

**Draft Terms of Reference**

**Child & Family Services Scrutiny Performance Panel**

**1. Name:**

Child & Family Services Scrutiny Performance Panel

**2. Why this topic is important?**

- Given the importance of, and past focus on Child & Family Services and, as it is potentially still an area of high risk, this warrants attention
- The service has made good progress but it is vital this is maintained and that further improvements are made across all areas of the service
- Continues to be an area of high demand and high spend - there are significant financial pressures in this service area
- Corporate Priority Area – Improvement Objective to ensure that people are safe, well and supported to live independently (Child & Family Services)

**3. What is the purpose of the panel?**

The Panel will receive relevant performance reports to monitor and challenge assessments on service performance and quality in respect of children's social services

**4. Meetings:**

The Panel will be expected to meet on an ongoing basis, 4-6 times a year.

The Panel will report periodically on progress to the Scrutiny Programme Committee.

On behalf of the Panel, the convener will write to the relevant Cabinet Member raising issues of concern, comments and recommendations as appropriate following Panel meetings.