

HEALTH AND CHILDREN & LEARNING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE: JOINT CHILDREN'S HEALTH TOPIC GROUP

SCOPING DOCUMENT

Overall Scope

To ensure that the Council and its partners are taking steps to address a number of key issues relating to children's health services.

Membership

Councillors Pam Light, Sandra Binion, Wendy Brice-Thompson, Paul McGeary, Ray Morgon, Pat Murray, Melvin Wallace and Margaret Cameron (co-opted member, Children & Learning OSC).

Specific Objectives

To scrutinise the work being undertaken by the Council and its partners in the following children's health areas:

- The relationship and joint working arrangements between children's health services and Children's Social Care at the Council to deliver the changes to services for SEND under the Children and Families Bill
- The introduction of personal budgets for children's health services.
- Review and re-provision of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) contract for 2014/15 onwards
- The current lack of a dedicated children's commissioner at the CCG.

Witnesses to be called

- Children's Health/Social Care relationship – Joy Hollister, Group Director and Dr Mary Black, Director of Public Health and Dr. Deshpande, CCG
- Personal budgets for health service – Dr Deshpande, CCG plus Council representatives
- Review and re-provision of CAMHS contract – Dr. Deshpande, CCG and Kathy Bundred, Head of Children's
- Lack of dedicated Havering CCG children's commissioner – Dr. Deshpande, CCG

Visits

- Best practice area for CAMHS services (NELFT/CCG would need to advise).

- An area/s that might have already implemented personal budgets for children's services ahead of this being a statutory obligation?

Timescale

Approximately monthly meetings through to February then report to be presented to meetings of OSCs on 4 and 20 March 2014. If agreed, report to be submitted to Cabinet and Health Service decision making bodies as required.