

Purpose

1. The County Council's Health and Wellbeing Committee has agreed to undertake a scrutiny review to examine the transition from care to independence for looked after children.
2. This report provides background information on the context in which this review will be undertaken, the opportunity for Members to identify information that will be required, and develop a scope for the review.

Information

3. On 26 April 2010 the Health and Wellbeing Standing Committee agreed to include in the programme of work for scrutiny a review of the transition services available for young people leaving care.
4. At the first meeting Members will be provided with an introduction to the review. Carol Pattinson, Service Head, and Michelle Lee, Aftercare Service Manager, Children and Young Peoples Services have been invited to discuss with Members information needed to develop a scoping document and work programme. Appendix 1 provides information required to help with the scoping process.
5. When developing the scope for this review, Members are invited to consider the following questions and put forward suggestions for the focus for the review:
 - what are the concerns?
 - what should the review achieve?

- how should the review be undertaken?
6. This meeting will identify issues and concerns about which Members would like additional information and identify potential sources of evidence. A draft scoping document and work programme for completion is attached as appendix 2.
7. Subject to Member agreement the Review Group will meet on four occasions:
- 1 November 2010, 2.00pm
 - 6 December 2010, 2.00pm
 - 17 January 2011, 2.00pm
 - 28 February 2011, 2.00pm.

Recommendations

8. It is recommended Members of the review consider the initial information provided:
- i. develop the scope and work programme for the review
 - ii. identify information required for future meetings
 - iii. agree dates for future meetings.

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Vice Chair, Health and Wellbeing Standing Committee.

Background papers:

Nil