

## Leicester City Council Scrutiny Review

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Non-clinical mental health support for children and young people in Leicester

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A review of the Children, Young People and Schools Scrutiny Commission

March 2020

**To be completed by the Member proposing the review**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Title of the proposed scrutiny review</b>	Non-clinical mental health support for children and young people in Leicester
<b>2.</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>	Cllr Mohammed Dawood Chair Children, Young People and Schools Scrutiny Commission
<b>3.</b>	<b>Rationale</b>	Young people within the city have identified the issue as one of their top priorities and concerns. As such the review meets criteria for responding to public interest and concerns.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Purpose and aims of the review</b> What question(s) do you want to answer and what do you want to achieve? (Outcomes?)	The review will seek to respond positively to those concerns, build on the work already done and map the resources and perceived requirements available to and needed by young people. It will also seek to identify examples of good practice within the city and beyond.  Recommendations will seek to promote and direct good practice.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Links with corporate aims / priorities</b> How does the review link to corporate aims and priorities?	Labour's manifesto supports programmes in schools to help young people develop mental wellbeing and resilience.  Public health profiling in 2018 indicated a concern about mental and psychological health of young people.  This issue was also identified by the most recent Local Safeguarding Children's Board annual report.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Scope</b> Set out what is included in the scope of the review and what is not. For example, which services it does and does not cover.	The review will seek to co-operate with a range of departments and entities within the authority, including the early help programme, and schools both within council control and independently; Public Health actions and programmes for young people, the views and priorities of young people, individually and within groups. It will seek advice and information from independent support groups and organisations within the voluntary sector and seek information and advice from the CAMHS service.

<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Methodology</b> Describe the methods you will use to undertake the review.</p> <p>How will you undertake the review, what evidence will need to be gathered from members, officers and key stakeholders, including partners and external organisations and experts?</p>	<p>Information will be gathered by a task group drawn from members of the Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Commission. Task group meetings will be confidential but normally the notes from the meeting will be published as part of the final report to the Commission.</p> <p>Council officers will be invited to provide written and/or oral evidence to this task group. Statistical evidence will be sought to provide information about levels of provision and demand for non-clinical service among children and young people.</p> <p>Outside bodies will be invited to provide written/oral evidence to the task group including funders and groups who are also addressing economic and social exclusion.</p> <p>Task Group members may wish to visit sites within the city as well as further afield to see examples of good practice in developing and implementing local economic initiatives.</p>
	<p><b>Witnesses</b> Set out who you want to gather evidence from and how you will plan to do this</p>	<p>External witnesses will be invited to provide written and oral evidence to the Task Group. These might include charities, youth support groups, etc.</p> <p>The task group may hold evidence gathering sessions in one or more areas in the City where there is evidence of good practice or significant unmet demand.</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Timescales</b> How long is the review expected to take to complete?</p>	<p>Five months</p>
	<p>Proposed start date</p>	<p>March 2020</p>
	<p>Proposed completion date</p>	<p>Summer 2020</p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Resources / staffing requirements</b> Scrutiny reviews are facilitated by Scrutiny Officers and it is important to estimate the amount of their time, in weeks, that will be required in order to manage the review Project Plan effectively.</p>	<p>An estimated 20 days of scrutiny policy officer time will be required to research information, contact and negotiate with outside bodies and prepare a final report.</p>
	<p>Do you anticipate any further resources will be required e.g. site visits or independent technical advice? If so, please provide details.</p>	<p>Visits to outside organisations and individuals may be conducted to better understand existing and potential future issues.</p>

10.	<b>Review recommendations and findings</b> To whom will the recommendations be addressed? E.g. Executive / External Partner?	Recommendations will be addressed to the Executive
11.	<b>Likely publicity arising from the review</b> - Is this topic likely to be of high interest to the media? Please explain.	This issue is likely to generate media interest and coverage because of the nature of the topic and likely evidence presented to the Commission.
12.	<b>Publicising the review and its findings and recommendations</b> How will these be published / advertised?	In consultation with the media team. Member interviews may be required.
13.	<b>How will this review add value to policy development or service improvement?</b>	The research and recommendations will underpin council knowledge and evidential base across a number of policy areas, including early intervention to seek to prevent or moderate conditions or actions which undermine the confidence of young people within our communities.
<b>To be completed by the Executive Lead</b>		
14.	<b>Executive Lead's Comments</b>  The Executive Lead is responsible for the portfolio, so it is important to seek and understand their views and ensure they are engaged in the process so that Scrutiny's recommendations can be taken on board where appropriate.	
<b>To be completed by the Divisional Lead Director</b>		
15.	<b>Divisional Comments</b>  Scrutiny's role is to influence others to take action and it is important that Scrutiny Commissions seek and understand the views of the Divisional Director.	We will support as appropriate. Ivan Browne Director of Public Health 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2020

16.	<p><b>Are there any potential risks to undertaking this scrutiny review?</b></p> <p>E.g. are there any similar reviews being undertaken, on-going work or changes in policy which would supersede the need for this review?</p>	No recognised risks at this point
17.	<p><b>Are you able to assist with the proposed review? If not please explain why.</b></p> <p>In terms of agreement / supporting documentation / resource availability?</p>	
	<b>Name</b>	
	<b>Role</b>	
	<b>Date</b>	
<b>To be completed by the Scrutiny Support Manager</b>		
18.	<p><b>Will the proposed scrutiny review / timescales negatively impact on other work within the Scrutiny Team?</b></p> <p>(Conflicts with other work commitments)</p>	<p>The review will be supported by the Scrutiny Policy Officer and is expected to be able to be accommodated within the existing workload of the team.</p> <p>There is a tight timeframe for the completion of the review so there is a possibility it may not be completed in time.</p>
	<p><b>Do you have available staffing resources to facilitate this scrutiny review? If not, please provide details.</b></p>	The review can be adequately supported by the Scrutiny Team as per my comments above.
	<b>Name</b>	Kalvaran Sandhu Scrutiny Support Manager
	<b>Date</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020