

15 June 2015**Agenda Item: 10****REPORT OF THE ACTING CORPORATE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN, FAMILIES
AND CULTURAL SERVICES****THE IMPACT OF EARLY HELP IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide an update to the Committee on our current assessment of the impact of our approach to Early Help in Nottinghamshire.

Information and Advice

2. The Early Help Development Plan 2013-16, approved by Policy Committee in October 2013, aligned key strategies across the Nottinghamshire Children's Trust and acts as an umbrella for existing work that is underway through the Child Poverty, Early Years and Closing the Educational Gap strategies. Since the approval of the plan there have been significant developments in the consistency and scale of data available and in gaining insight into what impact the measures outlined within the plan are having. This is now being captured in a quarterly Early Help Impact Statement.
3. Nottinghamshire has adopted Professor Munro's definition of early help, meaning help provided early in the life of a child and early in the emergence of a problem. The range of items reported on in the Impact Statement is reflective of this wide approach to preventing problems escalating for children, young people and their families.
4. The production of the Impact Statement is overseen by the Early Help Leadership Team and reports to the Nottinghamshire Children's Trust. It will be presented to the Children and Young People's Committee each quarter. The Impact Statement for 2014/15 Quarter 4 is attached as an **Appendix**.

Other Options Considered

5. No other options have been considered. The benefits of well-coordinated early help are widely recognised and the plan supports the Nottinghamshire Children's Trust ambition of Nottinghamshire being a place where children are "safe, healthy and happy, where everyone enjoys a good quality of life and where everyone can achieve their potential".

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

6. The Early Help Development Plan brings together key strategies across the Nottinghamshire Children's Trust workforce and continues to support work to achieve

better outcomes for children, young people and families through the improved coordination of evidence based interventions. The Impact Statement assesses how far the plan is delivering on the stated priorities.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the update on the current assessment of the impact of our approach to Early Help in Nottinghamshire be noted.

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Constitutional Comments

8. As this report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments (SS 01/06/15)

9. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Nottinghamshire Children's Trust Early Help Development Plan 2013-16 – report to Policy Committee on 16 October 2013

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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