

Committee	Children and Young People Select Committee	Item No.	5
Title	Early Help Review		
Wards	All		
Contributors	Service Manager, CYP Joint Commissioning		
Class	Part 1	Date	13 March 2019

1. Purpose of Paper

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is to advise and update Committee members of the framework and scope for the Early Help review in Lewisham in 2019.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Members of the Committee are asked to note and comment on the report and presentation at Appendix A.

3. Policy Context

National Context

- 3.1 There are a number of reviews that inform that national and local policy context and inform the review of Early Help, including:
- Graham Allen's report on intervening early in a child's life
 - Field report on preventing inter-generational poverty
 - Munroe review of Children's Social Care
 - Tickhill review of early years
 - Marmot review of health inequalities

Local Context

- 3.2 An effective Early Help offer will contribute to the deliver of Lewisham's Corporate Strategy 2018-2022, with particular impact on the following priorities:
- Open Lewisham - Lewisham is a welcoming place of safety for all where we celebrate the diversity that strengthens us.
 - Giving children and young people the best start in life - Every child has access to an outstanding and inspiring education and is given the support they need to keep them safe, well and able to achieve their full potential.
 - Building an inclusive local economy - Everyone can access high quality job opportunities, with decent pay and security in our thriving and inclusive local economy.
 - Delivering & defending: Health, Social Care and Support - Ensuring everyone receives the health, mental health, social care and support services they need.
 - Building safer communities - Every resident feels safe and secure living here as we work together towards a borough free from the fear of crime.

4. Drivers to the Review

- 4.1 Early Help has been a long-standing approach in Lewisham, often referred to as early intervention, and is a fundamental means for us to achieve the priorities set out in our Children and Young People's Plan. Our existing Early Help Strategy ends in 2020 and so it is timely to review and refresh our approach and offer now. There are a number of key drivers to our review, these are set out below.
- 4.2 **Ofsted, and Lewisham's CSC Improvement Programme:** Lewisham's Early Help offer must address Ofsted recommendations relating to Early Help following the inspection in 2015, and the focused visit in September 2018. This is being governed through the CSC improvement programme.
- 4.3 **National and Local CAMHS reviews:** which prioritise the early intervention pathway for emotional wellbeing and Early Help.
- 4.4 **Ensuring efficiency, value for money and that we spend our resources where they have the most impact for our children and young people:** a number of externally provided services critical to a system level early help offer have contracts which end in March 2020. Additionally, the Early Help review will develop current savings proposals for 2020 and beyond.
- 4.5 **Lewisham's public health approach to Youth Violence:** which seeks to ensure early intervention and improved multi-agency working around youth violence.

5. Early Help Review 2019

- 5.1 A full review of Early Help (our approach to early intervention and prevention of escalation) will refresh a partnership vision for Lewisham, with shared understanding and outcomes, and a collective delivery model to ensure that we work with children, young people and their families to improve outcomes and meet needs quickly so that problems do not escalate and eventually require specialist services.
- 5.2 The framework for the Early Help review is provided in the presentation at Appendix A.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 The table below shows the various funding streams that support our Early Help offer in 2018/19. The projected outturn position is currently showing an overspend of £1.6m. The overspend relates to £600k for a youth service contract and £1m for a savings target from 2015/16. With regards the £1m overspend, this relates to a savings option from 2015/16 which suggested that the outcomes of the Troubled Families Grant could assist in reducing costs in children's social care and thereby deliver a saving of £1.1m.

Funding Body	Total	CYP -General Fund	CCG	Public Health	Troubled Families Grant
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Children & Family Centres inc facilities and data management	2.50100	2.50100			
The budget above also funds:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young Father's Service (Working With Men), £75,000 					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lewisham Autism Support, £90,000 			0.04500		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Support Group, £13,000 					
Young Carers (Carers Lewisham & Family Action)	0.05300	0.05300			
Safer Stronger Families Service (Core Assets)	1.07000				1.07000
Family Support Service Pilot (Core Assets)	0.07000	0.07000			
Health and Wellbeing Service (Compass)	0.75000		0.15000	0.65000	
Youth Service (Youth First)	1.94300	1.94300			
Volunteering Service (Family Lives)	0.04500	0.04500			
Parental Resilience (Parent Engage & Bromley Mind)	0.00400		0.00400		
Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Programme (SLAM)	0.08600		0.08600		
Therapeutic Support (Core Assets)	0.01500		0.01500		
Liaison and Diversion Post & Trauma Informed Work in the YOS & (ICoN)	0.08500		0.08500		
Health Visiting & FNP (LGT)	6.00000			6.00000	
Maternity (LGT)	27.00000		27.00000		
Mindful Mums (Mind)	0.02200		0.02200		
Perinatal Mental Health Midwife (LGT)	0.02800		0.02800		
Therapies (SLT, OT, PT)	3.28700		3.28700		
Children's Community Nursing (inc H@H)	1.36600		1.36600		
Community Paediatrics	2.14300		2.14300		
School Health Service	£0.15			£0.15	
	£46.62	£4.61	£34.23	£6.80	

6.2 It should be noted that the table above is based on 2018/19. Funding in relation to future years does potentially carry some risk and any reductions arising from our partners or

income streams will have an impact on the ability of this project to support the overall savings targets for CYP.

- 6.3 With regards Troubled Families Grant. The grant is currently in phase 2 of the national initiative, with 2019/20 being the final year of the allocated funding. At the time of writing it is not clear if there will be a phase 3, that decision is subject to the comprehensive spending review for the next Government spending round.
- 6.4 It should however be noted that without early preventative work the service's ability to deliver on wider savings could be compromised.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 Any procurement undertaken connected to the Early Help review will have to follow our legal obligations.
- 7.2 Our approach to Early Help will also have to ensure we are compliant with our statutory duties.

8. Crime and Disorder Implications

- 8.1 There are no Crime and Disorder implications arising from this report

9. Equalities Implications

- 9.1 A full Equalities Analysis Assessment (EAA) will be completed as part of the Early Help Review.

10. Environmental Implications

- 10.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this report.