

REPORT OF THE PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE.

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Work Programme for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Committee has started work on the programme based on suggestions put forward by members of the Committee. This programme takes into account the key areas of service delivery that were outlined by the Executive Members in June and will ensure that the Committee can add value to the work of the Executive Members.

The first main topic that the committee are looking at is Children and Young People's Mental Health. This issue had been highlighted by members of the Committee and also by the young people who sit on the Committee.

Young People and Mental Health

Members of the Committee met as a task group on 24th July and 28th August to look at the issues affecting the mental health of young people and children and had received information on the work that was ongoing in the borough and how this sought to tackle the issue and improve the outcomes for children and young people in the borough. The Committee were updated on the work ongoing and the research and proposals put forward by the University of Birmingham. The main findings of the report recommended early intervention and preventative measures which resulted in better outcomes for those with mental health issues.

The Committee looked at how they could influence the bodies who could implement the recommendations. The Committee will seek to address the issue with these bodies and the implementation of the findings which will lead to improved outcomes for service users.

Ofsted Action Plan Progress.

The Committee continued their work with the Executive Member for Children's Services to ensure that the recommendations relating to the Ofsted review of Children's Services were addressed and actions taken where necessary. The committee will be kept informed of progress on a regular basis.

Sylvia Liddle, Chair, People OSC.

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