

DRAFT SCOPING DOCUMENT EDUCATION, CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL

How well do we care for Looked After Children? How can we improve stability and outcomes in their lives?

1. Background

The Scrutiny Management Panel at its meeting on 26 July decided that this should be the next topic for review by the ECYP Scrutiny Panel.

2. Objectives of the Inquiry

- 2.1 To seek reassurance that Portsmouth City Council appropriately cares for its looked after children and that positive outcomes are achieved regarding placement stability, health outcomes and educational attainment.
- 2.2 To investigate the commissioning of care placements to ensure that the process is efficient and effective.
- 2.3 To look into how young people are involved in their care planning and, if appropriate, to improve young people's participation in the care planning process.
- 2.4 To ensure that preparation for independent living and employment potential are maximised.

3. List of possible interviewees:

- Kate Freeman, Looked After Children Service Commissioning Manager
- Stephen Kitchman, Head of Children's Social Care & Safeguarding
- Adam Murphy, Participation Officer, Corporate Parenting Team
- Mary Brimson, Safeguarding Monitoring Commissioning Manager
- Tim McGuire, Education Improvement Commissioning Manager
- Sharon George, Youth Support Commissioning Manager, IYSS
- Dawn Saunders, Associate Director Public Health Trust HQ
- Anne Fleming, Clinical Service Manager, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
- The Looked After Children Nurse
- A representative from the Children in Care Council (CCIC)
- A residential care manager
- A foster carer

4. Programme of Meetings

- 4.1 It is suggested that meetings be held on a 6 weekly cycle. Members are asked to agree a programme of meetings