

Title of paper:	The refreshed Family Support Pathway	
Report to:	Children's Partnership Board	
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Relevant Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) objectives(s):		
Stronger safeguarding – With a key focus on ensuring that there are high standards of safeguarding across all agencies and that the Partnership takes a pro-active approach to the elimination of domestic violence.		Y
Healthy living – With a key focus on increasing the proportion of children and young people who have a healthy weight.		Y
Reducing substance misuse – Partnership work to lessen the impact on children of parental drug and alcohol misuse and to reduce drug and alcohol misuse amongst children and young people.		Y
Raising attainment – Raising the attainment levels and increasing engagement in employment, education and training.		Y
Improving attendance – Improving rates of attendance at both Primary and Secondary as a key foundation of improving outcomes.		Y
Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):		
This report seeks approval of the refreshed Family Support Pathway which will ensure that recent legislative and policy updates, including Munro and Working Together 2013, are reflected in practice in Nottingham's children's workforce to best meet the needs of the city's children and young people.		
Recommendations:		
1	That the board approve the refreshed Family Support Pathway as partnership policy, replacing all previous versions of the said document.	
2	That the board approves the publicity plan for the refreshed Family Support Pathway	

1. BACKGROUND AND PROPOSALS

- 1.1 In March 2014 the Children's Partnership Board (CPB) approved plans to refresh the Family Support Pathway to incorporate both local changes (such as Children and Families Direct and signs of safety) and national changes (such as the Munro report and Working Together 2013).
- 1.2 Since then, the document has been considered by key stakeholders across NCC and beyond through both the CPB and the Safeguarding Board to produce a Family Support Pathway (appendix 1) that reflects the changing national and local policy/feedback and will continue to ensure that children and families are appropriately supported to achieve positive outcomes in Nottingham.

- 1.3 A broader consultation has not been undertaken so as to avoid confusion between forthcoming consultation for the wider rewrite of the Children and Young People's Plan 2015-2020 (including the FSP and Family Support Strategy).
- 1.4 In addition to the anticipated changes, the FSP has been strengthened in terms of its definition of and reference to "Children in Need" so as to ensure that Nottingham City Council meets its statutory requirements with regards to this legislatively defined group.
- 1.5 The new FSP will be distributed electronically through; direct email, a Children and Families newsletter, NCVS' bulletin and via the website. It will also be expected that board members will verbally promote the new FSP as appropriate.

2. RISKS

- 2.1 The refreshed FSP mitigates the risks of having outdated partnership guidance and helps to ensure that children and young people are appropriately safeguarded.
- 2.2 There is a risk that practitioners will continue to make use of the outdated FSP rather than the new one. This risk is heightened by the lack of a glossy hard copy being produced. This risk will be mitigated through a clear dissemination plan (as per 1.5 above) which will include a request to destroy any remaining copies of the previous iteration.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Because the new FSP will be distributed electronically no financial resources are required for its dissemination. There are therefore, no financial implications

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Working Together to Safeguard Children 2013 is issued under section 7 of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970 and sections 11(4) and 16 of the Children Act 2004 which all state that the local authority must act/have regard to any guidance given to them by the Secretary of State. The new FSP meets our statutory obligation to have a "threshold" document and the redeveloped CYPP will then meet this requirement thereafter.

5. CLIENT GROUP

- 5.1 The FSP is entirely cross cutting and as such can be considered to effect every single child and young person in the city.

6. IMPACT ON EQUALITIES ISSUES

- 6.1 The changes to the FSP are applicable to all children and young people in the city and are not expected to have any specific equalities implications.

7. OUTCOMES AND PRIORITIES AFFECTED

- 7.1 This proposal sits across all CYPP objectives and priorities

8. CONTACT DETAILS

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