

Children's Partnership Board

Moving to a more Integrated Approach to Children's Services



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Context: (2014)

- Health Visitor and FNP transfer
- Early Intervention City Phase 2
- Big Lottery: Small Steps Big Changes

Vision:

A defined universal and early help pathway for pregnant women, babies, children and young people; delivered in an integrated way, through a consistent evidence-based approach by a competent and confident workforce.

Mechanism: The Child Development Review



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Services in Scope of the Review:

- Health Visiting
 - Family Nurse Partnership
 - Breastfeeding Peer Support
 - Children's Nutrition
 - Public Health Nursing
 - Children's Centres (Early Help)
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- Elements of Midwifery
 - Childcare settings

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Analysis of service provision:

- Each service was working to a different set of outcomes
- There was some duplication
- There was inconsistent delivery across the city
- Many programmes and approaches had no evidence of impact
- Some gaps in provision

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Proposals for what should be delivered:

- A new shared outcomes framework
- An updated 'Pathway of Support'- based on the HCP, EYFS, CC Inspection requirements and SSBC activity
 - An increased number of nationally recognised evidence-based programmes and approaches
 - Consolidation of locally evidence-based programmes
 - Inclusion of some SSBC programmes and approaches

All underpinned by a set of logic models

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Proposals for how it should be delivered:

Based on the principle of an integrated approach

- More holistic and co-ordinated support to children and families with fewer handovers from one professional to another by removing artificial professional barriers
- Increased efficiency through reduced duplication of activity and smoother transitions between different types of support
- Increased opportunities to share data and information and plan a co-ordinated approach 'around the family'
- A more flexible approach to work force planning, enabling resources to be used more effectively

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Present Position:

- Integrated Service Model developed
 - based on the shared outcomes framework
 - reflects the Pathway of Support
 - specifies specialist practitioners for some activities
 - allows the service providers to deliver services in a more flexible way
- Tender will be advertised later this year
- Implementation from 1st April 2018