



# **Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee**

Date: Wednesday, 24 May 2023

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

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## **Membership of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee**

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The membership of the Committee will be confirmed at the Council meeting on 17 May 2023.

## Agenda

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**1. Urgent Business**

To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.

**2. Appeals**

To consider any appeals from the public against refusal to allow inspection of background documents and/or the inclusion of items in the confidential part of the agenda.

**3. Interests**

To allow Members an opportunity to [a] declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests they might have in any items which appear on this agenda; and [b] record any items from which they are precluded from voting as a result of Council Tax/Council rent arrears; [c] the existence and nature of party whipping arrangements in respect of any item to be considered at this meeting. Members with a personal interest should declare that at the start of the item under consideration. If Members also have a prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest they must withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of the item.

**4. Minutes**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2023.

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To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Ofsted Subgroup held on 15 March 2023.

**5. Early Years and Health Visiting Service**

Presentation of the Assistant Director (Children's Services), the Strategic Lead (Early Years) and Tracey Forster, Lead Manager (Children's Community Health Services), Central Manchester NHS Foundation Trust

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This presentation provides an overview of Early Years and Health Visiting.

**6. Children's Community Health - to follow**

**7. Re-establishment of the Ofsted Subgroup**

Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

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This report provides the Committee with the proposed terms of reference and current work programme for the Subgroup. The Committee is asked to re-establish the Ofsted Subgroup for the municipal year 2023 - 2024 and agree the terms of reference, work programme and membership of the Subgroup.

**8. Overview Report**

Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

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The monthly report includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.

**Please note, there will be a Work Programming session at the rise of this meeting for Committee Members only.**

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- Representative of the Diocese of Manchester – Canon Susie Mapledoram
- Representative of the Diocese of Salford – Mrs Julie Miles
- Parent governor representative – Mr Yacob Yonis
- Parent governor representative – Ms Katie McDaid
- Parent governor representative – Mr Gary Cleworth
- Secondary sector teacher representative – Miss Saba Iltaf
- Primary sector teacher representative – Ms Laura Smith

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## Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

### Minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2023

#### Present:

Councillor Reid – in the Chair  
Councillors Alijah, Amin, Bano, Gartside, Hewitson, Johnson, Lovecy, Sadler and Sharif Mahamed

#### Co-opted Voting Members:

Mr G Cleworth, Parent Governor Representative  
Mr Y Yonis, Parent Governor Representative

#### Co-opted Non-Voting Members:

Miss S Iltaf, Secondary Sector Teacher Representative

#### Also present:

Councillor Bridges, Executive Member for Early Years, Children and Young People  
Detective Superintendent Chris Downey, Greater Manchester Police (GMP)  
Andrea Patel, Associate Director of Safeguarding (Manchester), NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care  
Stuart Fern, Acting Chief Executive Officer, One Education

#### Apologies:

Councillors Bell, Cooley and Judge  
Canon S Mapledoram, Representative of the Diocese of Manchester  
Ms L Smith, Primary Sector Teacher Representative

#### CYP/23/13                      Minutes

The Chair noted that today's meeting was taking place on International Women's Day and recognised all the women who worked in Children's Services and Education and the role of parents in keeping their children safe.

#### Decisions

1. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2023.
2. To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Ofsted Subgroup held on 18 January 2023.

#### CYP/23/14                      Manchester Safeguarding Partnership (MSP) Annual Report 2021/2

The Committee considered the report of the MSP Children's Executive Chair and the Strategic Director of Children and Education Services which reflected adult and child safeguarding business and provided an overview of decisions and actions taken by the partners covering 2021/2022. The annual report aimed to illustrate how the MSP continued to develop an integrated approach to safeguarding across the life course

with equal accountability between the three statutory partners (Greater Manchester Police, Manchester City Council and Manchester Health and Care Commissioning, now Integrated Care Board) together with wider agencies and in cooperation with children and citizens.

Key points and themes in the report included:

- Contextual information;
- Partnership arrangements;
- Communications and engagement;
- Safeguarding effectiveness and scrutiny;
- Safeguarding Practice Reviews;
- Learning and improvement;
- Other safeguarding functions and groups;
- Scrutinising MSP arrangements 2021/22 – assurance statement;
- Review of MSP Joint Strategic Plan 2021/2022; and
- Strategic priorities 2022/23.

Some of the key points and themes that arose from the Committee's discussions were:

- The establishment of a permanent MSP Steering Group;
- The over-representation of some communities in complex safeguarding and whether this should be a focus in its own right; and
- Work taking place to address homelessness, including the impact of this work on children.

The Strategic Director of Children and Education Services reported that some children were more vulnerable to criminal exploitation, including black boys, and that it was important to consider the context within which it was happening.

Detective Superintendent Chris Downey from GMP stated that data indicated disproportionality in the criminal justice system and that it was important to understand why this was happening. He informed Members about work with Youth Justice to try to understand the causes leading young people to this situation.

The Assistant Director (Safeguarding and Practice) highlighted that this report related to 2021/2022 and the context for the Partnership at that time, in relation to the pandemic, and the decision just prior to the pandemic to create a combined partnership in relation to child and adult safeguarding. She advised that, coming out of this period, it was recognised that some transformation work was needed, strengthening and articulating the vision for this combined partnership, and that the Steering Group was established to give leadership and direction in relation to that. In response to a Member's question, she outlined the work that had taken place to raise the dangers of co-sleeping and how learning from the joint thematic review with Trafford in relation to serious youth violence and exploitation was being taken forward and had influenced the serious youth violence strategy.



The Strategic Director of Children and Education Services advised Members that a lot of work was taking place in relation to Homelessness and that he could ensure that this progress was reflected in the report for 2022/2023. He reported that there had been a reduction in families spending time in bed-and-breakfast and temporary accommodation, recognising that temporary accommodation was disruptive for children.

In response to a question about training, the MSP Manager reported that training had continued during the pandemic, delivered online, but that the MSP was looking to re-introduce face-to-face training, as they recognised the value of bringing people from different organisations together in one room to talk and share their experience. She informed Members about the development of the e-learning offer and recognised that this was useful for those who could not attend day-time training sessions, such as childminders and volunteers.

In response to a question from the Chair about the impact of the Domestic Abuse Strategy, Detective Superintendent Chris Downey from GMP advised that the number of arrests and prosecutions for domestic abuse in Manchester had trebled. He outlined how in the 47% of cases where a victim of domestic abuse would not support a prosecution, arrests were still being made and civil orders being used to exclude the perpetrator from the home for 28 days. He highlighted the importance of asking the victim what could be done to support them, not solely focusing on getting a prosecution. He drew Members' attention to the Encompass programme, where schools were informed about children living in households with domestic abuse. The Assistant Director (Safeguarding and Practice) highlighted the Safe and Together model for working with families affected by domestic abuse, including reference to behaviour change work for the perpetrator. The Strategic Director of Children and Education Services suggested that the Committee receive a report on Domestic Abuse and Children, including the Safe and Together model, to which the Chair agreed.

In response to a question from the Chair about the reintroduction of GMP's child protection teams, Detective Superintendent Chris Downey advised that these had previously be removed due to the austerity cuts, with the specialist officers re-assigned to deal with all types of crime, in addition to any child protection cases when these arose. He advised that it had been recognised that this had been a loss, that three child protection teams had now been established within Manchester and that the challenge was building up the specialist knowledge again.

## **Decisions**

1. To note the progress of the safeguarding partnership arrangements in the city during this period.
2. To receive a report on Domestic Abuse and Children, including the Safe and Together model.

## **CYP/23/15 Children's Social Work Workforce update**

The Committee considered the presentation of the Strategic Director of Children and Education Services which provided an update on the Children's Social Work Workforce.

Key points and themes in the presentation included:

- National context, including the Independent Children's Social Care Review and the potential risks and opportunities arising from the Government's response;
- Manchester's current position, including workforce demographics and workforce stability;
- Children's Social Worker workforce priorities; and
- Progress to date.

Some of the key points and themes that arose from the Committee's discussions were:

- The importance of clinical supervision;
- Making the workforce more representative of the communities they served at all levels, noting that in some areas there were higher levels of people without qualifications;
- Request for demographic data at different levels within the service, including senior leadership; and
- What was being done to retain experienced staff.

The Chair stated that she was arranging to meet with the Manchester Adult Education Service to discuss providing paths for people to enter social work.

The Deputy Strategic Director of Children's Services reported that a clinical supervision model was in place in relation to some areas of work, including complex safeguarding, and that good quality supervision was provided by social workers' line managers. He informed Members about the roll-out of Schwartz Rounds, group reflective practice forums giving staff an opportunity to reflect on the emotional and social aspects of their role and offered to provide further information on this at a later date. He agreed to provide Members with the requested demographic data in relation to staff at different levels within the service, while highlighting that there was more work to be done in relation to ethnicity and senior leadership roles. In response to a question about the use of agency staff, he advised that there were 46 agency staff but that these were not evenly spread across the service. He highlighted the apprenticeship vocational route to social work and reported that, as well as recruiting Manchester residents, there was also work taking place to recruit a more culturally diverse workforce. He advised that there had been some improvements with retention and highlighted the career framework and work to develop a post-qualifying programme for staff to support their further development, whether or not they chose to progress into management roles. The Assistant Director (Children's Social Care) explained how the Council utilised its relationship with the universities to attract social work students to come to work for the Council. The Chair expressed concern that the requirement for GCSE mathematics in order to study for a social work degree

was a barrier for some students. The Strategic Director of Children and Education Services informed the Committee about the social work apprenticeship programme, developed in collaboration with Manchester Metropolitan University, and reported that apprentices could join the course and do their GCSE English and mathematics studies while they were undertaking the course.

The Chair recognised the progress that had been made so far and highlighted that Committee Members would be able to get a first-hand understanding of the current situation on their visit to frontline social work services, which was due to take place on 22 March 2023.

### **Decision**

To note that the Deputy Strategic Director of Children's Services will provide Members with demographic data on social work staff at different levels within the service.

### **CYP/23/16 Manchester Our Children Sufficiency Strategy**

The Committee considered the report and presentation of the Strategic Director of Children and Education Services which provided an update on the progress of the implementation of the 2020 – 22 Our Children's Sufficiency Strategy. It reported that the aim of the 2022 – 27 Strategy was to continue to embed the developed practice, sustaining and progressing the partnership approach to deliver innovative models of accommodation.

Key points and themes in the report and presentation included:

- Background information;
- Key outcomes; and
- Implementation timeline.

Some of the key points and themes that arose from the Committee's discussions were:

- To welcome how the Council was working innovatively to find solutions in a situation where the market had failed;
- Provision for asylum-seeking children;
- Seeking clarification on unregulated accommodation; and
- Young people from other local authorities being placed in the city.

The Executive Member for Early Years, Children and Young People suggested that the Committee consider an item on unaccompanied asylum-seeking children at a future meeting, to which the Chair agreed.

The Strategic Director of Children and Education Services explained how the Council was working with partners in relation to placement sufficiency, including joint commissioning with the NHS. In response to a question from the Chair, he reported that 88 children were in external provision and that, while the cost of these placements was high, the Council had reduced its spending by having fewer children

in external residential provision and reducing the number of children becoming Looked After. He explained that children's homes were registered with and regulated through Ofsted but that supported housing for young people aged 16 and over was unregulated; however, the Council did scrutinise this unregulated accommodation through its commissioning arrangements and from April 2023 this type of provision would need to register with Ofsted and from next year would be subject to regulation and inspection by Ofsted. He reported that the Council was engaging with the providers to ensure that they registered with Ofsted.

In response to a question from the Chair, the Strategic Commissioning Lead reported that ethical providers were those which were not for profit or community interest companies or providers who had agreed to a fixed profit margin. She stated that local providers were also encouraged, as well as those which had worked with children previously and those which would commit to delivering social value as part of the contract. She informed Members about the preferred providers framework, which enabled the Council to work with providers that it knew and trusted, providing stability and building positive relationships. She confirmed that it was not uncommon for young people from other areas to be placed in the city and that there was a duty to notify the host authority when this happened. She informed Members that Greater Manchester authorities were working collaboratively on sufficiency and addressing commissioning difficulties and that Manchester had been able to share its learning with other Greater Manchester councils.

### **Decisions**

1. That the Committee will continue to monitor this area of work.
2. To receive a report on new arrivals and unaccompanied asylum-seeking children at a future meeting.

### **CYP/23/17                      One Education Limited - Update on Activities**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Education which outlined developments with One Education since the last report to scrutiny, in February 2015, its range of services currently offered to schools in Manchester and its plans for the future role it hoped to play in the life of school children in Manchester.

Key points and themes in the report included:

- Overview of One Education;
- Current operations; and
- Future shape and operation.

Members asked about the main challenges the organisation was facing. Stuart Fern, Acting Chief Executive Officer of One Education, acknowledged comments from the Chair about the challenges presented by the academisation of schools and their use of in-house services; however, he advised that this also presented an opportunity and that One Education could offer consistency of service, expertise and an independent view, based on their breadth of experience. He recognised a Member's comments on the importance of recruitment and retention and highlighted the support

from colleagues and the professional development that Educational Psychologists and other professionals could get from working for One Education rather than working in isolation for an academy. He stated that funding was a challenge and highlighted the aspirations outlined in the report to become a charitable organisation limited by guarantee which would enable them to apply for grant and charitable sector funding which was not currently available to them. He referred to One Education's strengths in relation to pupil services and interventions, for example the music service, and how charitable status would enable them to obtain additional funding to improve children's lives. He highlighted that One Education would be moving their offices to Alexandra House, renting space from the Council. In response to a question from the Chair, he advised that one of the reasons for the choice of location was available parking because staff had to travel from the office to different schools during their working day.

The Chair thanked Mr Fern for attending the meeting.

### **Decision**

To note the report.

### **CYP/23/18                      Overview Report**

A report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit was submitted. The overview report contained key decisions within the Committee's remit, responses to previous recommendations and the Committee's work programme, which the Committee was asked to approve.

### **Decision**

To note the report and agree the work programme.

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## **Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – Ofsted Subgroup**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2023**

#### **Present:**

Councillor Lovecy – in the Chair  
Councillors Gartside and Reid

**Apologies:** None received

#### **Also present:**

Councillor Bridges, Executive Member for Early Years, Children and Young People

### **CYP/OSG/23/05 Minutes**

#### **Decision**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2023.

### **CYP/OSG/23/06 Ofsted Inspections of Manchester Schools**

The Subgroup received a list of all Manchester schools which had been inspected since the last meeting and the judgements awarded.

The Senior School Quality Assurance Officer advised that in Manchester since September 2022 to date a total of 39 inspections had been conducted by Ofsted (37 schools and 2 Sixth Form Settings). She advised that this was a significant increase when compared to the total of 28 in the whole of the previous year. She informed Members of the 'Watchsted' website that provided a wealth of data in relation to Ofsted inspections and allowed for comparisons to be made between different local authorities and regions. She stated that in Manchester 89.6% of all schools were rated as 'good' or better, adding that this was higher than the North West and national average; 91.1% of primary schools were rated as 'good' or better, again this was higher than the national average and only slightly lower than the North West average; and 82.8% of High Schools were rated as 'good' or better, commenting that this was significantly better than the North West average and higher than the national average. She commented that this was a very positive position.

The Senior School Quality Assurance Officer stated that the key themes for improvement that had emerged from the reports submitted for consideration included the need for the curriculum to be mapped out and delivered sequentially, across all year groups. This approach needed to be applied and developed across all subjects, not just the core subjects. The same approach also needed to be applied to assessments to ensure the curriculum was evidenced as progressing the students learning. She further commented upon the theme of an emphasis on reading and phonics across the reports.

In terms of those 'Inadequate' ratings, the Senior School Quality Assurance Officer stated that issues relating to safeguarding and behaviour had been identified as a key theme, in addition to those relating to the provision of quality education. In regard

to the 'Inadequate' report for St Matthew's RC High School, the Members were provided with a history of the site and information on the measures taken and the support mechanisms implemented following the previous inspections since 2017. The Senior School Quality Assurance Officer advised that the Authority would continue to support the EMMAUS Catholic Academy Trust, especially on the issue of safeguarding at St Matthew's RC High School. The Director of Education responded to a question from a Member by stating that she did have confidence in EMMAUS to deliver improvements at this school, adding that they had a Director of Education and a Schools Improvement Team.

With regard to the 'Inadequate' report considered for Crosslee Primary School, the Senior School Quality Assurance Officer stated that the Authority would continue to work with the school and the CLIC Trust. She stated this would include providing strategic leadership; support on safeguarding; the curriculum; working with senior leadership team; quality assurance activities and communications with staff and parents. She stated that a review of SEN provision would also be undertaken at the school.

In regard to support for other schools, the Senior School Quality Assurance Officer advised that Quality Assurance visits would continue to be delivered and that the regional His Majesty's Inspector had attended and participated in a recent Head Teachers briefing event and had conducted a 'question and answer' session that had been very well received. She further made reference to the Our Manchester Improvement Partnership, stating that this provided a mechanism to support newly qualified and practicing teachers, in addition to the continual professional development available to staff.

The Executive Member for Early Years, Children and Young People made reference to the East Manchester Academy report. He stated that the report was a very positive account of the improvements realised at the school and noted that the headline rating of 'Requires Improvement' needed to be considered in that context. The Director of Education noted that often a 'poor' rating helped formalise and accelerate the improvements required at a site, noting that schools were often very receptive to any offers of support or advice to improve their rating.

Members discussed the importance of Members being involved with and establishing trusted relationships with schools within their wards. A Member commented that local Councillors should also volunteer to be Governors at their local schools. A Member commented that the Education Department needed to be alert to other indicators that there may be issues at a school prior to a formal inspection, such as a high turnover of staff.

In response to the discussion on the CofE School of the Resurrection report and the 'Good' rating, Members noted this school had previously been rated as 'Requires Improvement'. The Senior School Quality Assurance Officer commented that there was a new Head Teacher in post who had a very clear vision and strategy to drive the improvements needed with the support of the local authority, particularly around issues relating to the curriculum and the governance arrangements.



**Decision**

To note the reports.

**CYP/OSG/23/07 Ofsted Inspections of Daycare Providers**

The Subgroup received a list of all Manchester daycare providers which had been inspected since the last meeting and the judgements awarded.

The Early Years Quality Assurance Lead advised that 94% of settings were rated as either 'Good' or higher. She commented that Kids Start remained rated as 'Outstanding', adding that the inspection had arisen following a complaint. She further advised that Kids Start had been selected to participate in the Early Years stronger practice hub in recognition of the good work and practice delivered by this provider.

She stated that the positive themes that emerged from the reports included children's independence skills; communication and language; understanding and implementation of the curriculum; positive behaviour of staff and the positive influence this had on the children; unique needs being met; staff wellbeing being addressed through appropriate supervision and training; and assessment of children's development.

In regard to those provisions being rated as 'Inadequate' the Early Years Quality Assurance Lead stated that the key theme that emerged was in relation to poor practice and safeguarding. She stated that work was underway to address this and made reference to the Development Forum and online training available to staff. She further noted the challenge presented to providers by the issue of staff recruitment and retention, the potential for increased ratios, and the increased developmental needs of children due to the pandemic.

**Decision**

To note the reports.

**CYP/OSG/23/08 Terms of Reference and Work Programme**

The Chair noted that the Subgroup would be re-established at the May meeting of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee. The Chair requested that a meeting be convened for 14 June 2023 at 10am.

The Subgroup discussed which schools and settings they would like to visit. Members agreed that the Moston ward Councillors should be invited to accompany the visit to St Matthew's RC High School.

**Decisions**

1. To note the Terms of Reference and Work Programme.
2. To arrange visits to the following schools; St Matthew's RC High School, The

East Manchester Academy and CofE School of the Resurrection.

3. To arrange visits to the following Daycare Providers; Kids Start, Sutton Road and First Steps Nursery.

Presentation to Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee  
24<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

**Subject: Early Years and Health Visiting Service**

Julie Heslop, Assistant Director, Children's Services

Nasreen King, Strategic Lead, Early Years

Tracey Forster, Lead Manager,

Children's Community Health Services



# Overview

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- Start Well Strategy and Partnership Board
- Start Well Presenting Needs
- Start Well Data and Impact
- Family Hubs Programme
- Summary

# Start Well Partnership Board

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- Broad representation across multiple sectors to deliver the Start Well Strategy and *Best Start for Life : Vision of 1,000 days*
- Effective relationship with Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) , statutory and community partners who provide expertise and delivery of key services - Manchester Mind, Home–Start, Sure Start core offer , Thriving Babies Programme, Active Lifestyles, City in the Community, Libraries, Neighbourhood Development.

Priorities are :

- Improving health outcomes
- Ensuring a good level of development
- Ensuring children are ready for school
- Reducing infant mortality
- Reducing inequalities

# Start Well Strategy

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- Six key outcomes measures that align to the priorities.
- Focus on improving health outcomes with collaboration and focused work in relation to improving oral health, increasing take up of vaccinations and supporting healthy weight management.
- Enhancing the parent infant mental health provision with bespoke programme for parents in the thriving babies programme and Child and Parents Service (CAPS).
- Earlier support and impact from think family and trauma informed approach from Midwifery, Vulnerable Babies Prevention and Protect Service, Health Visiting Specialist Case Planning, Early Year's Outreach, and Early Help Thriving Babies Programme.

# Start Well Presenting Needs

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- Disproportionate impact from the pandemic continues to be felt by babies, children, families and communities.
- Increased number of parents presenting with mental health issues related to isolation, parental anxiety and confidence.
- Significant impact of cost-of-living crisis, families experiencing financial hardship with meeting basic needs ,food and fuel poverty and poor housing .
- Increase in children with Personal, Social and Emotional/ Social Communication difficulties.
- Poorer education and health outcomes across communities experiencing racial inequalities (CERI).
- Uptake of the two-year-old Early Education Free Entitlement offer is lower across some CERI communities.
- Good Level of Development (GLD) gap widened MCR 53% compared to national 65% - 12 % GAP.

# Partnership Response and Offer

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- Bump to Baby Rolling Programme to promote attachment and bonding, supports parent's health and wellbeing, builds confidence and preparedness for baby's arrival.
- Work with Schools and wider partners to identify children who will benefit from a WellComm and / or the Raising Early Achievement in Literacy (REAL) intervention.
- All 18-month year olds registered with Sure Start Children's Centre are offered Ages and Stages (ASQ) developmental assessment.
- Enhanced promotion to increase the uptake of the of Healthy Child Programme.
- Focused work with VCS and wider partners across neighbourhoods targeting CERl to increase the uptake of services that support school readiness and health and wellbeing.
- Roll out training to increase the skill set of the Early Years workforce to support young children and their parents/carers with promoting their academic, social, emotional and language development.



# Making Manchester Fairer Kickstarter Programme

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Kickstarter proposal - to address the widening GLD gap for children in Early Years Foundation Stage(EYFS)

A 3- tier offer has been developed and is now being implemented.

Schools with a cohort of children with a widening gap in EYFS outcomes have been identified and cross matched to areas with highest levels of deprivation and health inequalities.

- Tier 1 Intensive support to schools with GLD scores less than 34%
- Tier 2 Targeted support to schools with GLD scores less than 50%

Schools will have access to a multi-agency task force wrapped around the early years cohort in school to ensure that identified and emerging needs within the cohort are responded to.

Aims of the programme:

- ✓ Improved outcomes for children in terms of EYFS scores, phonics results and KS1 outcomes
- ✓ Improved attendance of children in this cohort
- ✓ Accelerated progress for targeted children from initial baseline
- ✓ Increased take up of community offers including childcare
- ✓ Reduced requests for EHCPs

*Each school to identify priority outcomes based on needs of the cohort and how to baseline and measure impact of the programme*

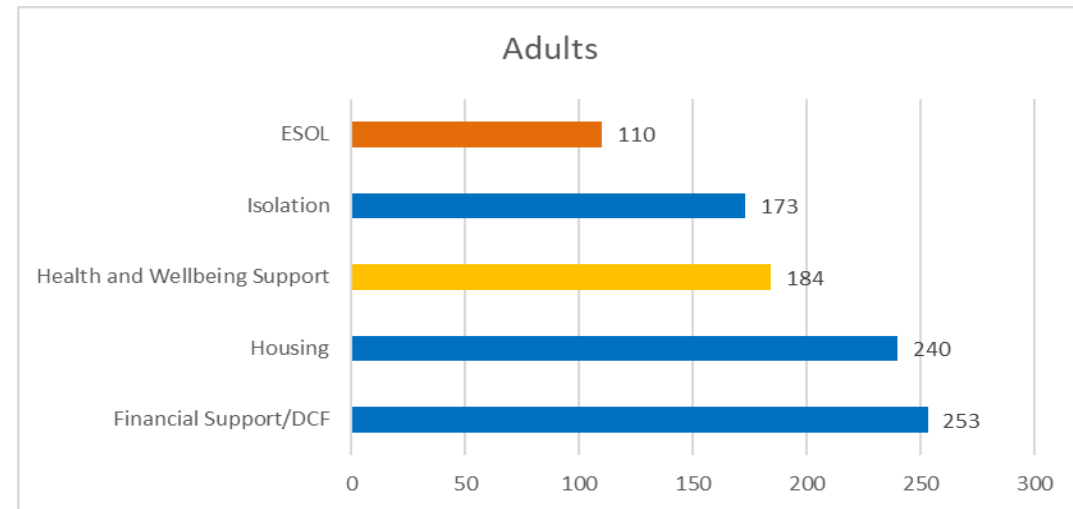
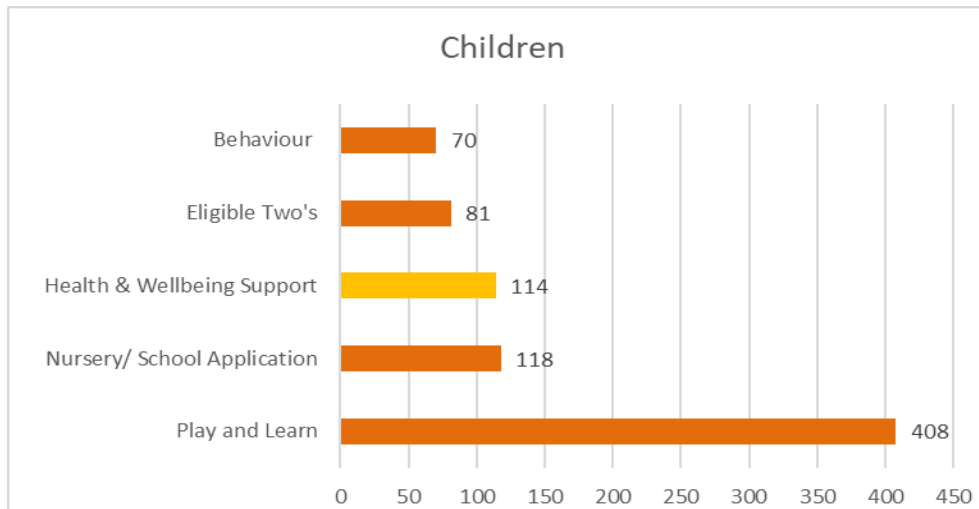
# Early Help Assessments (EHA's)

Jan 2022 – Dec 2022:

**1,852 EHAs were completed by Early Years Outreach Workers (EYOW)**

The charts below outlines the most frequent presenting issues for additional support and intervention.

- For children: child development and school readiness followed by health and wellbeing support.
- For adults: financial support followed by housing support.



# Responding to Housing and Financial Hardship

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## Presenting issues:

### Housing:

- Poor Housing conditions – damp, mould.
- Repairs to the property not being addressed.
- Rehousing due to overcrowding, cramped conditions.
- Homeless families living in hotels with no access to cooking facilities.
- Cost of rented accommodation
- Property in disrepair.
- Pest Infestations (mice) and Bugs.

### Financial Hardship:

- Cost of living – food, energy bills.
- Clothing – babies' children and adults.
- Baby Essentials – items and equipment.
- Household furniture.
- White goods – fridge, washing machine etc.
- Toys and books.
- No recourse to public funds.
- Eligibility criteria for free 15- and 30-hours childcare.

## Early Years Outreach Worker (EYOW) :

- Work with housing providers and private landlords to address repairs and maintenance.
- Carry out home safety risk assessments.
- Contact housing compliance if repairs not acted upon.
- Check benefit entitlements and advocate with energy companies.
- Signpost / make referrals to e.g. Shelter, food banks and charitable organisations e.g. Wood Street Mission, Working Wardrobe, Mustard Tree.
- Apply for cash grants from Financial Hardship Fund.
- Promote take up of 15- and 30-hour free entitlement for 2,3-, and 4-year-olds.
- Promote Health Start programme and applications for Maternity Grant.
- Good working relationships with Shelter, Homeless Family Hubs, Housing associations, Ethnic Health.

# Case Study

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## Referral received from Health Visitor

### Presenting issue:

Housing, Finances, EAL, Infant Feeding.

- Mother suffering post-natal depression.
- Family struggling financially.
- Threat of eviction – landlord selling property.
- Property damp and boiler not working.
- Isolation.
- English as an additional language.(EAL)
- Support with feeding baby.

### • Action Taken:

- EYOW visited and spoke to family in Urdu.
- Referral made to foodbank for food, baby milk and nappies.
- Supported to claim Health Start payments.
- Referral made to infant feeding support.
- Registered baby with GP and dentist.
- Applied for Sure Start maternity grant, child benefit and support with council tax payments.
- Completed Manchester Move application with family.
- Negotiated with landlord for repairs to be completed and for time to find suitable alternative property.
- Enrolled mother in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes.

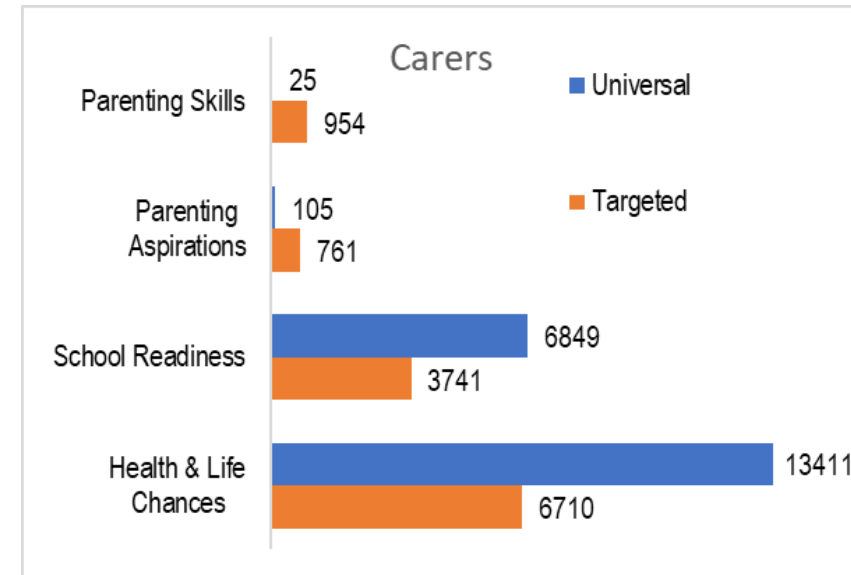
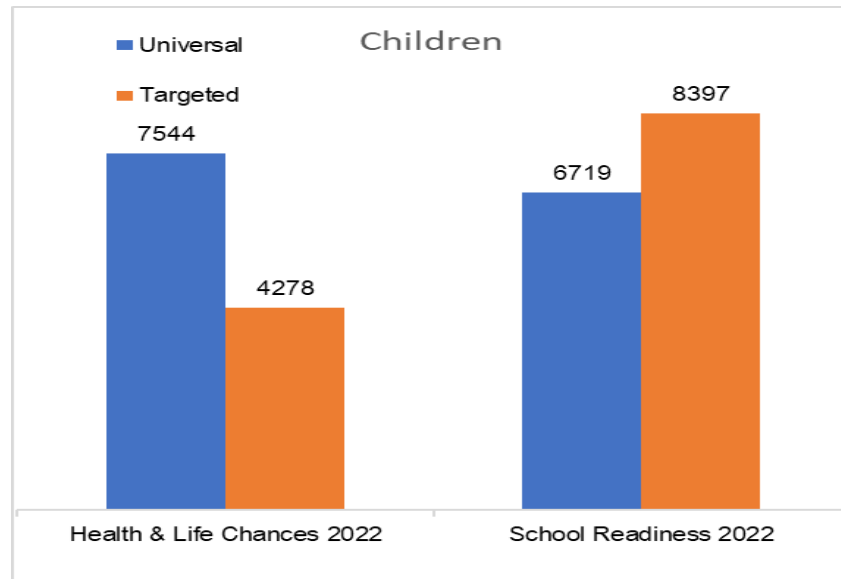
### • Outcomes:

- Family now in receipt of appropriate benefits and have received grants to help purchase essentials.
- Repairs have been completed on the property.
- Mother attending ESOL steppingstones with baby as well as local mother and baby groups.
- Manchester move application accepted and family have been allocated a band 2 property.

# Data and Impact

## Sure Start Children's Centre (SSCC) Universal and Targeted Interventions

The charts below outline the type of universal and targeted interventions accessed / received



### Jan 2022 – Dec 2022

11,278 children accessed universal interventions and 11,167 received targeted interventions

16,369 adults accessed universal interventions and 9,134 received targeted interventions

# Data and Impact

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## **SSCC REACH:**

Currently 67% Of Manchester's 0–3-year-olds are accessing Sure Start Children's Centre services; this is a 19% increase compared to 12 months previously.

57% living in Communities Experiencing Racial Inequalities (CERI).(18% Ethnicity unknown).

**Early Years settings:** 94 % of settings are good or outstanding and 92% Childminders.

**Two Year Free Entitlement:** Spring 2023 : 68.6% of eligible two-year-olds accessed provision compared to National at 72%.

**Bump to Baby programme:** Jan 22 – Dec 22: 202 parents completed the programme.

## **18-month Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ3/ASQSE) assessment (implemented from May 2022):**

May 2022 – December 2022.

263 screens completed resulting in:

- 170 children received a WellComm screen.
- 17 children referred to specialist services.
- 16 children referred to CAPs.

# Data and Impact

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## Parenting Service

Jan 2022 – Dec 2022: 1077 families received an intervention.

- Incredible Years Baby (IY Baby)
- Incredible Years Preschool
- Getting on board

The retention rate was 72-80%

As a result:

- 60% of parents moved from clinical to non-clinical ranges for maternal warmth and
- 60% parents moved to non-clinical on invasion scores, as seen on MORS – SF (measures the parent infant relationship)
- 50% of parents were no longer in clinical range for anxiety as seen on GAD7 (measures symptoms of anxiety)
- 45.4% of parents were no longer in clinical range for depression as seen on PHQ9 (measures symptoms of depression)
- 60% of parents had concerns about their children's behaviour at assessment, which reduced to 30% at the end of intervention as seen on Eyberg (measures behaviour concerns)

# Data and Impact

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## Speech and Language Therapy Service

### 3005 children received a WellComm screen

- **38%** of children achieved a green code and were at typical levels of development
- **39%** of children achieved a red code on their initial WellComm screen and were referred to specialist.
- **23%** of children achieved an amber score on their initial WellComm screen and received intervention.
- **62%** of children show some delay in their language skills.

### 3 months post intervention

- **38%** children were assessed as **green** and did not require any further input.
- **41%** were assessed as **red** and referred for further assessment to the specialist Speech and Language Therapy service.
- **21%** scored **amber** and received further pathway input.



# Data and Impact

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## Health Visiting Service: Jan 2022 – Dec 2022

- Universal and targeted public health offer open to 32,000 children (0-4.5yrs) plus parent/carers
- 142,132 contacts (66% Face to Face, 34% Telephone)

## Healthy Child Programme:

- Targeted Antenatal contacts 827
- New Birth Contact within 14 days 85% delivered within 14 days (+ 13% seen over 14 days)
- Maternal Mental Health Assessment 92% delivered within 8 weeks
- 6-8wk Health Development Review 92% by 8 weeks of age
- 9m Health Development Review 76% by 15 months of age (62% by 12 months of age)
- 2yr Health Development Review 70% by 30 months of age

Following the 9m or 2yr Health Development Reviews (11,149); 836 Children referred for Wellcomm screening, 1,370 referred to specialist health services, and 265 were offered additional support within the HV service

5,318 New- Born Observations completed between 10 days and 8 weeks to support parent and child interactions, bonding and attachment

777 Therapeutic Baby Massage contacts delivered to support low to moderate maternal mood identified at the Maternal Mental health assessment

# Data and Impact

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## Homeless Families Health Visiting Team

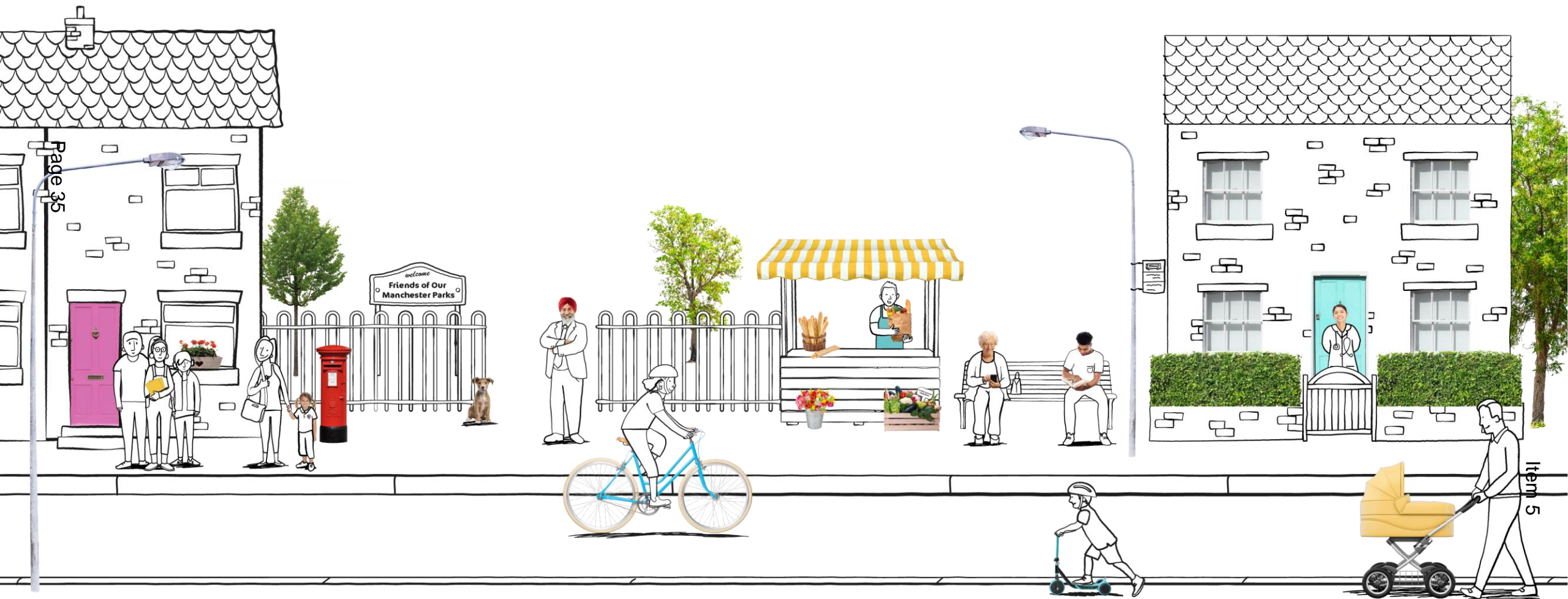
- Caseload ~1000 children (0-4.5yrs) plus parents
- 8,899 contacts (82% Face to Face, 18% Telephone)

## Infant Feeding Team

Enhanced service available in North Manchester only, team includes Specialist Health Visitors, Dieticians and Support Workers

- Between Jan 2022 and Dec 2022
  - 12,898 universal offer contacts delivered by Infant Feeding Support Workers
  - 3,374 targeted complex contacts delivered by Specialist Health Visitors
  - 903 targeted contacts e.g. allergy delivered by Dieticians
- South/Central Manchester has generic support for Infant Feeding provided by HV teams, 2 drop-in clinics and a virtual offer, this offer will be enhanced via the Family Hub investment

# Best Start for Life/Family Hubs Programme



# Best Start for Life/Family Hubs Programme

Manchester is one of 75 local authority areas that will receive a share of the £301.75 million Family Hubs and Start for Life programme funding package for the period 2022-2025. Manchester's total indicative allocation of funding for the programme is between £5.27m and £5.58m.

- This investment will enable Manchester to transform our services into a family hub model.
- The programme includes new investment for essential services in the crucial Start for Life period from conception to age two, and services which support parents to care for and interact with their children.
- The programme builds on the 'The Best Start for Life: A Vision for the 1,001 Critical Days', the delivery of the Healthy Child Programme 0-19 public health services, the Supporting Families Programme and SEND.

## The Best Start for Life: a vision for the 1001 Critical Days



### Action Areas

#### *Ensuring families have access to the services they need*

1. **Seamless support for families:** a coherent joined up Start for Life offer available to all families.
2. **A welcoming hub for families:** Family Hubs as a place for families to access Start for Life services.
3. **The information families need when they need it:** designing digital, virtual and telephone offers around the needs of the family.

#### *Ensuring the Start for Life system is working together to give families the support they need*

4. **An empowered Start for Life workforce:** developing a modern skilled workforce to meet the changing needs of families.
5. **Continually improving the Start for Life offer:** improving data, evaluation, outcomes and proportionate inspection.
6. **Leadership for change:** ensuring local and national accountability and building the economic case.

# So - What are Family Hubs?

## Access

Family Hubs are a clear, simple point of access for help and support.

## Connection

The purpose of a hub is connection - Services, professionals & sectors working together

## Relationships

A family hub means a family focus; relationships are the key - building on family strengths



## Link to Supporting Families

- Family Hubs are a way of delivering the Supporting Families vision of an **effective early help system**.
- They provide a **single access point** to a **range of services** for families – a ‘front door’ to **universal** and **early help** services - and involve **co-location** of services and professionals.
- Where needed, hubs will ensure seamless **access to a whole-family lead practitioner**.

***Family hubs bring together services for families with children of all ages (0-19) or up to 25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), with a great Start for Life offer at their core***

# Family Hubs : Trailblazers

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In addition to the mainstream funding, we were also successful in applying to be one of 15 Local Authorities that was awarded additional funding (Circa 180K) to lead the way in delivering the programme's expectations in the first financial year (2022-23), to deliver quick, tangible, positive change for families in their local areas. The funding covered three key areas and we will deliver:

- Perinatal mental health and parent-infant relationships. Manchester Home Start volunteer peer support service will reach out to communities and families less served, including fathers and co-parents, to offer wrap around support before, during and after engagement with therapeutic and parenting interventions
- Infant feeding – roll out of integrated feeding service in south and central Manchester to include flexible drop in, face to face and online feeding clinics tailored to targeted groups
- Parenting Support - we will develop a parenting app . Practitioners and families will have improved access to timely digital information providing parental advice on a range of physical and mental health and wellbeing topics. The app will provide information to evaluate the effectiveness for families and professionals using this platform

# Family Hubs : Progress

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- Positive feedback from Department for Education (DfE) on the delivery plan and work to date led by the programme team and colleagues
- Strong commitment across partnership with additional roles across midwifery, health visiting, early years, speech and language and VCS services
- Achieving equity and inclusion with targeted support and new initiatives such as Dads Matters, Think Equal, Empowering Parents Empowering Communities (EPEC)
- Manchester is sharing knowledge, skills and experience with other local authorities especially peri-natal mental health and parenting support
- Strong partnership and collaboration with VCS with strategic leadership and support including proposed use of funding supporting investment at a neighbourhood level
- A Start for Life offer has been developed alongside our digital offer via Help and Support Manchester
- A brand is being developed for family hubs
- Key workstreams have commenced with the principles of co-production underpinning how we work
- Baby Week will take place 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023
- Two family hubs will be opened by the end of June 2023

# Summary

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- Scrutiny members to recognise the continued impact of the pandemic on babies, children and families demonstrated in the data and presenting needs
- Family Hubs/Best Start for Life and Kickstarter programmes will accelerate the offer and provide intensive support for babies, children and families
- Family Hubs/Best Start for Life have the potential to achieve accessible and joined up services which are developed in response local needs and requirements
- Getting the 0-19 offer right at a local level will require shared commitment, shared priorities and joint commissioning to achieve longer -term sustainability and impact



**Manchester City Council  
Report for Resolution**

**Report to:** Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – 24 May 2023

**Subject:** Re-establishment of the Ofsted Subgroup

**Report of:** Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

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**Summary**

This report provides the Committee with the revised terms of reference for the Ofsted Subgroup which the Committee is asked to agree. The report also includes the current work programme for the Subgroup.

**Recommendations**

The Committee is asked to re-establish the Ofsted Subgroup for the municipal year 2023-2024. The Committee is invited to:

1. Agree the revised terms of reference for the Subgroup.
  2. Agree the work programme of the Subgroup, which will be reviewed by the group at each of its meetings.
  3. Agree the membership of the Subgroup.
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**Background documents (available for public inspection):**

None

**Appendices**

1. Ofsted Subgroup Terms of Reference
2. Ofsted Subgroup work programme

## **1.0 Background**

- 1.1 In November 2006 the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee established the Ofsted Subgroup to enable members to engage with and add value to the school improvement agenda.
- 1.2 The remit of the Subgroup was approved by the Committee in March 2007 and the terms of reference were subsequently revised by the Committee in October 2013, broadening the remit to include Ofsted inspections of the Local Authority in relation to school improvement and of children's centres and daycare providers.
- 1.3 At its meeting on 16 September 2014, in response to the Ofsted judgement that Manchester children's services were "inadequate", the Young People and Children Scrutiny Committee decided to expand the remit of the Ofsted Subgroup to include consideration of reports on local authority safeguarding arrangements and to request that the Subgroup look at this issue in more detail. The changes to the terms of reference were subsequently approved at the Committee's October 2014 meeting. In May 2016, the wording was amended to 'consider inspection reports and performance information for services for children in need of help and protection, looked after children and care leavers' in order to clarify that the Ofsted Subgroup could consider any matters arising from the 2014 Ofsted inspection report of Manchester children's services. The Committee removed this from the Subgroup's remit at its June 2017 meeting but subsequently decided to include this in the Subgroup's remit again in September 2017.
- 1.4 In May 2016, the Committee also revised the terms of reference to include consideration of inspection reports and performance information for Manchester City Council-owned children's homes.
- 1.5 The proposed terms of reference for 2023 - 2024 have been amended to clarify that the Subgroup will consider an overview of inspection outcomes and any emerging themes and issues. The proposed changes are listed below and the complete proposed terms of reference are at appendix 1.

	Existing wording	Proposed wording
Rationale	<p>This Subgroup has been established to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consider inspection reports and performance information for Manchester Schools;</li> <li>• consider inspection reports and performance information for Manchester Children’s Centres</li> <li>• consider inspection reports and performance information for Daycare providers in Manchester</li> <li>• consider inspection reports and performance information for Manchester City Council-owned children’s homes</li> <li>• consider Ofsted inspections and guidance into how local authorities secure school improvement</li> <li>• liaise with Council Officers, School Staff and Early Years staff to identify barriers to performance</li> <li>• consider inspection reports and performance information for services for children in need of help and protection, looked after children and care leavers</li> <li>• make any necessary recommendations to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee</li> </ul>	<p>This Subgroup has been established to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consider an overview of inspection outcomes and any emerging themes and issues in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Manchester Schools;</li> <li>○ Manchester Children’s Centres</li> <li>○ Daycare providers in Manchester</li> <li>○ Manchester City Council-owned children’s homes</li> <li>○ how local authorities secure school improvement</li> <li>○ services for children in need of help and protection, looked after children and care leavers</li> </ul> </li> <li>• liaise with Council Officers, School Staff and Early Years staff to identify barriers to performance</li> <li>• make any necessary recommendations to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee</li> </ul>

## 2.0 Conclusion

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to re-establish the Ofsted Subgroup for the municipal year 2023-2024.
- 2.2 The Committee is asked to agree or amend the terms of reference as set out in the report at Appendix 1.
- 2.3 The Committee is asked to agree or amend the work programme as set out in the report at Appendix 2.
- 2.4 The Committee is also asked to agree the membership of the Subgroup.

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Title	Ofsted Subgroup
Membership 2023/2024	To be confirmed
Lead Executive Member	Councillor Bridges - Executive Member for Children's Services
Strategic Director	Paul Marshall - Strategic Director of Children and Education Services
Lead Officers	Amanda Corcoran – Director of Education Liz Clarke - Senior Schools Quality Assurance Officer Sean McKendrick - Deputy Director of Children's Services
Contact officer	Rachel McKeon – Governance and Scrutiny Support
Rationale	<p>This Subgroup has been established to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consider an overview of inspection outcomes and any emerging themes and issues in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Manchester Schools;</li> <li>○ Manchester Children's Centres</li> <li>○ Daycare providers in Manchester</li> <li>○ Manchester City Council-owned children's homes</li> <li>○ how local authorities secure school improvement</li> <li>○ services for children in need of help and protection, looked after children and care leavers</li> </ul> </li> <li>• liaise with Council Officers, School Staff and Early Years staff to identify barriers to performance</li> <li>• make any necessary recommendations to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee</li> </ul>
Operation	This Subgroup will meet periodically and report its findings to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee by submitting minutes to the Committee.
Access to Information	<p>Meetings of this Subgroup will be open to members of the press and public except where information which is confidential or exempt from publication is being considered.</p> <p>Papers for the Subgroup will be made available to members of the press and public on the Council's website and in Central Library except where information which is confidential or exempt from publication is being considered.</p>
Schedule of Meetings	14 June 2023 at 10 am Further meetings to be confirmed

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**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee  
Ofsted Subgroup  
Work Programme – June 2023**

<b>Wednesday 14 June 2023, 10 am</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Executive Member</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Ofsted Inspections of Manchester Schools	To receive a list of all Manchester schools which have been inspected since the last meeting and the judgements awarded and to consider the main themes arising from the inspections.	Liz Clarke Rachel McKeon	Councillor Bridges	
Daycare Providers	To receive a summary of Ofsted inspection information for daycare providers and to consider the main themes arising from the inspections.	Gillian Blackwell Rachel McKeon	Councillor Bridges	
Terms of Reference and Work Programme	To review the Terms of Reference and work programme.	Rachel McKeon	-	

<b>To be scheduled</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Executive Member</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Childminders	To consider an overview of childminding inspection reports.	Gillian Blackwell Rachel McKeon	Councillor Bridges	See January 2023 minutes

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**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

**Report to:** Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – 24 May 2023

**Subject:** Overview Report

**Report of:** Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

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**Summary**

This report provides the following information:

- Recommendations Monitor
- Key Decisions
- Items for information
- Work Programme

**Recommendation**

The Committee is invited to discuss the information provided and agree any changes to the work programme that are necessary.

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**Wards Affected:** All

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**Background Documents (available for public inspection):**

None

## 1. Monitoring Previous Recommendations

This section of the report contains recommendations made by the Committee, responses to them, if they will be implemented, and if it will be, how this will be done.

Date	Item	Recommendation	Action	Contact Officer
9 October 2019	CYP/19/39 Skills for Life	To request that the Council work to ensure that, as far as possible, all settings are involved in Skills for Life, including independent schools, and that officers look into how Skills for Life could be incorporated into the contracts when Our Children are placed in non-Council-owned residential settings.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report.	Neil Fairlamb, Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)
6 November 2019	CYP/19/48 Youth and Play Services - Young Manchester	To request that clear information on the availability of toilet facilities, for example, in park cafes, be included on signage in parks.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report.	Neil Fairlamb, Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)
4 March 2020	CYP/20/16 Improving Children's Outcomes Through Collaboration and Working in Partnership in a Locality	To request further information on how the Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust is dealing with smoking around its hospital sites and to note that the Executive Member for Children and Schools will circulate a briefing note on work that is already taking place to address	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report.	Paul Marshall, Strategic Director of Children and Education Services

Date	Item	Recommendation	Action	Contact Officer
		smoking in pregnancy.		
22 July 2020	CYP/20/26 Manchester's Transformation Plan for Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing	To request that school governors be included in the plans for schools and that CAMHS and the support on offer be included on the agenda of a future Chair of Governors briefing.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report.	Amanda Corcoran, Director of Education
2 December 2020	CYP/20/51 Early Help Evaluation (2015 - 2020)	To ask officers to consider how Councillors could help with this work and to circulate a note to the Committee Members on this.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be circulated to Members.	Julie Heslop, Strategic Head of Early Help
2 December 2020	CYP/20/51 Early Help Evaluation (2015 - 2020)	To request that the Early Help Project Manager provide information on the number of families, in relation to the presentation slides on areas of the city and the sustainability of impacts.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report.	Ed Haygarth, Early Help Project Manager
9 February 2022	CYP/22/11 Annual Virtual School Head's Report	To arrange a visit to Wetherby Young Offender Institution and Barton Moss Secure Children's Home, in conjunction with the Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee.	These visits are being arranged, in discussion with the Committee Chairs.	Rachel McKeon, Governance and Scrutiny Support Officer
20 July 2022	CYP/22/36 The impact of COVID-19 on	To request data on the ethnicity and geographical spread of CAMHS referrals, in order to be	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be circulated to Members.	Al Ford, Director of CAMHS/Rachel McKeon,

Date	Item	Recommendation	Action	Contact Officer
	children and young people's mental health and well-being	able to identify any gaps.		Governance and Scrutiny Support Officer
11 January 2023	CYP/23/04 School Governance Update	To request that Members be provided with data on governor vacancies by ward.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be circulated to Members.	Ruth Bradbury, School Governance Lead

## 2. Key Decisions

The Council is required to publish details of key decisions that will be taken at least 28 days before the decision is due to be taken. Details of key decisions that are due to be taken are published on a monthly basis in the Register of Key Decisions.

A key decision, as defined in the Council's Constitution is an executive decision, which is likely:

- To result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates, or
- To be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the city.

The Council Constitution defines 'significant' as being expenditure or savings (including the loss of income or capital receipts) in excess of £500k, providing that is not more than 10% of the gross operating expenditure for any budget heading in the in the Council's Revenue Budget Book, and subject to other defined exceptions.

An extract of the most recent Register of Key Decisions published on **15 May 2023** containing details of the decisions under the Committee's remit is included below. This is to keep members informed of what decisions are being taken and, where appropriate, include in the work programme of the Committee.

**Register of Key Decisions:**

<b>Subject / Decision</b>	<b>Decision Maker</b>	<b>Decision Due Date</b>	<b>Consultation</b>	<b>Background documents</b>	<b>Officer Contact</b>
<p><b>Extension of commissioned public health service (2023/03/10A)</b>                      To extend current contracts for the following services for 2023/24:                      Health Visiting; School Health; Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Service; Falls Services; Tobacco Addiction Treatment; Integrated Alcohol and Drug Early Intervention and Treatment Service; Contraception and Sexual Health Service for Young People.</p>	<p>Director of Public Health</p>	<p>Not before 10th Apr 2023</p>		<p>Report and recommendation</p>	

**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee  
Work Programme – May 2023**

**Wednesday 24 May 2023, 10 am (Report deadline Friday 12 May 2023) \*\*\*Please note change of meeting time\*\*\***

<b>Item</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Lead Executive Member</b>	<b>Strategic Director/ Lead Officer</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Early Years and Health Visiting	To receive a report on Early Years and Health Visiting.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	
Children's Community Health	To receive a report on children's community health.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	Invite the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee and the Executive Member for Healthy Manchester and Adult Social Care
Re-establishment of the Ofsted Subgroup	The report seeks the Committee's approval to re-establish the Ofsted Subgroup for the 2023/24 municipal year.		Rachel McKeon	
Overview Report	The monthly report includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.	-	Rachel McKeon	
Annual Work Programming Session	The meeting will close for the annual work programming session where members determine the work programme for the forthcoming year. To follow a presentation from the Director/Lead Officers on upcoming issues and challenges within the Committee's remit.		Paul Marshall/ Amanda Corcoran/ Sean McKendrick/	

			Rachel McKeon	
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Wednesday 21 June 2023, 10 am (Report deadline Friday 9 June 2023)

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Schools and carbon reduction	To receive an update report.	Councillor Bridges Councillor Rawlins	Amanda Corcoran	Invite Chair of the Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee
Youth and Play	To receive a further report on Youth and Play commissioning arrangements at an appropriate time.	Councillor Bridges	Fiona Worrall/Neil Fairlamb	June or July 2023 See October 2021 minutes
Adoption	To receive a report on adoption which includes what difference the move to Adoption Counts has made in providing stable adoption placements for Our Children and what happens when an adoption breaks down.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	June or July 2023 See November 2021 minutes
Fostering	To receive a report on fostering.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	June or July 2023
Overview Report		-	Rachel McKeon	

## Items To Be Scheduled

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
School Streets	To receive a report on School Streets.	Councillor Bridges Councillor Rawlins	Amanda Corcoran	November (To be confirmed) Invite Chair of the Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee
Independent Review of Children's Social Care	To receive a report on the Independent Review of Children's Social Care.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	
New Arrivals and Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC)	To receive a report on new arrivals and UASC.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	See March 2023 minutes
Domestic Abuse and Children	To receive a report on the impact of domestic abuse on children and the Safe and Together programme.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	See March 2023 minutes
Children and Young People's Plan 2020 - 2024	To receive an annual report on the progress of this work.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	See November 2020 minutes



Update on wellbeing and mental health and support for schools and settings and education for children unable to attend school due to ill health	To receive a further report on this and to invite a representative from CAMHS to this meeting.	Councillor Bridges Councillor Midgley	Paul Marshall	See September 2021 minutes
Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) and Alternative Provision	To receive an update report in approximately 12 months' time.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	See December 2021 minutes
Elective Home Education (EHE)	To receive a report on EHE. To include up-to-date figures on children who are not in school, including those whose parents have chosen EHE, with a breakdown by areas of the city.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	See January 2022 and October 2022 minutes
School Attendance and Attainment	To receive regular reports regarding attainment and attendance.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	
Manchester Sensory Support Service Commission	To receive an update report at a future meeting.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	See March 2022 minutes.
Personal Social Health and Economic (PSHE) Education	To receive a report on PSHE education in schools.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	

Post-16 EET Strategic Plan 2022-25	To receive a more detailed report, including utilising social value, changes in the number of places available at Manchester College, whether Manchester Adult Education Service (MAES) can be utilised more and information from the sufficiency report looking across the Greater Manchester area.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	See December 2022 minutes
Attainment	To request a more detailed report on how schools are progressing with work to address the impact of the pandemic on children's learning.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	See December 2022 minutes
Road Safety Around Schools	To consider a report on road safety around schools.	Councillor Rawlins Councillor Bridges	Kevin Gillham Amanda Corcoran	To be confirmed See January 2023 minutes.