

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)
Draft Work Programme 2008/09

Item	Description	Suggestion	Type of item
Possible items for 2008/09 work programme from 2007/08			
Teenage Conception	<p>The Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care) published a Statement from the Teenage Pregnancy Working Group in April 2008.</p> <p>It recommends that further scrutiny, in the form of a full inquiry, be carried out into teenage conceptions during the municipal year 2008/09.</p>	<p>Propose that Scrutiny Board (Health) is the most appropriate Board to lead on this inquiry.</p> <p>Suggest that the Health Board is asked to consider co-opting one or two Children's Services Board Members to join the Inquiry.</p>	
Education Standards	<p>Last year the Board made a strong recommendation that an inquiry is prioritised in 2008/09 on those entering the education system.</p>	<p>Propose that the Board considers whether this is still a priority area for an inquiry. If it is, a working group could be set up to scope the inquiry over the summer period and bring draft terms of reference to the Board meeting in September.</p>	
Possible items for 2007/08 work programme from June meeting			
14-19 education	<p>A number of issues were raised as potential topics, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14-19 curriculum • Diplomas • Reorganisation of post-16 education • 14-19 review and provision for pupils with learning difficulties and disabilities 	<p>Propose that the Board carries out a further inquiry on progress with the 14-19 agenda.</p> <p>A working group could be set up to scope the inquiry over the summer period and bring draft terms of reference to the Board meeting in September.</p>	
Commissioning	<p>This was raised especially in relation to the voluntary, community and faith sector.</p>	<p>Propose a briefing paper in the first instance to the September meeting on the current arrangements for commissioning through Children Leeds.</p>	

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Attendance	<p>A number of linked issues were raised, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance • Early identification of pupils who may become NEET (not in education, employment or training) • Children missing from education • Achievement of looked after children 	<p>These could be linked as an inquiry or working group topic.</p>	
Transport		<p>Consider further in the light of the response to recommendation 9 of the inquiry into 'services for 8-13 year olds' due in September, and the outcome of the current internal audit review.</p> <p>Potential working group issue</p>	
'National Challenge' programme	<p>This is the government's programme for secondary schools which do not meet the national floor targets</p>	<p>Suggest that the Leeds response is tracked as part of the quarterly overview reporting by the Director of Children's Services.</p> <p>Also links to 14-19 education item above.</p>	
Community Cohesion	<p>This was linked to extended services work.</p>	<p>The Board has looked at extended services extensively as part of its inquiries into 'youth services' and 'services for 8-13 year olds' over the past two years.</p> <p>Suggest that the Environment and Neighbourhoods Board is asked to consider co-opting a Children's Services Board Member in relation to any work that Board undertakes on community cohesion.</p>	