

## **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Education and Children's Services **DATE:** 21 October 2015  
Scrutiny Panel

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### **PART I** **FOR INFORMATION**

#### **TEAM AROUND YOU**

##### **1 Purpose of Report**

1.1 To provide the Panel with information on the results of the Team Around You pilot.

##### **2 Recommendation**

2.1 The Panel is requested to review the information presented at the meeting and consider the potential benefits of this approach for future services.

##### **3. The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Five Year Plan**

##### **3a. Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy Priorities**

Priorities:

- Health
- Economy and Skills
- Safer Communities

The pilot aims were to support achieving these through targeting

- Effective multi-agency care planning and working with children and young people on the edge of care, to reduce in crime and anti- social behaviour
- Ensuring the voice of the child was central to all discussions.
- Improving educational attainment for looked after children, and increasing placement quality and stability.
- Improving housing, training and employment opportunities for care leavers.

##### **3b Five Year Plan Outcomes**

Children and young people in Slough will be healthy, resilient and have positive life chances – The improvement programme aimed to make Slough children's services one of the best providers of children's social care in the country, providing timely, purposeful support that brings safe, lasting and positive change.

##### **4 Other Implications**

a) Financial

There are no financial implications relating to this report.

b) Risk Management

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Mitigating action</b>	<b>Opportunities</b>
Communications	Communications Strategy put in place.	Raising awareness of the approach of Team Around You and the outcomes required across the council, working with colleagues across the council, Corporate Parenting Panel, partners, business and education
Financial	Identification of potential savings and areas for potential savings as the model was developed, tested and embedded.	Savings to be realised through effective commissioning, market development, fostering and participation opportunities.
Timetable for delivery	Programme plan developed and agreed by LAC and Care Leavers Programme Board.	Programme Board contributed to the development of the Team Around You along with a Stakeholder Group comprised of the key council, partners SCST, and CVS representatives.

c) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

There are no human rights or legal implications arising from this report.

d) Equalities Impact Assessment

An equalities impact assessment is not required in relation to this report.

**5 TEAM AROUND YOU PILOT**

- 5.1 The Team Around You pilot was established as part of the Children's Services Improvement Programme, to develop an approach to improved coordination between key professionals dealing with plans for children in need, child protection, looked after children and edge of care individuals.
- 5.2 The full operating model for the pilot was set out in full in a report to the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Panel in January 2015 (see Appendix A).
- 5.3 Full details of the analysed results will be presented to the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Panel meeting.

- 5.4 A series of recommendations have been made to the Looked After Children and Care Leavers Programme Board, which will be considered at its next meeting. These recommendations focus on how this process could be used as a vehicle for change, with the improvements it can offer being embedded into a business as usual environment. The results of the pilot will be provided to the Slough Children's Services Trust in this regard.
- 5.5 However, there is also potential for the results of this pilot to be used within the Families First programme to focus planning and interventions that are designed to 'unblock' barriers for vulnerable young people in households involved in the programme. This will assist their family to meet the programme outcomes for sustained improvements and for results claims to be made.

## 6 **Appendices**

- A - Team Around You (Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Panel, Report, 29 January 2015)

## 7 **Background Papers**

None.