

Children's Social Care Panel

Terms of Reference

The Purpose of this Panel is to provide strategic oversight at elected member level of children's social care issues, having particular regard to the following areas:-

- (i) Children in Care;
- (ii) Child Protection;
- (iii) Partnership Working.

In order to discharge these duties, the Panel will undertake the following:-

1. Children in Care

- (i) Receive quarterly reports from the Children in Care Panel on its activity, highlighting any areas of concern or examples of good practice and outlining areas where further work is required.
- (ii) Consider quarterly performance reports outlining the department's performance in relation to children in care.
- (iii) Consider reports from regulatory bodies such as Ofsted on services for children in care.
- (iv) Hold the Director of Children and Family Services to account for delivery of her statutory duties in relation to children in care.

2. Child Protection

- (v) Receive quarterly reports from the Child Protection Panel on its activity, highlighting any areas of concern or examples of good practice and outlining areas where further work is required.
- (vi) Consider quarterly performance reports outlining the department's performance in relation to child protection.
- (vii) Consider reports from regulatory bodies such as Ofsted on child protection services.
- (viii) Hold the Director of Children and Family Services to account for delivery of her statutory duties in relation to child protection.

3. Partnership Arrangements

- (ix) Monitor the relationship between the Children's Social Care Panel and partnership bodies, including but not limited to:-
 - The Local Safeguarding Children Board;
 - The Health and Wellbeing Board;
 - The Children's Commissioning Board;

- The Supporting Leicestershire Families Board;
- The Corporate Parenting Steering Board.

Matters of concern or matters which raise policy issues will be referred to the Director of Children and Family Services or the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

Membership

Cabinet Lead Member for Children and Families

Cabinet Support Member for Children and Families

Chairman and Spokesmen of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee