

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

28 March 2024

Review of the Early Help Strategy

Report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To assess the impact of the Early Help Strategy and whether it is achieving its intended outcomes.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider the progress made since the launch of the strategy and website and whether it wishes to make any comments or recommendations regarding the information presented at the meeting.

3 Background information

- 3.1 The Early Help Partnership Strategy (appendix 1) and website was launched 30th Oct 2023 www.earlyhelpnottingham.org.uk.
- 3.2 The objectives of the strategy are:
 - To have a partnership offer with clear referral pathways for when babies, children, young people, and families need support
 - To build resilience in children, young people, and families living in Nottingham City
 - To ensure Early Help offers support and provide information to the whole family when they need it, that is easily accessible so that they can meet their own needs
 - To better join up and embed how all partners work to safeguard babies, children, and young people as part of a multi-disciplinary approach
 - To gather feedback from parents/carers, children, and young people to continuously improve our Early Help offer
- 3.3 The partners identified five priorities to drive initial activity:
 - Embedding a whole system approach to facilitate Early Help being an integral part of a city-wide service
 - Partnership working
 - Partnership workforce development and structure
 - Measure the impact of Early Help

- Pool funding and identify sustainability opportunities with the Family Hub and from external funding sources

3.4 The report provided by the People's directorate outlines early help within Nottingham City Council, service use, progress made against each priority, and the next steps.

4 List of attached information

4.1 Report provided by the People's directorate on the review of the Early Help Strategy.

4.2 Early Help Partnership Strategy.

5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

5.1 None.

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

6.1 Early Help Partnership Strategy.

7 Wards affected

7.1 All.

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