

Title of paper:	Family Support Pathway Refresh 2016/17	
Report to:	Children's Partnership Board	
Date:	Wednesday 13 th July 2016	
Relevant Director:	Helen Blackman, Director of Children's Integrated Services	Wards affected: All
Contact Officer(s) and contact details:	Sara-Jane Brighthouse Sophie Russell	
Other officers who have provided input:		
Relevant Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) priority or priorities:		
Safeguarding and supporting children and families: Children, young people and families will benefit from early and effective support and protection to empower them to overcome difficulties and provide a safe environment in which to thrive.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Promoting the health and wellbeing of babies, children and young people: From pregnancy and throughout life, babies, children, young people and families will be healthier, more emotionally resilient and better able to make informed decisions about their health and wellbeing.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Supporting achievement and academic attainment: All children and young people will leave school with the best skills and qualifications they can achieve and will be ready for independence, work or further learning.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Empowering families to be strong and achieve economic wellbeing: More families will be empowered and able to deal with family issues and child poverty will be significantly reduced.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):		
<p>The Children's Partnership Family Support Pathway is the threshold document for the Nottingham City Safeguarding Children's Board, Children's Partnership Board and Local Authority Children's Services.</p> <p>The Family Support Strategy 2010/14 and the Family Support Pathway 2010/14 and 2014/15 documents are due for refresh and revision.</p> <p>The Family Support Strategy will be integrated with the Children's and Young People's Plan refresh and will align priorities and reduce duplication.</p> <p>Working Together states the LSCB should publish a threshold document that includes: "the process for the early help assessment and the type and level of early help services to be provided;"</p> <p>The Family Support Pathway 2016/17 - Threshold for Support and Safeguarding document was presented to and approved in March 2016 by the Nottingham City Safeguarding Children's Board (NCSCB).</p> <p>The short term refresh being presented to the Children's Partnership includes: Updates to the introduction and context includes, learning from Serious Case Reviews; updates on legislation, PREVENT, Care Act and Children & Families Act 2014; Priority Family /Think Family model and Signs of Safety approach; national themes such as Child Sexual Exploitation and parental mental health on parenting capacity; The Principles of Early Help and use of</p>		

language 'Early Help' & 'Early Help Assessment', CAF and Priority Families assessment. Revisions to the Model of prevention diagram and indicators of need. Refresh to access and request support at Children's & Families Direct and the launch of the Multi- Agency Request Form.

There is ongoing work to prepare and plan for multi-agency consultation for long term refresh of the Family Support Pathway 2017/20 that will align with the Safeguarding Children's Boards business planning.

Recommendations:

1	Partnership approval to the updates in the short term refresh of the Children's Partnership Family Support Pathway
2	Partnership approval for long term plan for refresh of the Children's Partnership Family Support Pathway and consultation

1. BACKGROUND AND PROPOSALS

This report is to present the short term refresh of the Children's Partnership Family Support Pathway for 2016/17 and the updates that have been included. The Family Support Pathway 2010/14 and 2014/15 were due to be revised and the Family Support Pathway 2016/ - Threshold for Support and Safeguarding document was presented to and approved in March 2016 by the Nottingham City Safeguarding Children's Board (NCSCB). The Family Support Strategy 2010/14 (FSS) will be integrated with the Children's and Young People's Plan refresh and will align priorities and reduce duplication.

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Nottingham City's threshold is the Children's Partnership Family Support Pathway (FSP)

A plan is being developed for the longer term refresh of the Family Support Pathway for 2017/20 to align with the Safeguarding Children's Boards business plan.

The brief set for the short term refresh of the FSP to include:

- Recommendations and learning from Serious Case Reviews
- PREVENT
- Think Family

The following details are an overview to the updates that have been applied throughout the chapters in the Family Support Pathway 2016/17.

- The introduction and context, including learning from serious case reviews, legislation and national themes
- Vision and purpose
- The Principles of Early Help
- The use of language 'Early Help' & 'Early Help Assessment' /CAF
- Priority Families approach and alignment to the FSP levels of need
- Model of prevention diagram
- Signs of Safety
- Access to Support Children's & Families Direct and Multi- Agency Request Form
- Indicators of need

The next steps

Indicative timeline:

April 2016	FSP 2016 / 17 revision and communication plan
May - July 2016	Planning and preparation internally with Safeguarding Children's Board
Aug - Oct 2016	Multi-Agency Consultation
Nov 2016 - Jan 2017	Write and version control drafts
Feb - Mar 2017	Approval processes and communication plan

2. RISKS

By not undertaking the activity the LSCB and Local Authority Children's Services would be at risk of not producing a threshold document to support with future Ofsted inspections of Children's Services.

Working Together states the LSCB should publish a threshold document that includes: "the process for the early help assessment and the type and level of early help services to be provided;"

By undertaking the activity, the Children's Partnership Family Support Pathway Threshold for Support and Safeguarding ensures that the LSCB has produced a threshold document and the Local Authority Children's Services are prepared for future Ofsted inspections.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

5. CLIENT GROUP

All children, young people and their families.

6. IMPACT ON EQUALITIES ISSUES

7. OUTCOMES AND PRIORITIES AFFECTED

The effective delivery of the Children's Partnership Family Support Pathway is essential to achieving all of the Children and Young People's plan objectives and priorities.

8. CONTACT DETAILS

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