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## Departmental Update: Children & Young People

Presentation on the Family Hub model for universal and early help support

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# Universal Family Support and Early Help

*'Local authorities should work with organisations and agencies to develop joined-up early help services based on a clear understanding of local needs. This requires all practitioners, including those in universal services and those providing services to adults with children, to understand their role in identifying emerging problems and to share information with other practitioners to support early identification and assessment.'*

*'In addition to high quality support in universal services, specific local early help services will typically include family and parenting programmes, assistance with health issues, including mental health, responses to emerging thematic concerns in extra-familial contexts, and help for emerging problems relating to domestic abuse, drug or alcohol misuse by an adult or a child. Services may also focus on improving family functioning and building the family's own capability to solve problems. This should be done within a structured, evidence-based framework involving regular review to ensure that real progress is being made. Some of these services may be delivered to parents but should always be evaluated to demonstrate the impact they are having on the outcomes for the child.'*

**Working Together 2018**

# Universal Family Support and Early Help –Early Years

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- *Local authorities and, where relevant, health services and Job Centre Plus must have regard to the guidance when exercising their functions under the Childcare Act 2006.*
- *Local authorities **must:** take steps to identify parents and those expecting a baby in their area who are unlikely to take advantage of early childhood services available and encourage them to use them; and*
- ***ensure there are sufficient children's centers, so far as reasonably practicable, to meet local need***

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# National Picture

- Recent Josh MacAlister review highlighted in last 10 years changes to how we are working with families
  - Referrals to social care increased by 70%
  - Child protection planning increased by 32%
  - Looked After Children increased by 24%
- Equally more spending has been directed to specialist services. In last 10 years spending in social care has increased from £6.6 billion to £8.2 billion whilst monies invested in preventative services (early help) have decreased from £3.5 billion to £2.5 billion
- Investment at high levels of intervention via specialist services has not resulted in better outcomes.
  - Education attainment for children at key stage 4 who are subject to child protection plans is 46% lower and, for children in care its 53% lower, than compared with children with no social work intervention
  - Rates for children in care accessing university education are at 6% at age 18 compared to 43% in the general population

# National Drivers- System Maturity

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## Early Help System Guide

- Launched in 2020 – a self assessment as to how well Local Authorities across all partners are delivering early support to families in key areas
  - Family Voice and Co-production
  - Community involvement/VCFA
  - Coherent and integrated workforce
  - Leadership
  - Data and information sharing

# National Drivers- Family Hubs

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- Focus on prevention
- Focus on delivery in neighbourhoods
- Whole Family approach
- Building on assets and strengths in families
- Building a relational culture in every family hub
- Physical and virtual/ hub and spoke- an integrated and varied offer at all levels of need
- Voluntary sector and wider community involvement. Devolving responsibility and money!
- Focus on adults –adult learning, healthy relationships, mediation, training and work
- Focus on early years universal offer as the foundation to good outcomes for children – Health and Care (Leadsom first 1001 days)
- Focus of targeted support to families in stress and requiring support(early help)

# Let's do it .... In our neighbourhoods - Communities & public services Together

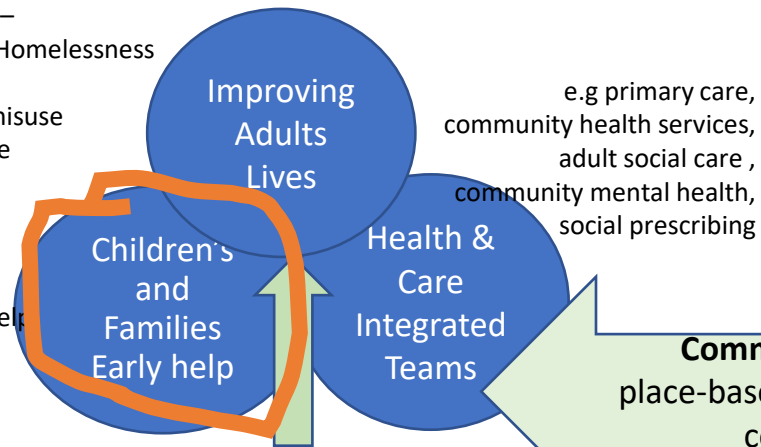
## Lets Do It – The Strategy for the Borough to 2030.

*“achieving faster economic growth than the national average, with lower than national average levels of deprivation”*  
*“we will work collectively to give everyone the encouragement and support to play their part (and) joining together the delivery of all public services as one*

### The way we organise ourselves for case management Neighbourhood Team/System Working

e.g Housing –  
 STH; PRS & Homelessness  
 GMP  
 Substance misuse  
 Youth Justice

e.g Early Help  
 Schools,  
 Social Care



e.g primary care,  
 community health services,  
 adult social care ,  
 community mental health,  
 social prescribing

### The way we engage people & communities in a place Resources to embed the “LETS” principles



**Community Hubs as**  
 place-based co-ordinators &  
 connectors

### Led by neighbourhood data profiles & case risk stratification:

- Join up of universal and targeted public services
- Unlocking multi-agency cases of discrete cohorts of risk
- Targeted intervention to prevent spiralling risk/demand

### Led by neighbourhood asset maps & community for a:

- A focus on socio, economic, and health inequalities
- Nurturing local assets / resources eg residents groups
- Co-design with & engagement of communities

# Family Hubs –Bury

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- Small steer group – CCG/ Council/ Public Health met to map the approach - December 21
- Review and mapping of need (East Bury identified as first pilot site) –December 21
- Wider East Bury network meeting held – February 22
- Further East Bury workshop to distil approach and co-produce – April 22
- Draft Project/Implementation Plan co-produced - May 22
- Monthly multi agency, implementation group -July 22
- First iteration to launch in pilot area - East Bury April 23
- Wider launch across 5 neighbourhoods -April 24



# Family Hubs- Current Neighbourhood Offer

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# Family Hub Implementation Plan

- Recruitment to transformation lead- Jamie Walker
- Current workgroup to build on the current offer and 'knit together' the offer in place across the partnership – Chair – Jane Case (ICB)
- Buildings and Infrastructure – Chair- Jamie Walker
- Media/Comms and launch – Chair - Jamie Walker
- Workforce Development
- Finance
- Policy and Process
- Quality Assurance