Update from Children’ Services on Eye Care Scrutiny Recommendation

Report of the Divisional Director, Education, Youth and Childcare

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**Summary:**

In September 2015 the HASSC completed its scrutiny review on local eye care services. One of the recommendations arising from this review was that the Health and Wellbeing Board “considers a range of options to ‘make every contact’ count and introduces a scheme or schemes to encourage and possibly incentivise parents to arrange an eye test for their child prior to starting school”.

This recommendation has been discussed with Children’s Services and there are a few ways this could be achieved:

1. An insert with all relevant information could be designed and printed. This could be placed into the quick guides that are distributed to parents for Reception and Secondary transfer. This would ensure that the information reached the parents, but was distinct from the Admissions information and hopefully was read and digested by parents.
2. A reminder could be added onto the quick guides distributed to parents for Reception and Secondary transfer. The downside of this would be that it could get lost within the information in the guide.
3. Reminders could be placed on the school admissions section of the website on the relevant pages e.g. reception, secondary, In year.
4. A reminder could be added to booklets for school admissions that are published online. Booklets are published on the website for starting school, moving to junior school, moving to secondary school and In year admissions.
5. Possible links through the family information service team (FIS) could target children attending our nurseries/accessing children’s centres.

Once this report has been noted by the HASSC, children’s services will be looking to implement the above.

**Recommendation(s)**

The HASSC is recommended to note the update.
Reason(s)

It is best practice to follow-up recommendations made by scrutiny and monitor their progress to ensure that scrutiny is effective in achieving outcomes. This report also relates to the Council’s priority to enable social responsibility and under it the objectives to protect the most vulnerable, keeping adults and children healthy and safe and ensure everyone can access good quality healthcare when they need it.

Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report:

None.

List of appendices:

None.