OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

6 January 2021

Title: Report requested by recommendation 7 of A2020 Scrutiny Review

Report of the Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health Integration

Open Report

For Information

Wards Affected: All

Key Decision: No

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Summary

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) has requested an overview of how children's social care cases move through the Children's Social Care system so that the complexities of managing this demand can be subject to scrutiny and understood.

In response to this request (Recommendation 7) "The Committee's 2020/21 Work Programme include an item which facilitates further consideration of the end-to-end process for Children's Care and Support (from early help to placement) so that the complexities of managing this demand can be subject to scrutiny and understood, and progress reviewed", a short presentation has been produced with a data snapshot as end of October 2020/21 that shows a) how cases move through the system; and b) the volumes applied to each part of the process. This will be presented at OSC on 6 January 2021.

Recommendation(s)

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note the covering report and appended workflow presentation.

Reason(s)

This has been produced in response to the OSC request related to Recommendation 7.

1. Introduction and Background

1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) has requested an overview of how children's social care cases move through the Children's Social Care system so that the complexities of managing this demand can be subject to scrutiny and

understood. This request relates to the OSC Recommendation 7 - "The Committee's 2020/21 Work Programme include an item which facilitates further consideration of the end-to-end process for Children's Care and Support (from early help to placement) so that the complexities of managing this demand can be subject to scrutiny and understood, and progress reviewed."

- 1.2 In response to this request, a short presentation has been produced showing a) how cases move through the system; and b) the volumes applied to each part of the process. Data included is year to date up to end of October 2020/21. This is set out in Appendix 1.
- 1.3 This will be presented at OSC on 6 January 2021.

Public Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report: None

List of appendices:

Appendix 1: Presentation on the Children's Social Care Workflow