

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
(CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND SAFEGUARDING)
26 SEPTEMBER 2023**

WORK PROGRAMME REPORT – ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. INFORMAL MEETING OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS – 21 SEPTEMBER 2023

- 1.1 An informal meeting of Committee Members took place on 21 September 2023, when information on Emotional Health and Wellbeing Services was received from a range of external Health Partner Providers, together with representatives from the Camhelions, a group that represents young service users.
- 1.2 Committee Members came up with a range of proposals which require formal Committee approval, and these are set out below:

That:

- (a) Health Providers be urged to work with the Camhelions group to improve their social media presence.
- (b) the Committee be requested to consider an in-depth review of the issues around transition between services for children into adulthood.
- (c) the Committee be recommended to request the receipt of further information around the pathway to services for looked after children and vulnerable children, recognising that there will be a particular focus on children vulnerable to exploitation in the forthcoming Ofsted monitoring visit.
- (d) the Committee be requested to receive a presentation on ASD/ADHD services, in particular around progress in addressing any backlog issues.
- (e) the Member Development Steering Group be requested to consider working with Providers to ensure that all elected members are provided with a briefing pack which signposts to the difference services, to include a laminated chart which can be displayed in Ward Surgeries.
- (f) the Committee be recommended to request receive regular updates on numbers of children placed “out of area”, whether in mental health in-patient placements or social care settings.

- (g) a visit to the Sunflowers House building at Alder Hey be arranged for Committee Members.
- (h) further information be requested on the provision of information on the geographical spread of the use of services such as Kooth, to understand why it is being underused in some areas.
- (i) the Committee be recommended to receive further information on the loss of youth services and the impact this has had.
- (j) the Committee be requested to give consideration as to how it can take account of the views of young people using the services, when making decisions.

1.3 The Committee is requested to formally approve the above recommendations.