

CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	26 th September 2019
REPORT OF	Director for Communities (Statutory Scrutiny Officer)
SUBJECT	Tracking the Recommendations of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel
STATUS	Open

CONTRIBUTION TO THE COUNCIL PLAN/STRATEGIC AIMS

The scrutiny panels act as a reviewing mechanism for decisions made relating to the strategic policy, performance and resources required to deliver the ambitions of the Council and its key partnerships. The aim of the scrutiny process is to make sure decision making is robust by providing constructive challenge. This contributes to the Council being effective and efficient, and therefore is integral to the delivery of the Council Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The scrutiny panels have adopted a template in order to track their recommendations.

MATTER(S) FOR CONSIDERATION

Members are asked to look at the progress against the recommendations and agree to sign off any recommendations that have been completed, so that they can be removed from the table.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

- 1.1 Each scrutiny panel has a standard agenda item so that they can check progress against the recommendations they have previously made.
- 1.2 Members are asked to look at the progress against the recommendations and agree to sign off any recommendations that have been completed, so that they can be removed from the table. It would also be effective to sign off any recommendations that have not been completed but which are no longer considered to be an efficient use of resources, or where priorities have changed.
- 1.3 Appendix A of this report contains the recommendations previously made by the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel.

2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- 2.1 Risk assessments will already have been carried out on the reports that these recommendations have come from.
- 2.2 Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include risk assessment(s) by the author(s) concerned.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 3.1 Not applicable to this report.

4. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 The panel's tracking report demonstrates that the panel monitors progress on its recommendations and required actions. This report further demonstrates the breadth of matters considered by scrutiny.

5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial considerations included within this report, beyond scrutiny's enhanced role in monitoring delivery of the council's budget and medium term financial plan.

6. MONITORING COMMENTS

- 6.1 In the opinion of the author, this report does not contain recommended changes to policy or resources (people, finance or physical assets). As a result, no monitoring comments have been sought from the Council's Monitoring Officer (legal), Section 151 Officer (finance) or the Strategic Workforce Lead (human resources).

7. WARD IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Potentially impacts on all wards.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Minutes from the Children and Life Long Learning Scrutiny Panel - <http://www.nelincs.gov.uk/committees/>

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TRACKING OF RECOMMENDATIONS – CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	RECOMMENDATION	RESPONSIBLE	PROGRESS/COMMENTS
28.9.17	<u>SPCLL.23 – Safeguarding</u> The panel receive quarterly reports on the numbers of social work cases.	Head of Safeguarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the forward plan agenda
27.9.18	<u>SPCLL.24</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members were invited to attend a primary and secondary BAC's meetings A workshop be set up to look at exclusions in more depth. 	Scrutiny and Committee Adviser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing Workshop to be held in 2019/2020 municipal year.
29.1.19	<u>SPCLL.46 – Pupil Place Planning</u> The panel receive an annual update on pupil place provision, noting the impact of any new housing developments.	Scrutiny and Committee Adviser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the agenda forward plan for 2019/2020.
29.1.19	<u>SPCLL.47 – Local Safeguarding Children's Board</u> A breakdown of the level of child poverty per ward be circulated to members of this panel. Information on the number of children who did not access free school meals when entitled to, be circulated to members of this panel.	Director of Children's Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information requested from officers.
21.3.19	<u>SPCLL.33 and SPCLL.58 – Autism Spectrum Conditions Diagnosis Access Pathway</u> The findings report from Healthwatch about the Autism Spectrum Conditions Diagnosis Pathway be brought to the panel meeting in	Director of Children's Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date to be confirmed

	July 2019.		
21.3.19	<p><u>SPCLL.60 – New Safeguarding Arrangements</u></p> <p>The final safeguarding arrangements report be brought back to the panel meeting in July 2019</p> <p>Officers to arrange training for all members on the new safeguarding arrangements.</p>	Director of Children's Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed
11.7.19	<p><u>SPCLL.3 – Questions</u></p> <p>Invite Young Mind matters to a future panel meeting to talk to the panel about the service in relation to the access pathway.</p>	Scrutiny & Committee Advisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date to be confirmed

Appendix A

TRACKING OF RECOMMENDATIONS –

Autism Spectrum Conditions Diagnosis Pathway Working Group

RECOMMENDATION	PROGRESS/COMMENTS
Plans for a new proposed single access pathway for ASC from March 2018 continue to be developed, quality assured and implemented	<p>Updated 16th September 2019</p> <p>Work is well underway to redesign the process to meet the feedback we have received and match national guidance and best practice. A series of engagement events have held attended by parents, Health, Education, Social Care, Healthwatch, and Barnardo's we have redesigned a new way of working to address the feedback received, petition and the challenges within the wider SEN system. We are currently developing a more detailed delivery and programme plan covering communications and engagement; resources and information; detailed process design; and IT requirements. Further parental engagement is planned for co-production of branding</p>

	<p>and presentation of the final model during October.</p> <p>A myth busting document in response to the petition is being drafted and FAQs refreshed which were originally produced in March 2019 https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/7239-Access-Pathway-Folder.pdf</p>
<p>Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel receive a detailed report in July 2018 to outline progress to date with the new proposed single pathway, specifically the support of children and families affected by ASC and other related conditions and identify ways to monitor this topic via key performance indicators and / or outcomes.</p>	<p>Complete</p>
<p>Evidence based future scrutiny of provision for support and diagnosis for ASC and other related conditions include SMART targets, key performance indicators, benchmarks etc. to ensure that outcomes are being met. Parents should contribute to the evaluation of services.</p>	<p>We have reviewed local practice, NICE guidance (autism/ADHD) and best practice when developing the new model. The model will be presented on the 22nd October 2019 at a special scrutiny workshop and presented to cabinet on the 6th November for sign-off.</p> <p>Autism screening, diagnostic and assessment performance for over 5s has publically available and is updated on a quarterly basis https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Autism-Screening.pdf</p>
<p>Plan immediately to provide support and (if appropriate) diagnosis for those families who feel they have not been helped in recent years and to date and provide a report for the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel to include details on the resource implications.</p>	<p>Access Pathway Coordinator Role started post on the 8th July. The Coordinator has been taking enquiries, attending parent groups and has held two meet the coordinator sessions during august with further engagement planned.</p>
<p>Consideration be given to rationalising or limiting the number of parenting courses prescribed to a single family. Report to Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel.</p>	<p>Family hubs have re-designed the parenting offer and approach.</p>
<p>A timely independent expert(s) review be invited to consider the effectiveness of NELC's approach to supporting children and families affected by ASC and other SEND. The results to be presented to the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel.</p>	<p>Healthwatch to present findings to scrutiny.</p>

