Sue Newnes	Proposed by Chair following a task & finish meeting, Feb 2016													Suggest report for first meeting of the 2016/17 municipal year
Reports to be distributed to Members for information															
Fostering Annual Report	Julia Hassall / Simon Fisher														Outstanding
Adoption Annual Report	Julia Hassall / Simon Fisher														Outstanding
Health & Wellbeing Strategy	Fiona Johnstone		_												
Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control - update	Julie Webster	Agreed by Spokespersons 7th January 2014													Complete

Key Activities	Lead Member / Officer	Reason for Review	May 2015	June 2015	July 2015	Aug 2015	Sept 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2015	Dec 2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016	April 2016	Outcome
Referrals from other Committees			•	•		•	•					•	•	•	
NOM - Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control	Fiona Johnstone	Agreed by P&P Committee 28th Jan 2014													Member's briefing produced. Complete
NOM - Becoming a 'Dementia-friendly' Council	Proposed: Cllr Tom Anderson; Seconded: Cllr Tracey Smith	Referred from Council, 14th July 2014													Complete
NOM - Mental Health Challenge	Proposed: Cllr Tom Anderson; Seconded: Cllr Lesley Rennie	Referred from Council, 6th July 2015													Complete
Standing Items															
Performance Dashboard															
Financial Monitoring															
Policy Inform - Update															
Budget scrutiny															
Focus On' Sessions															
Vanguard Project	John Develing / Jo Goodfellow / Clare Fish	Proposed by Spokespersons 4th June 2015			20th										Complete
All-se Disability Service	Clare Fish / Julia Hassall / Graham Hodkinson	Proposed by Spokespersons 4th June 2015													01/10/15 - Spokespersons agreed to remove this item from the work programme.
W Community Trust: update on service delivery	Karen Howell / Sandra Christie	Agreed by Spokespersons, November 2015										17th			
Megal Health	Clare Fish	Proposed by Spokespersons 4th June 2015													Deferred to 2016/17 municipal year
Proposed implementation of the Care Act 2014	Graham Hodkinson	Proposed by Spokespersons 4th June 2015													Deferred to 2016/17 municipal year
Health Inequalities	Fiona Johnstone	Proposed by F&W P&P Committee 8th July 2014													Deferred to 2016/17 municipal year

Key Activities	Lead Member / Officer	December Devices	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	0.4
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Children Sub-Committee															
Sub-Committee meetings							23rd			16th			30th		
Early Years and Children's centres / 'Giving Wirral children the best start in life'	Julia Hassall / Deborah Gornik	Officer report prior to possible task and finish work													
School standards report regarding outcomes for Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2, GCSE and A Levels, including impact on 'narrowing the gap'	Deborah Gornik / Sue Talbot	Officer report requested													
Children social care reorganisation	Julia Hassall / Lisa Arthey	Officer report requested													
Exception reports highlighting positive and negative aspects arising from school Ofsted inspection reports	Deborah Gornik / Sue Talbot														
Complaints report for Children's Services	Julia Hassall / Simon Garner	Agreed by Spokespersons, 1st October 2015													To be retained for the 2016/17 work programme (and to include comparators with other Local Authorities)
School standards report - attainment at GCSE and A Level: 2015	Sue Talbot	Agreed by Spokespersons, 1st October 2015													
Post 16 qualifications and the impact on NEETs	Julia Hassall	Agreed by Spokespersons, 1st October 2015													
omes of the Wirral Council Ofsted inspection (if	Julia Hassall	Agreed by Spokespersons, 1st October 2015													
Visits to both high performing and under-performing schools in terms of attainment.		Proposed by Children Sub-Committee , 23/09/15													Visits to be arranged during summer term 2016
Special Guardianship Orders		Proosed by Chair, 30/11/15, as a result of the Safeguarding scrutiny review													
Governance arrangements and role of scrutiny in safeguarding		Proosed by Chair, 30/11/15, as a result of the Safeguarding scrutiny review													Deferred to 2016/17 municipal year
Children Centres - Performance Indicators (CSC018 - CSC021) - further explanation		Proposed by Children Sub-Committee , 16/12/15													
Devolution of the Further Education budget and the apprenticeship framework		Proposed by Children Sub-Committee , 16/12/15													To be considered for the 2016/17 work programme

Key Activities	Lead Member / Officer	Reason for Review	May 2015	June 2015	July 2015	Aug 2015	Sept 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2015	Dec 2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016	April 2016	Outcome
Health & Care Performance Panel															
Panel meetings						20th	28th		25th		12th		16th		A meeting to review the draft Quality Accounts of health partners is scheduled for Tues 10th May 2016
Care home and domiciliary care – performance report (Amanda Kelly)	Amanda Kelly	Proposed by H&CPP, 19/11/14													
The impact of changes to Out of hospital services	Jacqui Evans	Proposed by H&CPP, 01/04/15													
Preparations for winter pressures	Jacqui Evans	Proposed by H&CPP, 01/04/15													
Quality framework and performance measures for the health sector in Wirral	Lorna Quigley	Standard agenda item													
Feedback from Quality Surveillance Group	Lorna Quigley	Standard agenda item													
Francis Scrutiny review – review of recommendations	Lorna Quigley, Jill Galvani, Alan Veitch	Proposed by H&CPP, 20/10/14													Deferred to 2016/17 municipal year
Care Homes Scrutiny Review – review of recommendations	Amanda Kelly	Proposed by H&CPP, 19/11/14													Suggest report for first meeting of the 2016/17 municipal year
Social care complaints report, to include domiciliary care	David Jones	Proposed by H&CPP, 04/02/15													Follow-up report - Deferred to 2016/17 municipal year
WUTH: Follow-up report relating to issues arising from the CQC action plan (Sept 2014)	Jill Galvani, Evan Moore, Jean Quinn	Proposed by H&CPP, 01/04/15													
WLITH: Follow-up report relating to issues arising from the st Improvement Plan	Anthony Hassall	Proposed by F&W P&P Committee, 02/02/15													P&P Committee (02/02/15) requested future updates
WDH: Follow-up report relating to issues arising from Art targets		Proposed by F&W P&P Committee, 02/02/15													
The implementation of the Better Care Fund (H&CPP, 01/04/15)	Jacqui Evans	Proposed by H&CPP, 01/04/15													01/10/15 - Spokespersons agreed to remove this item from the work programme.
Partnership Trust (Inspection of June 2015)	Sheena Cumiskey / Jo Watts / Suzanne Edwards	Proposed by H&CPP, 20/08/15													
Drug and alcohol service / CRI - performance update	Julie Webster / Gary Rickwood + CRI	Agreed by Spokespersons, 1st October 2015													
CQC inspection report for WUTH (Inspection of Sept 2015)		Agreed by Spokespersons, 1st October 2015													To be arranged - once the report is available
WUTH: incidents of infection rates		Proposed by H&CPP, 25/11/15													
Macular degeneration		Agreed by Chair, 25/11/15													
Continuing Healthcare funding	Karen Prior - Healthwatch	Proposed by F&W P&P Committee, 01/12/15													Suggest report for first meeting of the 2016/17 municipal year
Improving people's experience of integrated care (service user experience questionnaire) - Performance Indicator ADDP13		Proposed by F&W P&P Committee, 01/12/15													Complete
Member visits to CRI services		Proposed by H&CPP, 25/11/15													Visit arranged for 10th March 2016.

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