

Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel

Chair: Councillor Qaiser Azeem

Vice Chair: Councillor Stephanie Haynes

Scrutiny Support: Earl Piggott-Smith

Remit, Function and Measures

The scrutiny of:

- Provision of all local authority services for children and young people including education, early intervention and prevention, social care, special needs and commissioned services.
- Children's safeguarding including child exploitation.
- Ensuring that children have the best start in life and good early development
- Ensuring high quality education that closes the attainment gap
- Ensuring that children and young people grow up happy with good physical, social and mental health, and wellbeing
- Ensuring that every young person in the city is equipped for adulthood with life skills and ready for work
- Ensuring that families are strengthened where children are vulnerable or at risk
- % of Early Years and Childcare settings rated Good or Outstanding
- % of take up of 2-year-olds benefitting from early education
- % of schools in the city that are rated Good or Outstanding
- Average Attainment 8 score per pupil
- % gap in Attainment 8 score gap between advantaged and disadvantaged children
- % of 16 and 17 year-olds with SEND in education, employment, or training
- % of care leavers in education, employment, or training
- First time entrants into the Youth Justice System per 10,000 population
- Rate of children open to social care per 10,000 population under 18
- % of repeat referrals into Childrens Social Care with 12 months
- % of children and young people in care who have had 3 or more placements in the year
- % of EHC plans issued within 20 weeks

Item	Description	SEB Lead	Officer Report/Author Lead	Date of Meeting	Publication Date	Status
Wolverhampton Children and Young People's Self-Evaluation 2023-24	This is an annual report that is presented to the panel for comment.	Emma Bennett	Alison Hinds	27 July 2023	19.7.23	Completed
Principal Social Worker Annual Report 2022 - 2023	This is an annual report that is presented to the panel for comment.	Emma Bennett	Jennifer Rogers	27 July 2023	19.7.23	Completed
Education, Skills and Employment Strategy – Pre-Decision Scrutiny	At the request of the Director, agreed by the Chair	Emma Bennett	Laura Collings	27 July 2023	19.7.23	Completed
SEND Written Statement of Action - DFE/NHS monitoring meeting - update	This will be a verbal update on the findings from the DFE/NHS monitoring visit on 6 July 2023 and update from Cross Party Scrutiny Review Group - Written	Alison Hinds	Brenda Wile	4 October 2023	26 September 2023	Completed

	Statement of Action					
Childcare Sufficiency Assessment	This is an annual report that is presented to the panel for information and comment.	Alison Hinds	Phil Leivers	4 October 2023	26 September 2023	Completed
WST Exploitation Thematic Review	At the request of the SEB lead	Alison Hinds	Andrew Wolverson	4 October 2023	26 September 2023	Completed
WST Knife Crime Thematic Review	At the request of the SEB lead	Alison Hinds	Andrew Wolverson	4 October 2023	26 September 2023	Completed
Semi-supported accommodation registration and children's homes not registered with Ofsted update	At the request of the SEB lead	Alison Hinds	Jazmine Walker/ Alison Hinds	4 October 2023	26 September 2023	Deferred
Budget and Performance Update	Request from Director to add this item to the agenda.	Alison Hinds/Brenda Wile	James Barlow Amanda Sherrard James Amphlett	22 November 2023	14 November 2023	Completed
Transforming Childrens Services Programme Annual Report 2022 - 2023	Request from Director to add this item to the agenda	Alison Hinds	Emma Deakin	22 November 2023	14 November 2023	Completed

Families First for Children Pathfinder Programme	Request from Director to add this item to the agenda	Alison Hinds	Rachel King	22 November 2023	14 November 2023	Completed
Family Hubs and Start for Life Offer Programme – to be circulated for information only prior to meeting	The panel requested an update on plans to establish the programme and to review progress.	Alison Hinds	Alison Hinds	22 November 2023	14 November 2023	Completed
Virtual School Head Annual Report 2023	Request from Director to add this item to the agenda	Brenda Wile	Darren Martindale, Virtual School Head	31 January 2024	23 January 2023	Programmed
School Exclusion and Suspension - update on local data including plans to further reduce the number of school exclusions a	The panel requested on update on plans to reduce the number of school exclusions and suspensions.	Alison Hinds	Brenda Wile /Jameel Mullan	31 January 2024	23 January 2023	Programmed
Education Excellence: Update and monitoring	The panel requested an update on progress following the presentation of a previous report	Alison Hinds	Phil Leivers	31 January 2024	23 January 2024	Programmed

	draft in January 2023.					
SEND and Inclusion Strategy (pre-decision scrutiny)	At the request of the SEB lead	Alison Hinds	Brenda Wile	31 January 2024	23 January 2024	Programmed
Wolverhampton Children and Young People's Self-Evaluation	Request from Director to add this item to the agenda	Alison Hinds	Helen Bakewell, Head of Inclusion & Empowerment	13 March 2024	5 March 2024	Programmed
Childrens Services Social Work and Wider Workforce Health Check Survey	This is an annual report that is presented to the panel for comment specifically on the survey findings from social workers and other workers in children's service.	Alison Hinds	Courtney Abbott / Jennifer Rogers	13 March 2024	5 March 2024	Programmed
School Place Sufficiency Strategy	To report on the plan following request from the Chair.	Alison Hinds	Brenda Wile / Bill Hague	13 March 2024	5 March 2024	Programmed
School Appeals	Panel requested a progress report on actions.	David Pattison	Laura Gittos / Jaswinder Kaur	13 March 2024	5 March 2024	Programmed

To be scheduled

- Children's Oral Health – 2024 special meeting (tbc)
- Wolverhampton Holiday Activities and Food Programme Annual Report 2022/2023 - to be sent for information
- Proposed visit to new Childrens Residential Care Homes (2024 tbc) - Alison Hinds
- Proposed visit to Family Hub network (2024 tbc) - Alison Hinds
- Education, Skills and Employment Strategy update – July 2024