

**Policy & Scrutiny Topic Selection Campaign 2018/19**  
**Family & People Services Policy & Scrutiny Committee**

**High Priority Topics**

**Health devolution**

- Monitoring the implementation of the memorandum of understanding on health devolution in London
- North West London Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

**Governance in the North West London Health Service**

- Reviewing the governance systems in place in the health service in North West London
- North West London Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee
- September 2018

**Medium Priority**

**Mental health put of borough placements**

- The Government has set a target of ending out-of-area mental health care by 2020/21 but last year almost 6,000 patients in England were sent elsewhere - a rise of almost 40% in two years. How is this affecting Westminster residents, what are the reasons behind this, how we can we improve this and achieve the government's target?
- Committee meeting

**Mental health patients' experience of the criminal justice system (with City Management & Public Protection Committee)**

- To understand the experiences people with mental health issues have of the criminal justice system. Is the criminal justice system able to treat people with mental health issues? Are their needs met in a way that enables them to access justice? Are alternative pathways available and utilised?
- Task Group (Joint CMCPP and FPS)

**Government's green paper on social care**

- To understand the impact on Westminster and inform future priorities
- Briefing note
- Autumn 2018

**Support for addicts**

- Review support for addicts in Westminster. How has the removal of the ring-fenced drug and alcohol budget affected services and outcomes in Westminster? Nationally, interventions have fallen, budgets have fallen by

15%, drug-related deaths are at a record high and hospitals receive over 1m alcohol and drug related admissions a year.

- Task Group/Committee meeting

### **Support for young carers**

- What support does the council offer to young carers? Can we do more to help them and those they care for?
- Committee meeting

### **Thirty hours free childcare**

- To review the uptake and provision of free childcare in Westminster. Is there enough capacity in Westminster? What is the uptake? How has it affected providers in the city?
- Committee meeting

### **Child sexual exploitation**

- Update on the project focusing on perpetrators of CSE being run in partnership with Community Safety, Barnardo's and 7 other London local authorities.
- Committee meeting

### **Preparedness for SEND inspection**

- To review the council's readiness for SEND inspections. What will Ofsted be looking for? Can we learn anything from other inspections that have already taken place? What kind of preparations are the council doing?
- Committee meeting

### **Transfer to universal credit** (with Housing, Finance & Customer Services Committee)

- Review the effect of the transfer to universal credit on Westminster's residents
- Committee meeting

### **Female genital mutilation**

- Update on FGM project
- Committee meeting

### **Youth violence** (with City Management and Public Protection Committee)

- Review youth violence in the borough and the initiatives to combat it. Could focus on the integrated gangs unit work, what has it achieved? Done in light of funding challenges, is the integrated gangs unit value for money? Should we be pushing for more funding? Are there other ways of delivering the same outcomes?
- Task group (CMCPP and FPS)

## **Adolescent mental health in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

- A review of the effect of technology on the mental health of young people
- Task Group

## **Low Priority**

### **Home conversions**

- Could home conversions for elderly residents help reduce and pressure on services? Does Westminster currently operate a scheme with the same aims/outputs? How could a scheme be funded? What would the outcomes for residents be?
- Committee meeting

### **Life chances**

- What are the life chances for young people in Westminster? Possible focus on children living in workless and homeless households. How can we improve the life chances of those children? What are the barriers they currently face?
- Task Group

### **Local Children's Safeguarding Board**

- Annual review of safeguarding children annual report. How is the board working? Are there any significant areas of concern?
- Briefing on key areas to identify future priorities
- October 2018

### **Adults Safeguarding Board**

- Annual review of safeguarding adults annual report. How is the board working? Are there any significant areas of concern?
- Briefing on key areas to identify future priorities
- October 2018

### **Private health care**

- Review of the private healthcare market in Westminster. What effect does it have on our residents? What is the quality of the services provided? Does it have an effect on the NHS?
- Task Group

### **London Ambulance Service**

- Follow up on 'requires improvement' report from June 2017 and action taken to improve the service.
- Committee meeting
- September 2018

## **Pathways between social care and the London Ambulance Service**

- Investigate ways to ensure that patients with social care rather than urgent medical needs are directed along the correct pathways.
- Task Group

## **Fostering**

- Review of fostering in Westminster following the independent national review and the government's response. What is the quality of fostering in Westminster? Do we have enough capacity? What are the outcomes like for foster children?
- Committee meeting