

Children and Families Scrutiny Panel

Scrutiny Monitoring – 25 November 2021

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17/06/21	Ofsted Focused Letter	1) That the Cabinet Member for Education lobbies the Government, on behalf of the Council, to give local authorities additional powers with regards to the oversight of elected home educated children.	The Cabinet Member has received a briefing from the Head of Education and Early Years on Elected Home Education.	Partially complete
30/09/21	Post 16 Provision and Participation	<p>1) That, in addition to seeking to learn from best practice in reducing NEET levels, officers liaise with Bristol City Council and Coventry City Council to identify how they were able to reduce NEET levels during the pandemic.</p> <p>Additional recommendation made at 4/11/21 meeting of the Panel:</p> <p>1) That the Panel are provided with a precis of the key findings from the NEETs conversation with Bristol / Coventry.</p>	<p>The Service Manager – Education Strategy, Planning and Improvement has contacted Bristol and Coventry to discuss successful strategies.</p> <p>A meeting with Bristol has been set up.</p> <p>Awaiting a response from Coventry.</p> <p>Response to additional recommendation: The Post 16 Team and I met with leaders at Bristol City Council with regards to their gains in NEET reduction – there were two main reasons for this:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Data Cleansing – they employed an officer to data cleanse as there had been some historic inaccuracies recorded which was impacting on their NEET statistics. This went some way towards reducing their NEET %. 2. Improved engagement with providers and practitioners – during the pandemic the team at Bristol created an online channel and virtual forum for both providers and practitioners to advertise and broker support for YP in real time. They meet fortnightly. Providers have the opportunity to recruit to their programmes and practitioners can bring anonymous cases for discussion and identify support to reengage. This swift action has resulted in the right support at the right time. <p>Colleagues at Bristol CC invited us along to one of their ‘In to Learning’ meetings where we were able to gain an</p>	Complete

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			understanding of their model. The team in Southampton are now adopting that approach with the planned establishment of a new 'Learning Hub' with the aim of strengthening the offer for young people by bringing providers and practitioners together. There will be some initial challenges to overcome (IT permissions for external colleagues) before this is rolled out.	
04/11/21	Children and Adolescent Mental Health Support – Looked After Children	1) That, reflecting the overview of the innovative Shared Training and Assessment for Well-Being (STrAWB) initiative that is referenced on p15 in the Virtual Headteachers Annual report, the Panel receive details relating to how this initiative will work with other services that support the mental health of Southampton's care experienced children and young people.	Response circulated to the Panel – 05/11/21	Complete
04/11/21	Children and Learning Service Improvement Plan	1) That, to provide greater context to the Children's Social Care reduction model and targets, the Panel are provided with information that presents the data and performance trends over a longer time period.	Attached as Appendix 2	Complete