

Work Programme 2024/25

Children's Services and Education

Scrutiny Board

Meeting Date	Item	Presented by
9 September 2024	Sandwell Children's Trust 6-month Performance Review	Emma Taylor – Chief Executive SCT
	Focus on: Residential Homes Sufficiently Strategy – current picture	
	What is being done to achieve 'good' Ofsted rating	
	Annual Regional Adoption Report	Simon Green – Adoption at Heart
	Family Help - The development of Family Help across Sandwell and a partnership practice model	
	Family Hubs - Work being done to embed and sustain Family Hubs	
11 November 2024	SEND Transformation – what work is being undertaken across SEND Services, including transport, sufficiency and place planning	
	Service response to increases in EHCP requests	
	School Attendance – recent challenges and improvements	
	Introduction of 'Care Experience' as a protected characteristic	

6 January 2025	<p>Corporate Parenting – increasing the number of young people 19-21 accessing employment, education and training</p> <p>The Sandwell Offer - Providing work experience and apprenticeship opportunities for young people</p>	
	Youth Service – how the statutory youth service is provided and what it includes	
	Curriculum - Development of the Primary and Secondary Curriculum (PEIA plan)	
24 March 2025	<p>Sandwell Children’s Trust 6-month Performance Review</p> <p>Focus on: Residential Homes Sufficiently Strategy – update</p> <p>Partnership’s response to serious child safeguarding incidents</p>	Emma Taylor – Chief Executive SCT
	The impact of Ofsted – what recent changes have been made to inspections and how has this impacted Sandwell Schools	
	Early Years - Implementing the DfE National Wraparound Programme and the Extended Entitlement offer	
	Child-friendly Sandwell – progress update	

Items to be scheduled

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