

## Update on the HCRG Contract for the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service

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<b>Report to:</b> People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
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<b>County Divisions affected:</b> Not applicable	

### 1. Introduction

The Chairman has requested an update on the performance under the HCRG Contract for the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service and proposed next steps.

### 2. Action required

**The Committee is asked to consider:**

- (i) **The attached update; and**
- (ii) **Identify any follow-up scrutiny actions**

### 3. Background

- 3.1 In terms of past discussions of the HCRG (formerly Virgin Care) contract at the Committee, the last time there was a dedicated separate item was in June 2019. However, due to the time elapsed the issues discussed and minuted may be less pertinent now but a link to those minutes is [here](#) (refer Minute 6).
- 3.2 On 18 March 2021 there was an update on the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service as part of a broader Children and Families directorate/service update and very much related to the pandemic response. The link to the minutes of that discussion is [here](#).
- 3.3 On 9 September 2021 there was a broad Children and Families update on the response to the pandemic. Although there was nothing recorded in the minutes that was specific to the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service, some issues discussed would also have applied to the service so a link to the minutes of the discussion is [here](#).

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### **4. Update and Next Steps**

The update is attached in the Appendix to this report. Next steps are as proposed under Action Required.

Expected attendees to support the discussion:

County Councillor Beverley Egan, Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Early Years

Christopher Martin - Director: Strategic Commissioning & Policy (Children and Families)

Carolyn Terry - EYCC Sufficiency and Sustainability Manager

Representative(s) from HCRG.

### **5 Appendix**

Briefing paper titled Report for PAF Scrutiny Committee – 11 January 2023 - Update on the HCRG Contract for the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service.