

CORPORATE PARENTING SELECT COMMITTEE

Hearing 3

Monday, 2nd March 2015

Witness Guide for Members

Below are suggested themes and questions. They have been provided in advance to the witnesses to allow them to prepare for the types of issues that Members may be interested to explore. All Members are welcome to ask these questions or pose additional ones to the witnesses via the Committee Chairman.

Themes and Questions

Susan Cruickshank, CAMHS Clinical Lead for Children in Care in Kent & Medway, Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust.

- Please introduce yourself and outline the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- Please provide a brief description of the key services offered by KCC's Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) to children and young people in care in Kent.
- To what extent does the prevalence of mental health issues amongst children and young people in care in Kent differ from that of their peers?
- Are looked-after children and young people in Kent a priority group for accessing mental health services in the County? If so, in what ways is this priority reflected?
- What are the main issues – if any - surrounding the provision of mental health services to children and young people in care in Kent?
- In your view, what can Kent County Council, and KCC Members in particular, do to resolve these issues?
- In your opinion, to what extent is collaborative working between KCC and external agencies effective in the provision of quality mental health services to children and young people in care in Kent?
- What are, in your opinion, the other key issues with regards to children and young people in care in Kent?