

CABINET – 28 November 2017

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Public Questions

Question 1: David Beaman, Chairman Leith Hill Music Festival

"Whilst there is greater public awareness of mental health issues what procedures have SCC in place to ensure that all primary and secondary care staff assigned to deal with the needs of citizens with mental issues have the necessary qualifications and receive the training required to safeguard the needs of their clients and that these procedures and good practices will not be affected by reductions in public expenditure".

Reply:

SCC (ASC&PH, CSF) have procedures in place to ensure that all our staff are qualified and trained to the appropriate level for their role to safeguard the needs of people with MH. The independent safeguarding Boards for Children and Adults (SSAB and SSCB) have a statutory requirement to ensure all partners, including NHS service providers (GPs, Hospitals, Community Healthcare providers) have access to safeguarding training appropriate to staff roles and responsibilities.

Mrs Helyn Clack
Cabinet Member for Health
28 November 2017

Question 2: Andrea Collings, Family Voice

As the new policy aims to create a more collaborative approach to working with parents to arrange support with SEND transport, will Cabinet agree to include parent representatives in the Task Group monitoring programmes and outcomes of the policy?

Reply:

Thank you for these questions. Family Voice Surrey have been working closely with officers in developing this policy, and I would like to thank them for their input and support. Due to the importance of this policy for children, young people and families, the Leader of the Council has asked Members to take on a monitoring role for the new policy and travel assistance options. The Task Group will provide the necessary oversight and scrutiny, in keeping with Members' statutory duty to champion and challenge for children and young people. In this role, Members will want to ensure they have a good understanding of families' experience of the service, and will therefore actively seek feedback from Family Voice and other partners in evaluating the impact of the Council's new travel assistance offer.

Officers will also ensure that there are regular opportunities for Family Voice Surrey to participate in implementing the new policy, and will continue to work together with families and other partners to ensure that children and young people who are in need of assistance are effectively supported to access education and training.

Mrs Mary Lewis
Cabinet Member for Education
28 November 2017

Question 3: Lucy Young/Andrea Collings, Family Voice

Will cabinet members agree to revise the wording of the new policy to remove any remaining ambiguity about the council's duty to make suitable arrangements to support eligible children and young people with SEND to travel to their education setting, enabling them to reach school without such stress, strain or difficulty that they would be prevented from benefiting from the education provided (for example, changing "may" to "will" when describing the actions that the council proposes to make; making it clear that the council can only delegate responsibility for the necessary arrangements to parents or young people with their express consent)?

Reply:

The Council is committed to working closely together with families, schools and colleges in ensuring that all eligible children and young people are safe and supported to access education and training, and that they arrive on time and ready learn. This new policy aims to introduce a new way of working with families, encouraging and enabling collaboration where this is possible. This is in response to feedback from families that they would like to work with the Council more flexibly in making home to school transport arrangements. This new policy is designed to support this, and provides the framework to make such arrangements, where this is agreed between parents/carers and the Council.

**Mrs Mary Lewis
Cabinet Member for Education
28 November 2017**