

Early Help Annual Report 2017 to 2018.

Purpose

- 1.1 To update Scrutiny Review Board on the effectiveness and impact of Early Help Services during 2017 to 2018. The annual report is attached at appendix one.

Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To note the current position in relation to the effectiveness of Early Help arrangements.

Reason(s)

- 3.1 This report provides an overview of the impact Early Help services in Derby has had during 2017 to 2018 and contains a number of actions to address challenges and areas for improvement.

Supporting information

- 4.1 Derby has a range of Early Help services available across the City, including Multi-Agency Teams (MAT's), who are co-located with Social Care Teams in an integrated locality based model. The MAT's are complemented by Children's Centres as part of a broader Early Help offer. Children's Centres provide universal and targeted services in clusters of locality based centres across the City to families with children under the age of five. The focus of centres work is increasingly with more vulnerable families.
- 4.2 There is a range of innovative practice that currently takes place in different localities across Derby between schools and the Local Authority's Early Help Teams, which have had a positive impact and which have the potential to be extended to ensure a more systematic and consistent approach to future delivery.

- 4.3 The report also contains details on the external funding secured for the establishment of a Early Help New Arrivals Team. The team supports families who are newly arrived to Derby from outside of the UK, with an emphasis on helping parents to understand their rights and responsibilities in the UK, and intervening early in order to support families at the earliest point.

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 None specifically required from this report but the voice of children and young people and their parent/carers has been incorporated into the annual report.

Other options

- 6.1 None required from this report

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 None specifically arising from this report

Legal implications

- 8.1 Within Early Help services there are statutory functions relating to the provision of Children Centres, Young Carers and the Connexions Service which are met in full.

Other significant implications

- 9.1 None

This report has been approved by the following people:

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Appendix	Early Help Annual Report	