

## Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Tracking Decisions 2023/24

Resolution	Target Date, Officer Responsible and Progress
<p>Jean Kelly to provide data to the Education and Children's Social Care OSC in response to Councillor Harrison's query on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many children have 'stepped up' from a Child in Need plan to a Child Protection plan?</li> <li>2. How many children and young people have successfully 'stepped down' from a Child in Need plan to Universal services and have no longer required the services of Plymouth City Council's Children's Social Work Service (CSW).</li> </ol> <p>This data is to be provided to Councillors before the next Scrutiny meeting and should also be reported within the next Performance report.</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 16 June 2022</p> <p><b>Progress:</b> Action sent to Jean for progression.</p> <p><b>Date:</b> January 2023</p> <p><b>Progress:</b> Update from Paul Stephens (Performance Advisor): the <u>recording</u> of the activities, management, and outcomes for children are held within the Eclipse case management system (at a child level).</p> <p>However, meaningful <u>reporting</u> of historical movement, for example, transferring between services is not currently in place. This is a known reporting requirement on our 'reporting change log' and is awaiting the necessary developer resources to progress.</p>
<p>Sharon Muldoon to circulate the new Recruitment and Retention Strategy once implemented to the Committee. This would also be placed onto the work programme for the Committee's consideration.</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 03 July 2023</p> <p><b>Progress: Complete.</b> Item has been input onto the work programme for the Committee's consideration.</p>
<p>Work to be undertaken with Youth Parliament to understand young people's views on exam readiness.</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 12 December 2022</p> <p><b>Progress:</b> Jim Barnicott/Sharon Muldoon/Jenny Way</p>
<p>Sharon Muldoon to provide figures for children going down the route for an EHC. To provide figures of 6 week decision progress and 20 week production of the plan deadline.</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 15 February 2023</p> <p><b>Progress: Complete.</b> Update was provided to the committee at the February Scrutiny session.</p>
<p>The Committee would be provided updates on all disadvantaged groups when the Department For Education provided final validated data. The Committee would also be</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 15 February 2022</p> <p><b>Progress: Complete.</b> Heard at the February Scrutiny Committee.</p>

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<p>provided updates on KSI and end of KSI attainment and phonics as well as KS4.</p> <p>To also go onto the work programme for February's meeting,</p>	
<p>Sharon Muldoon to extend an invitation to the Regional Director for South West Hannah Woodhouse to attend an Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 12 December 2022</p> <p><b>Progress: Complete.</b> The DfE were being updated monthly through the Improvement Board.</p>
<p>Sharon Muldoon to provide data on Care Experienced young people that were in Education, Employment or Training and data on 18-20 Years old's that were not care experienced to allow for comparison. Councillor Tippetts to be provided an update with current strategies in place to reduce the number of care experienced young people that are NEET.</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 07/07/2023</p> <p><b>Progress: Complete.</b></p>
<p>David Northey to send the monitoring report monthly to the Committee. David would also provide a full detailed breakdown of the numbers within the Monthly Monitoring report at the next scrutiny committee.</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 12 December 2022</p> <p><b>Progress:</b> Complete.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation:</b> To share examples of best practice, including two to three case studies in relation to school uniform policy via the headteachers bulletin.</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 8 June 2023</p> <p><b>Progress: Complete.</b> Best Practice shared within the Headteachers bulletin.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation:</b> For the Education, Participation and Skills service to ensure students in Plymouth are aware of the accompanying entitlements when they receive free school meals to enable better outcomes for children and young people in the city. This information would also be disseminated in Family Hubs to ensure families are aware of their entitlements.</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 21 February 2023</p> <p><b>Progress:</b> Sent via email to Annie/Jane for progression.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation:</b> A letter to be sent to the relevant minister highlighting that the one-year support package for refugee and asylum-seeking families had not been enough and encouraged the government to review the support packages in place and extend those packages.</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 21 February 2023</p> <p><b>Progress: Complete.</b> Letter sent to the relevant minister.</p>

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<p><b>Recommendation:</b> A letter to be sent to the relevant minister highlighting the recruitment and retention pressures on the Early Help sector and requesting the implementation of a national strategy to address this. The letter would also ask that government recognise and value the importance of the early years sector and the staff working within it</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 21 February 2023</p> <p><b>Progress: Complete.</b> Letter sent to the relevant Minister.</p>
<p>The Committee would receive a copy of Plymouth City Council's response to the OSFTED letter when submitted</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 21 February 2023</p> <p><b>Progress: Complete.</b></p>
<p>Cllr Cresswell asked what work had been done by schools in selecting texts which would better engage boys in reading. You advised that this was a key strand within the place-based plan and schools had stepped forward to deliver training and gender was a part of that. You advised that you would provide a written briefing around this;</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 21 February 2023</p> <p><b>Progress:</b> Sent via email to Annie/Jane for progression.</p>
<p>Written response to Cllr Harrison for item 15 Early years - In relation to the graduate leadership scheme is the funding available to all settings or is the Council 'just' supporting through encouragement?</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 21 February 2023</p> <p><b>Progress:</b> Complete. The NPQ in Early Years Leadership is available to all early years and childcare leaders who are qualified to at least level 3 with a full and relevant qualification who are, or are aspiring to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· managers of private, voluntary and independent nurseries</li> <li>· head teachers of school-based or maintained nurseries</li> <li>· childminders with leadership responsibilities</li> </ul> <p>The qualification is advertised through the Early Years and Childcare Bulletin and through Early Years briefings. The qualification is also support through the facilitation of the student seminars by a Plymouth City Council Early Years Improvement Officer.</p>

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	<p>The first cohort started in November 2022. There are 16 students from Plymouth attending.</p> <p>The second cohort started in February 2023. There are 6 students from Plymouth attending.</p> <p>The qualification takes 18 months to complete, therefore we don't know how many students will qualify until the end of the programme.</p> <p>More courses are planned for the Autumn Term, the number of students registering are still being finalised. EPS Early Years Improvement Officers will continue to facilitate taught sessions, in partnership with facilitators from Devon and SWIFT.</p>
<p>Members requested an event/cup of tea in which they would meet the new social workers from overseas which could extend to all new social workers as a chance to welcome them to the city.</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 21 February 2023</p> <p><b>Progress: Complete.</b> Event arranged.</p>