

Children and Families Scrutiny Panel

Scrutiny Monitoring – 26 September 2024

Date	Title	Action proposed	Action Taken	Progress Status
18/07/24	Local Area SEND Inspection	1) That, to help target activity aimed at improving uptake, analysis is undertaken of the mandated healthy child programme developmental checks to identify if there are any significant variations across the city, geographical or otherwise.	<p>Public health analysis and actions arising are detailed below.</p> <p>12–15-month review (HR1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9% of children are seen by 12 months, however higher rates are seen for families on the targeted and specialist pathways (43% and 41% respectively) • A higher proportion of those from deprived areas are seen by 12 months • 28% of children recorded as having SEND are seen by 12 months • 63% of children in Southampton are seen by 15 months, again higher rates for targeted and specialist pathways (88% and 82% respectively) • 72% of children recorded as having SEND are seen by 12 months • Bevois is lower than the city average <p>24–30-month review (HR2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the 24-30 month review, 65% children are seen within specified timescale however higher rates are seen for families on the targeted and specialist pathways (84% and 78% respectively) • 85% of children recorded as having SEND are seen within specified timescale • Bevois and Bargate are lower than the city average <p>Steps that service are taking to improve HR1/2 rates</p>	Complete

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus group with service users to improve communication about the reviews, what they entail and how parents can access – focus on literacy • Talking to parents/carers from global majorities to understand how take up can be increased • Demand and capacity review and further training as a result • Targeting certain cohorts e.g global majority, parents/carers living in wards with lower take ups • Piloting change of information provision to parents/carers <p>As a result of starting the above, the following has been noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An increase in 12-15 month review take up to 75% in August • An increase in 24-30 month review take up to 73% in August. 	
08/08/24	Repeat Child Protection Plans	1) That, to reinforce the message about the value of good practice, the analysis of repeat child protection plans is circulated to all social workers.	Completed - the Lead Independent Reviewing Officer is scheduled to present at the October 2024 practice forum.	Complete
		2) That, reflecting concerns raised in the analysis relating to the impact of changes in social worker, the service undertakes an audit on the quality of handovers provided by social workers.	In progress - recommendation that this is presented in January 2025.	In progress
		3) That the scheduled follow up analysis of repeat child protection plans is provided to the Panel when it is available.	In progress - recommendation that this is presented in January 2025.	In progress

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08/08/24	Annual conversation with Ofsted	1) That an all-members briefing is scheduled to inform councillors about the changes that have been undertaken across Children's Services and Learning.	<p>In progress - the service has met with the Democratic, Meeting Support & PA Manager and we are working to arrange a briefing date.</p> <p>The Head of Quality Assurance has written to the panel chair and vice chair to start planning floor walks.</p>	In progress