

CORPORATE PARENTING SELECT COMMITTEE

Hearing 6

Thursday 19th 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

Dr Noreen Ahmad-Bhatti, Designated Doctor for LAC, East Kent

- Please introduce yourself and outline the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- Please provide an outline of the health needs of children and young people in care in Kent. How do their health needs compare with those of their peers?
- What services are offered to support the physical and mental health of children and young people in care in Kent?
- In your view, in what ways – if any – can this service provision be improved?
- Please discuss the main issues around children and young people in care whose parents were also looked after.
- In your opinion, to what extent is collaboration amongst KCC and partner agencies effective in meeting the health and well-being needs of children and young people in care in Kent?
- What are the other issues – if any – surrounding children and young people in care in Kent? Are there specific problems in East Kent? In your view, what initiatives – if any - should be implemented to deal with these issues?
- What else – if anything – can KCC, and KCC Members in particular, do in order to fulfil their corporate parenting role with regard to improving the outcomes of children and young people in care in Kent?

- Are there any other issues, with relevance to the review, which you would like to raise with the Committee?