

Safe and Strong Select Committees
Date 11 December 2018

Recommendation		Proposed action (or action already taken)	Lead Member/Officer	Deadline
No. 1	In order to recognise the issues, current and clear data needs to be available to enable co-existing factors for assessment to be established both for the inquiry and for the development of the wider Council strategy. We therefore request a comparative set of 2017/18 data relating to that headed "Understanding the problem" (page 12), from the TSU, to enable the Select Committee to draw comparisons with the 2015/16 figures.	<p>The information provided was the validated annual statutory return information which inevitably involves a 'time gap'. However, the service do have current data available that is used to inform service planning including the Children's System Transformation planning.</p> <p>2017/2018 data can be provided to the Safe & Strong Select Committee when available.</p> <p>The most recent invalidated information will be sent with the response</p>	BIDT	1 st October 2018
2	The One Front Door project is rolled out swiftly throughout Staffordshire to ensure from the outset that we have a holistic view of family circumstances.	The 'One Front Door' initiative has now been fully rolled out across all Local Support Teams. (Achieved August 2018).	Vonni Gordon	Completed
3	Clarification is given on the current situation with regard to addressing	Substance misuse is recognised as a significant issue for the council,	Vonni Gordon Kate Sharratt	Next Safeguarding

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	<p>the issues of substance misuse within the County, including concerns around County Lines and the use of monkey dust</p>	<p>including misuse by parents that impacts on their parenting capacity and safeguarding, and for young people engaged in substance misuse themselves as a user or a supplier. A paper has been submitted to the Staffordshire Safeguarding Childrens Board executive by the County manager for YOS, highlighting County Lines as a safeguarding issue and proposing a strengthened multi-agency approach.</p> <p>The SSCB Exec did not feel that they should lead on this work. A formal request has been made for this to be reconsidered.</p>		<p>Board Executive Group meeting</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>A less intensive service be considered to complement the existing service where there is a lower threshold for qualification into the service.</p>	<p>An additional, less intensive substance misuse service is being developed in collaboration with Tony Bullock, Public Health Commissioner, who has submitted a grant application to extend the IFSS team to provide interventions to substance misusing parents known</p>	<p>Tony Bullock & Vonni Godon</p>	<p>Completed</p>

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		to Children in Need cases.		
5	The IPS is extended to young people between the ages of 8-11 to reflect the increasing likelihood of children of this age requiring emotional psychological and behavioural help.	Additional funding has been secured to extend the Intensive Prevention Service for this age group, the working methodology has been agreed and recruitment of additional staff to take on this work is in progress.	Deborah Ramsdale	Completed
6	Quantifiable evidence of referrals from schools are shared with the Select Committee and this is reviewed as part of the wider early help/children’s centre review taking place in September 2018.	Natasha Moody to provide data about the numbers of referrals from schools to the locality family support providers providing services funded by the dedicated schools grant and the BRFC funding stream.	Mick Harrison & Natasha Moody	On-going
Recommendations to the Corporate Parenting Panel				
7	The promise for more court time to reduce delays that resulted partly from court closures and partly from a slowing down of the system (particularly with regard to the reduction in Special Guardianship Orders and delays in discharge orders) be monitored to ensure the extra court time is given and to establish if this is sufficient to enable	The timeliness of court processes is outside the influence or control of the LA and the Corporate Parenting Panel; the means by which we monitor and address any issues that arise is through the regular meetings with the Judiciary and the Local Family Justice Board.	Mark Sutton Deborah Ramsdale	On-going

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	the delays to be effectively dealt with.			
8	Following representations made to the Family Justice Board, which were in turn fed into the National Board, a working group was set up in January 2018 tasked to consider the significant rise in court proceedings across the Country in the last 2-3 years. We recommend that the Corporate Parenting Panel monitor the outcomes from this national working group to identify the efforts to ameliorate the current concerns.	The Corporate Parenting Panel are updated on the impact of any changes nationally to local practice and policy as these arise.	Mark Sutton Deborah Ramsdale	On-going
9	The Corporate Parenting Panel monitor progress with the new adoption agency partnership between Telford, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire and Shropshire	Corporate Parenting Panel will be advised of progress on the partnership through the scheduled updates on Adoption – the Corporate Parenting Panel will not monitor the progress of the Regional Partnership Board as the work is across 4 local authorities and has its own governance structure and will be also be reporting progress to DfE.	Mark Sutton Deborah Ramsdale	On-going

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Recommendation to the Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Safeguarding Children's Board				
10	<p>In light of the issues raised by the NSPCC <i>'Realising the potential: Tackling child neglect in universal services'</i>, which suggests a lack of awareness amongst partners of their responsibilities around safeguarding, these concerns be raised with John Wood, Chairman of the SSCB, and that the Select Committee specifically raise these concerns during their scrutiny of the SSCB Annual Report.</p>	<p>John Wood to feedback the work undertaken by the SSCB re work related to tacking neglect and work undertaken to raise practitioner awareness..</p> <p>To provide the Safer & Strong Select Committee with a copy of the SSCB annual report.</p>	<p>John Wood Kate Sharratt</p>	