

Children & Education Select Committee – Forward Work Programme 2013/14

14 May 2014: Joined up support for children with disabilities and complex needs

- How is Surrey joining up support for children with disabilities?
- How prepared is Surrey to meet new legislation in this area – for example the requirement to provide and Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC)?
- How is Surrey's role as the SEN pathfinder for the SE7 informing the transition to a single assessment arrangement?

Why scrutinise this area?

- The Children and Families Bill places a duty on services involved in supporting children and young people with SEN to cooperate with each other and in particular requires local authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to make arrangements for joint commissioning.

To be scheduled as part of the Committee's 2014/15 work programme

Early Years

The Education Select Committee previously acknowledged the value of Children's Centres in targeting hard to reach groups and playing a vital role in children's early education, including raising young people's aspirations. It is intended that the Children & Education Select Committee will consider this area of work in more detail during 2014/15.

Post-16 Education

At its meeting on 27 March the Children & Education Select Committee will be considering educational performance up to Key Stage 4. It is intended that the Committee will at a later meeting consider Key Stage 5 performance, within the wider context of the work being undertaken to support the raising of the participation age and the Skills for the Future strand of the Public Service Transformation Programme.

GRT – The Member Reference Group met on 14 November to input into the Council's Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Strategy. The group will meet again in early 2014 to consider the final strategy. A further update will be brought to a future meeting.

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