

Report title: Mental Health Services for Young People	
Report to: Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
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County Divisions affected: Not applicable	

1. Introduction

- 1.1 At Essex County Council's (ECC) Full Council meeting on 10 May 2022, a motion was carried with regard Mental Health Services for Young People.
- 1.2 The motion (appendix A) stated that a referral be made to ECC's Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) and People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee (PAF) to undertake a joint review with a request that they report back to Council by the end of December 2022.

2. Action Required

- 2.1 Members are asked to consider who should be nominated to the Task and Finish Group
- 2.2 Members are asked to note for information the draft Task and Finish Group scoping document. This will be formally approved once the group membership has been established and approved.

3. Background

- 3.1 The HOSC Chairman's Forum, which is made up of the committee's Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and a representative from Healthwatch Essex, met on 22 June 2022 with ECC officers from the Children and Families commissioning service to discuss issues and topics that the Task and Finish Group may wish to explore further, and this has been recorded and detailed in the draft Task and Finish Group scoping document (appendix B).
- 3.2 The group will made up of an equal split of HOSC and PAF members, with meetings dates and times to be confirmed in the next couple of weeks. The group final report will be received by Council no later than Tuesday 13 December 2022.

4. Update and Next Steps

- 4.1 Once membership of the Task and Finish Group has been confirmed, those

members will be asked to meet initially to approve the scoping document and to agree its meeting dates.

- 4.2 Regular updates will be provided to both HOSC and PAF as and when appropriate, with a copy of the final report being shared prior to it being presented at Full Council.

5. List of Appendices

Appendix A: Full Council Motion

Appendix B: Draft Task and Finish Group scoping document