

**Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Wednesday, 3 July 2019**

REPORT TITLE:	STATUTORY CARE PLANS
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF INTELLIGENCE (SCRUTINY TEAM MANAGER) BUSINESS SERVICES

REPORT SUMMARY

This report (included as Appendix 1) provides the findings and recommendations emanating from the Statutory Care Plans Scrutiny Review

Members of the Children and Families Overview & Scrutiny Committee are requested to consider the contents of this report and support the recommendations arising from this review.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1. Members of the Committee are requested to support the contents and recommendations of the Scrutiny Report, 'Statutory Care Plans';
2. The report be referred to the next appropriate Cabinet meeting for consideration of the recommendations made.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

The Scrutiny Review report is subject to review by Members of the Committee and is required to be referred to Cabinet for consideration.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not Applicable

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 As part of the Children and Families Overview & Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme, a Task & Finish Scrutiny Review on Care Plans was agreed. The Review Panel consisted of Cllrs. Tom Usher, Chris Carubia, Chris Meaden, Jean Stapleton and Cherry Povall

3.2 It was agreed that Cllr Tom Usher would be the Chair of the Panel. The review was conducted over several meetings held with relevant Council officers, the Children in Care Council, publications from other local authorities and public bodies.

3.3 The Review Panel's objectives in doing this work were to understand the implications of the 2016 Ofsted Report and subsequent Improvement Journey and to present a series of recommendations designed to help improve care planning in Wirral

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

Not Applicable.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

Not Applicable

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

Not Applicable

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

This report is for information to Members and there are no direct equality implications.

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APPENDICES:

Appendix 1: Care Plan Scrutiny Review

Background Papers

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date