

DECISION-MAKER:	CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY PANEL
SUBJECT:	REPEAT CHILD PROTECTION PLANS - ANALYSIS
DATE OF DECISION:	8 AUGUST 2024
REPORT OF:	ROBERT HENDERSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN AND LEARNING

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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
Not applicable	
BRIEF SUMMARY	
<p>This item outlines the work undertaken to understand why some families come back to Child Protection Planning for a second or subsequent time. An analysis, attached as Appendix 1, was undertaken of 16 families to gain an understanding of why this occurs and to establish what action can be taken and considered to reduce repeat plans in the future. The recommendations will address the issues identified from the analysis to improve future practice.</p>	
RECOMMENDATIONS:	
(i)	That the Panel consider and scrutinise the analysis undertaken on repeat Child Protection Plans, attached as Appendix 1.
(ii)	That a further briefing paper is submitted in 6 months' time to establish if the Family Safeguarding Model has made a difference to repeat Child Protection Plans in Southampton.
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS	
1.	To enable the Panel to scrutinise performance and plans associated with reducing the number of children subject to repeat child protection plans.
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	
2.	Not applicable. The item was requested by the Chair of the Scrutiny Panel.
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
3.	In Southampton our repeat Child Protection Conferences data is higher than our neighbouring authorities. To gain an understanding of the reasons why children were subject to further child protection planning and establish if we can learn from findings and adapt our practice, an analysis of 16 families,

	including 38 children, who presented to conference for a second or subsequent time was undertaken. The analysis is attached as Appendix 1.
4.	The Panel are requested to discuss the analysis and the associated recommendations with the invited officers.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
5.	None at this stage
<u>Property/Other</u>	
6.	None at this stage
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
7.	The Children Protection Act 1989; Working Together 2023
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
8.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
9.	The analysis has been undertaken to identify opportunities to improve practice and outcomes for children and young people in Southampton. Implementing the associated recommendations will help to reduce the risk of children and young people being subject to repeat child protection plans in Southampton.
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
10.	None at this stage

KEY DECISION?	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	Child Protection Analysis – Briefing paper

Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
Equality Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out?	No
Data Protection Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out?	No
Other Background Documents	
Other Background documents available for inspection at:	

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	None