

2 Scrutiny Committee comments on RPPR September 2016

Key areas of interest and lines of enquiry raised by the committees – questions, issues

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

The Committee noted key areas of interest and future lines of enquiry for the RPPR process including:

Revenue Budget

The Committee asked for more detailed information about progress with Children's Services review of all its costs across the department (which it is undertaking in response to a projected overspend for the year of approximately £4million).

Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability (ISEND)

Further clarification was sought regarding the increased costs the ISEND service is experiencing. The Committee were specifically interested in:

whether more could be done to manage public expectations about the level of special educational needs support available; and
delays in converting statements to Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) and the additional costs this may incur.

Mental Health and Young People

More detail was requested about the impact of the savings plan on the provision of services relating to Mental Health and Young People. In particular the Committee asked about progress with the integration of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHs) with the local Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs).

Children's Centres

Further clarification was requested about the impact of the savings plan on Children's Centres. In particular, the Committee asked for more information about the extent of the integration between Children's and Health Services and whether more could be done to maximize this collaboration.

Troubled Families

More detail was requested about the impact of the savings plan on the delivery of services for Troubled Families.