



Health and Care Scrutiny Committee

24 February 2019

Children's Services Working Group

Purpose of Report: Summary

The Group's meetings are split between a Member Development session and Scrutiny of the Children's Services Improvement Plan.

In December the Group received a presentation on Early Help and Eligibility Criteria and undertook scrutiny of the relevant section of the Children's Services Improvement Plan. The Early Help service was launched in July 2019 and aims to address issues at the earliest opportunity to prevent escalation into statutory care. There were still some vacancies to be filled and the Group have asked for a progress report in nine months to see how the service is progressing and to receive a cost benefit analysis.

The Lead Member is to liaise with the service to ensure that publicity and information is circulated to all Members for inclusion in their local newsletters.

January's development session covered children in need of care a support and scrutiny was undertaken of the implementation of signs of safety.

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Background papers: Notes of meetings held on 18 December and 9 January 2020

Group Membership: County Councillors A Jenner (Lead Member), S McNicholas, D Rowlands, E Vaughan, G Williams, J M Williams and R Williams