

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT (1)

Meeting: Children's Select Committee
Place: Online Meeting - Microsoft Teams
Date: Tuesday 6 July 2021
Time: 2.30 pm

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CHILD AND YOUTH VOICE TEAM UPDATE FOR CHILD SELECT COMMITTEE **25/06/2021**

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Brief update on recent key activity:

1. We have successfully recruited two new 'experts by experience' youth consultants. This is a voluntary role (although vouchers are provided to reimburse time and expertise for pieces of work completed). One of the consultants is currently studying estate management at university but was in the care of Wiltshire Council. This young person experienced being placed with carers who are of a different cultural background. They are active on social media platforms and networks relating to care experienced young people and their cultural needs. This young person is being supported by the CYV Team to start a podcast called 'fostering positivity' where she hopes to share her positive experiences and the things she has learnt to educate carers and workers. They will also be assisting with training of foster carers and staff on the cultural needs of young people. The other young person recruited is an expert by experience of the youth offending team child and adolescent mental health services as well the young people's service. They will be helping us with supporting workers in these teams develop their understanding of the needs of these young people (through being involved in training) and also supporting us with our mental health consultation.
2. The Chair of the Wiltshire Children in Care Council has continued to be a much valued member of our team (on a voluntary basis) and has been assisting us with training of staff and interviewing new members of staff within children's services in the past four weeks. She has successfully completed her Level 2 in early years childcare and is starting her level 3 in September. Following a successful CYV Ambassadors meeting in June the Chair of CiCC has been offered some work experience / voluntary consultancy work with the early years' service. This will enable her to develop her understanding of early years childcare and also enable her to share her knowledge of children and young people within the care system to the early years staff at the council.
3. We have had two recent children in care council meetings which were held face to face. This was much welcomed by CiCC because many of the young

people had not met each other in person having been meeting via Microsoft TEAMS. The first meeting involved a social meeting in Trowbridge (attended by 3 young people) and the second was a young people's inspection at Aspire House (Wiltshire Council's emergency registered children's home). This involved four young people inspecting the children's home against our new impact document. Two care experienced consultants had inspected the children's home earlier in the year and had made several recommendations. The young inspectors were able to assess whether the changes had been made (which they had) and gave advice on making the décor and facilities more inclusive and child and young person friendly. The registered manager of the children's home has been delighted with the support from the consultants (which has been shared with and appreciated by the reg 44 visitor and named OFSTED inspector). The young consultants have given advice on meeting cultural needs, meeting skin, hair and hygiene needs, ensuring the rooms are suitable for those with sensory needs and adding in simple 'welcome packs' and food / activity options to make the home more welcoming and inclusive.

4. We have held our first CYV Ambassador network meeting. This was attended by a number of Community 'Ambassadors' (who are experts in important issues and in a position to support our children in care and young people with important issues). We had Ambassadors from across the community including, faith communities, an Olympic athlete, scouting, housing, substance misuse, health watch, expert in tackling racism, expert in climate change, representative from a local vets, experts in mental health, expert in LGBT+. This means CYV and CiCC have a network of experts to assist them with issues that are important to our young people.
5. We have been working hard to network with several groups within the community. We have met with young people from groups including the CAMHS Youth Forum, Young Healthwatch, and the Salisbury Creative Arts. We have also arranged to attend Sarum Academy in Salisbury to talk to students there about mental health.

Looking forward – planned key activities:

6. Our primary focus for June, July and August is our mental health consultation. This is involving two big pieces of research into the mental health needs of young people in Wiltshire. Our young people will be sharing the results in a 'meet the leaders session' in July. The first survey is being undertaken in partnership with the university of Bristol. This has involved CYV Team inviting all children in care aged 10-18 who are permanently in care to take part in the research. Bristol University will be collating and analysing the data for us and we will have an opportunity to take part in further follow up studies. The second survey is a questionnaire designed in partnership with our young people which is being shared and promoted by all of our community partners to enable as many local young people to take part as possible and give their

views on mental health support. We will be able to share the results of this survey at the 'meet the leaders' session. We will also be visiting a number of youth and community groups over the next few weeks to promote the survey and enable young people to share their views on a one to one basis. We have managed to recruit two of the 'youth consultants' (who were previously commissioned) to assist us with this on a voluntary basis. They are keen to remain involved with the project on a voluntary basis.

7. We are in the process of organising our first CiCC residential. This will be a weekend activity camp at a 'PGL' centre for our CiCC Members (we have 8 members currently) and also places for 8 other children in care who want to come along.
8. We have started planning our second consultation which will focus on young carers. We have worked closely with the Young Carers Team at Wiltshire Council, the Commissioner for carers and the commissioned providers for the services that support young carers. We have made plans to visit young carers in the summer holidays, attend a young carers assessment and send out a survey, with the hope of finding out what young carers would like to see change in Wiltshire.

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Children's Select Committee

28/06/2021

School Ofsted Judgements

1. This report is a regular update for the committee focused on Ofsted inspections since the last meeting.

Update

2. The Summer term 2021 has continued to see the resumption of onsite section 8 inspections, again for schools judged as inadequate, those with two consecutive requires improvement judgements (RI), where there are significant safeguarding concerns, as well as the addition of inspecting schools currently judged as good whose last inspection is now outside the 5 year statutory window (17 schools in Wiltshire). Since the previous report to Children's Select Committee on 25/05/2021 there have been a further 5 section 8 inspections and 1 section 5.

Summer term inspections:

3. Full, onsite Section 8s began on 4th May 2021 to ensure schools are taking effective action towards being graded as good as their next section 5 inspection. Current Ofsted grades will not be changed.
4. Other schools that may be visited include:
 - a) inadequate and double requires improvement, these inspections will be onsite under Covid safe measures.
 - b) Inadequate and double requires improvement that have improved could convert to a full inspection if deemed appropriate
 - c) 'good' schools that have not been inspected within 5-year window (17 in Wiltshire)
 - d) 'outstanding' that request and inspection
 - e) where significant concerns are raised

School	School phase	Type	Section 8	Current Ofsted grade
Amesbury Archer Primary	pri	Main	09-10/06/2021 (section 5)	3
Chilmark & Fonthill Bishop Primary	pri	Main	11/05/2021	3
Christ The King Catholic, Amesbury	pri	Main	26-27/05/2021	4

School	School phase	Type	Section 8	Current Ofsted grade
Holbrook Primary	pri	Main		2
Lyneham Primary	pri	Main	25/05/2021	3
Marden Vale School	pri	Academy	10-11/06/2021	4
St Martin's Primary	pri	Main	05/05/2021	3
St Mary's R.C. Primary, Chippenham	pri	Main	18-19/05/2021	4
Wellington Lions Primary Academy	pri	Academy	07/05/2021	3
Morgan's Vale and Woodfalls CofE VA Primary	pri	Academy	17/06/2021	2
Sherston Primary School	pri	Main	24/06/2021	2

Overall trends from Wiltshire inspections during this period

5. All Section 8 inspections to date have found schools to be taking effective action

Strengths identified:

- a) Behaviour around school and in class – attitudes to learning
- b) Reading being prioritised, lots of focus on effective phonics for all and vulnerable pupils to catch up
- c) Parent and pupil voice for school response to learning in lockdown, content of curriculum
- d) Curriculum – content and subject leaders' impact on taught content
- e) Governing body support and challenge
- f) Local authority support for improvement

Areas for focus:

- a) Knowing impact of curriculum
- b) Subject leaders understanding and confidence with the curriculum
- c) Subject leaders' subject knowledge and their understanding of what makes an effective curriculum
- d) Governors understanding of an effective curriculum and how to challenge leaders around this

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DfE Changes – Updates June 2021

£483 million investment to boost and improve school buildings

1. Pupils across England are set to benefit from improved school facilities, thanks to almost half a billion pounds being invested in school buildings this year.
2. £483 million from the Condition Improvement Fund will go to 1,199 schools. The North East and North West are set to receive the largest allocation of funding across all the English regions, with £93 million for 273 successful schools.
3. Many of the projects funded by Condition Improvement Fund will lead to improved classrooms, more energy efficient buildings and will reduce energy bills for schools – helping to meet the government's net zero target. Full details can be found here: [Link](#)

More support for further education teachers to develop

4. Further education teaching staff will soon benefit from more high-quality professional development opportunities, so they can continue to deliver top class education and training to young people and adults.
5. The new £9.5 million FE Professional Development Grants pilot launched today (18 June) will support the commitment made in the government's Skills for Jobs White Paper to strengthen the professional development on offer to the workforce and boost teaching practices. Full details can be found here: [Link](#)

Pupils to benefit from better quality PE and sport next year

6. Primary school children in England will benefit from higher quality PE lessons and better sport opportunities, the Education Secretary has announced today (17 June).
7. Backed by a £320 million investment, the PE and Sport Premium will encourage children to play more sport, increase their social skills, and improve their physical activity after lockdown. Schools will also be able to improve the quality of their teaching and make longer-term, sustainable changes to their lessons. Full details can be found: [Link](#)

£16 million to support young people with a social worker

8. The Government has today (Wednesday 16 June) announced more than £16 million for councils to extend the role of Virtual School Heads from September this year, meaning there will be a local champion for children with a social worker in every local authority in England. This will ensure that more focus is placed on children with a social worker, targeting support earlier on in these young people's lives and helping improve how they engage with education.
9. A further £3 million in funding has also been confirmed for a new pilot, where Virtual School Heads will support looked-after children and care leavers in post-16

education. Launching in October, the pilot will enable Virtual School Heads to expand their work into further education settings. Full details can be found: [Link](#)

Education Secretary outlines priorities on improving pupil outcomes

10. Speaking at the Festival of Education 2021 on 16 June, Gavin Williamson set out his commitment to levelling up opportunities across the country for young people. Full details of the speech can be found here: [Link](#)

Disapplication notice: school inspections legislation changes

11. Secretary of State for Education issues a 15th notice about changes to state-funded school inspection requirements during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Education Act 2005: school inspection disapplication notice July 2021 can be found here: [Link](#)

Education Secretary set improving pupil outcomes as top priority

12. Improving outcomes for young people – wherever they live – has been hailed by Education Secretary Gavin Williamson as central to the Government's plans for building back better from the pandemic today (16 June).
13. Speaking at the Festival of Education, he explained how the Government will level up opportunity for young people, through strong multi-academy trusts, high-quality teacher training, good behaviour management and investment to help pupils catch-up. Full details can be found here: [Link](#)

£3.4 million to expand The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in schools

14. More pupils from the most deprived areas of England will be able to start The Duke of Edinburgh's Award thanks to a funding boost of £3.4 million from Government, helping more young people to access volunteering and extra-curricular learning.
15. In the week that would have marked the late Duke of Edinburgh's 100th birthday, the Department for Education has today (Sunday 13 June) announced it will work with the Award he set up to expand opportunities to up to 291 more schools not currently delivering it, enabling access to young people who may previously have faced barriers to taking part. Full details can be found here: [Link](#)

Wellbeing for education recovery: grant determination letter for 2021 to 2022

16. The wellbeing for education recovery project builds on the support put in place under the Wellbeing for Education Return Scheme in 2020 and aims to provide additional support to state-funded schools and colleges. The grant determination letter for 2021 to 2022 is now available, full details can be found here: [Link](#)

Huge expansion of tutoring in next step of education recovery

17. As part of the next step in the government's plans to boost education recovery, a total of £1.4 billion is being invested, including £1 billion to support up to 6 million, 15-hour tutoring courses for disadvantaged school children, as well as an expansion of the 16-19 tuition fund, targeting key subjects such as maths and English.
18. £400 million will help give early years practitioners and 500,000 school teachers across the country training and support, and schools and colleges will be funded to

give some year 13 students the option to repeat their final year. Full details can be found here: [Link](#)

COP26 launches environment education packs for UK schools and students

19. Schools across the UK are being encouraged to start a conversation on climate change with their students, ahead of the UK hosting global climate summit COP26 later this year, as the Together for Our Planet Schools Pack launches today (Thursday 10 June).

20. The pack, which is hosted on the COP26 website and sent to UK schools, is designed to engage students on climate action, encourage conversations about tackling climate change, and help students learn more about the COP26 summit in Glasgow this year. Full details can be found here: [Link](#)

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