

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
PEOPLE IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**23 November 2016**

**Report of the Chair of People Improvement and Scrutiny Committee**

**SAFEGUARDING SUB GROUP: UPDATE ON PROGRESS**

**1. Purpose of the report**

To update the Committee on the progress of the safeguarding sub group's work.

**2. Information**

The People Improvement and Scrutiny Committee agreed to have a working group on safeguarding and for this to be a standing item. Following the conclusion of the Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Review in May 2016, which was undertaken by the safeguarding sub-group, it was agreed that it would revert to a monitoring role and undertake specific work when required.

Members noted a briefing on Virtual Schools and its work to support schools and settings to ensure they provide the best provision for children and young people in our care and care leavers. Members have recommended to that all Council Members have a briefing on the Virtual School through the Member Development Programme.

Members also noted a briefing on Higher Education funding for those children in care and on children in care and the Staying Put initiative. Further briefings were provided on Young Carers to the next working group in November.

In addition, further work is being conducted on home educated children and what support can be offered to them from the Authority in December.

**3. Considerations (to be specified individually where appropriate)**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and

diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

#### **4. Recommendation**

That the Committee notes the work being carried out by the safeguarding sub-group.

**Councillor Diane Charles**

**Chair of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – People**