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**Nottinghamshire Family and Parenting Strategic Group**

**Terms of Reference**

**Vision**

The Nottinghamshire Family and Parenting Strategic group will champion effective and meaningful multi-agency planning, and delivery to provide effective parenting and family support to improve outcomes for children, young people and families. The group supports the ambition of Nottinghamshire’s Children’s Trust:

*“We want Nottinghamshire to be a place where children are safe, healthy and happy, where everyone enjoys a good quality of life, and where everyone can achieve their potential.”*

**Aim:**

To provide coordinated, consistent and multi-agency family and parenting support for those who require additional help. This includes the delivery of effective evidence based parenting programmes; and one to one support.

**Desired Outcomes**

**Purpose**

The purpose of the strategic group is to assess local needs and subsequently develop, co-ordinate and monitor the delivery of the Family and Parenting Strategy and action plan.

**Background**

* In a dynamic and changing environment, with decreasing resources, it is more important than ever that we work with all partners to deliver appropriate, consistent and cost-effective support to families and parents.
* The group acknowledges the primary responsibility for a family’s welfare will always rest with parents. The task of local services is to provide the best possible support to enable parents to fulfil that responsibility.

Our ambition is that every child in Nottinghamshire has an equal opportunity to achieve their full potential. Where we see a gap between children who achieve and those that do not we must take steps to close that gap. We need to provide a wide range of targeted family support initiatives from the preventative where we will quickly identify families who need additional support prior to the onset of crisis, right through to providing intensive support to those families who need our involvement the most.

The Family and Parenting Strategic Group will provide direction and support to the Parenting Approaches sub group and other required task and finish groups, in delivering the Family and Parenting Support Action Plan.

**Boundaries of the Nottinghamshire Family and Parenting Strategic Group**

The Nottinghamshire’s Family Support and Parenting Strategic groupaims to add value to, not duplicate the work and activities around wider services and other strategic changes.

The group will share information and ideas across agencies, identifying and sharing good practice and gaps in service.

It will also promote debate and discussion throughout the children and young people’s workforce and harness opportunities for developing integrated commissioning and working.

**The Nottinghamshire Family and Parenting Strategic Group will:-**

* Produce a multi-agency statement of intent with regards to parenting and family work which lays out our commitment to the diversity of family life, our values when intervening with families and the approach we are taking to produce the intended outcomes.
* Develop and implement a Family and Parenting Support Strategy
* Ensure that family and parenting support is commissioned in a joined up, cross partnership way.
* Provide direction and support to the Parenting Approaches Sub group, the Knowledge Transfer Partnership project and any other identified task and finish groups.
* Produce regular reports for the Children’s Trust and the NCC Early Help Executive
* Reflect a commitment to providing evidence based and research supported parenting support.

Representation at senior operational manager level or above

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Meetings to be chaired by Group Manager for Early Childhood and Early Help Locality Services

**Meetings**

Four times per year

January 2016

To be reviewed January 2017