

Mayor And Cabinet			
Title	Comments of the Children and Young People Select Committee on Early Intervention and Targeted Support		
Contributors	Children and Young People Select Committee	Item No.	
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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Children and Young People Select Committee, arising from discussions held on the officer report entitled Early Interventions and Targeted Support, considered at its meeting on 29 January 2014.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Mayor is recommended to note the views of the Children and Young People Select Committee as set out in section three of this referral and agree that the Executive Director for Children and Young People and Executive Director for Customer Services provide a response.

3. Children and Young People Select Committee views

- 3.1 On 29 January 2014, the Children and Young People Select Committee considered a report entitled Early Intervention and Targeted Support.
- 3.2 The Committee commended the approach taken in embedding the Government's Troubled Families programme within Lewisham's early intervention approach to targeting and supporting vulnerable families.
- 3.3 The Committee recognised the work staff in the Customer Services Directorate and the Children and Young People Directorate have carried out in improving links regarding housing services. The Committee emphasised the impacts that housing can have during the early years of a child's life. Therefore the Committee recommends that further work is carried out to improve the links between Children's Centres and housing providers, as well as between Children's Centres and the Revenue and Benefits Team.
- 3.4 The Committee has also passed on comments to the Health and Wellbeing Board recognising the valuable role that Children's Centres play in providing links to other public services. The Committee has also asked that opportunities for increased outreach immunisation programmes are considered, specifically increased availability of immunisation for both MMR and MMR 2 in Children's Centres.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se; but there may financial implications arising from carrying out the action proposed by the Committee.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Constitution provides for Select Committees to refer reports to the Mayor and Cabinet, who are obliged to consider the report and the proposed response from the relevant Executive Director; and report back to the Committee within two months (not including recess).

Background papers

Early Intervention and Targeted Support - Meeting of the Children and Young People Select Committee, 29 January 2014

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