

Appendix 2

Schedule 1 - Aims and Outcomes of the Partnership Arrangements

To improve outcomes for young children and their families through delivery of the 0-5 healthy child programme (HCP). The HCP delivery will focus on children aged 0–5 years and will be part of the broader Early Help service which works for children aged 0–19 with a focus on the most disadvantaged families. It will achieve this by:

- Working together to improve the health, wellbeing and care of children and families. This will include developing new pathways and ways of working which make the most efficient use of resources and improve outcomes for children and families.
- Working in partnership to develop services for children, parents and carers as part of the Family Hub approach and the 'The best start for life: a vision for the 1,001 critical days', including
 - Enhanced and improved offers for families relating to home learning, infant feeding, parent and infant relationships, peri-natal mental health, and parenting
 - Seamless support for families: a coherent joined up Start for Life offer available to all families
 - A welcoming hub for families: family hubs as a place for families to access Start for Life services
 - Digital, virtual and telephone offers providing the information families need when they need it
 - An empowered Start for Life workforce: to meet the changing needs of families
 - Continual improvement of the Start for Life offer through data, evaluation, outcomes, and proportionate inspection
 - Active engagement with local partnerships leading the change
- Working to promote the outcomes set out in the National Supporting Families Outcome Framework:
 - Getting a good education
 - Good early years development
 - Improved mental and physical health
 - Promoting recovery and reducing harm from substance use
 - Improved family relationships
 - Children safe from abuse and exploitation
 - Crime prevention and tackling crime
 - Safe from domestic abuse
 - Secure housing
 - Financial stability
- Working to promote health and development in the '6 high impact areas' for the early years 0-5 HCP¹
 - supporting the transition to parenthood
 - supporting maternal and family mental health

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/commissioning-of-public-health-services-for-children>

- supporting breastfeeding
- supporting healthy weight, healthy nutrition
- improving health literacy; reducing accidents and minor illnesses
- supporting health, wellbeing, and development: Ready to learn, narrowing the 'word gap'

The Early Help Service is expected to:

- Make a significant contribution to giving children the best start in life - making a positive difference to the development of children, their school readiness and long-term resilience.
- Focus strongly on prevention, health promotion, early identification of needs, early intervention, and clear packages of support; by providing seamless, high quality, accessible and universal services.
- Safeguard families and children and recognise the needs of those in vulnerable groups. Offer targeted support to referred families with children 0-19 who are deemed to be level 3 on the Continuum of Need. Contribute to multiagency support for children who are subject to a child protection plan or who are looked after.
- Champion and advocate culturally sensitive and non- discriminatory services which promote social inclusion, dignity and respect and provide a unique, universal, unsolicited, and non-stigmatising service to all families with children aged 0 - 19
- Help families to be self-sufficient in their communities by providing differentiated early intervention and support to secure the behaviour change required to achieve that aim
- Operate as a well understood, highly regarded partner for a wide range of agencies working with families including maternity services, primary and secondary care, mental health service, early years settings and services, schools, and all partners on the East Sussex Safeguarding Children's Partnership; and
- Provide parents, Carers, and families with consistent, quality assured and evidence-based information using appropriate means

Overarching Outcomes of the Partnership Arrangements

The Partnership Arrangements will contribute towards a range of public health, wellbeing and troubled families programme outcomes including:

- Improving life expectancy and healthy life expectancy.
- Reducing infant mortality.
- Reducing low birth weight of term babies.
- Reducing smoking in pregnancy and at delivery.
- Improving breastfeeding initiation.
- Increasing breastfeeding prevalence at 6-8 weeks.
- Improving child development at 2 – 2.5 years.
- Reducing the number of children in poverty.
- Improving school readiness.
- Reducing excess weight in 4 – 5 year olds.
- Reducing tooth decay in children aged 5 years.
- Reducing hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in children and young people aged 0-4 years.

- Improving population vaccination coverage.
- Improve steps to employment by; providing a volunteering programme and adult learning provision; promoting uptake of funded educational entitlement
- Increasing parent / carers' understanding of their child's learning and development.
- Improve children's speech, language, and communication development; and
- Improve community cohesion and community resilience by working in partnership with voluntary, independent, and statutory organisations.