

Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission 6th December 2021 Item 5 - Cabinet Q & A - Families, Early Years, Parks & Play	Item No 5
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OUTLINE

The Cabinet member for Families, Early Years, Parks & Play is invited to attend each year to respond to questions within this portfolio. As per protocol, the Commission may focus on up to three policy areas which are agreed in advance of the meeting. The Commission has sought to focus on two areas:

Social, Emotional Mental Health (SEMH)

The diagnosis of SEMH in children represents an increasing proportion of local SEND needs.

- What is known about the social and demographic profile of young people diagnosed with SEMH?
- Are there any intersecting factors or issues which may underpin increasing prevalence of children diagnosed with SEMH?
- How are local SEND services responding to the SEMH needs of young people?
- How are the cumulative SEMH needs of this cohort of young people driving / shaping service provision?

Children's Centres

The planned closure of Hillside and Fernbank Children's Centres in September 2022 was paused on 17th November 2021. The Commission have therefore asked the Cabinet member to update in respect of:

- The plan and time frame for future decision making;
- Plans for future consultation and engagement to underpin the above.

Reports

Cabinet Q & A is verbal and no reports are required.

Action:

Members of the Commission are invited to question the Cabinet member on those issues outlined above.

Attendees

Cllr Caroline Woodley