

BRIEFING NOTES for the Children & Young Peoples' Overview & Scrutiny Committee Meeting Friday 22nd September 20206

Issues looked at over the last annual quarter.

SEN Review.

The consultation period for consideration of the proposed changes to SEN in North Yorkshire has now closed and the officers of the directorate are now collating the findings and it is proposed that a report of these findings will go to the December Full Council Meeting. There will be a Seminar for members on any proposed changes on Wednesday, 25th October at 10.30am.

Adaptations for Young People with Disabilities.

The C&YP Executive recently considered a report requesting a grant of £45,248 be spent on modifying the home of a young person (10) with severe physical disabilities and agreed to this expenditure. Without this grant he would have had to be cared for away from his family at considerable cost. (minimum cost of £2000 per week).

Children Looked After GCSE Results

At the time of writing these have been requested, but are still awaited.

Performance Indicators (Social Care)

These have not been available for some time because of the changes to the County Council Structure and changes in staffing. These are now again available and on the whole show that we have improved in the numbers of children being adopted, and fewer young people are "looked after". However there is some concern about the numbers of children that are being Re-registered on the Child Protection Register and a full audit has been undertaken. A report will be made to a future meeting.

Independent Reviewing Officers.

This is a statutory requirement. We have two IRO managers in place, each managing half the IROs – one for Safeguarding and the other for Looked After Children. Administration managers are also in place and each manage two teams of admin coordinators who will facilitate the Child Protection Conference System and the LAC Review System. There are 10 IRO posts,

Youth Offending Team

The inspection of this is underway and will feed into the JAR and the CPA. It is hoped that Leslie Ingleson will give a presentation of the work of the YOT to one of these meetings.

Joint Area Review

At the time of writing, this is still in progress.

Future Issues

Children & Young People's Locality Strategy
Children & Young People's Service Information & Communication
Budget Issues

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