

## Preventing Low Level Neglect Working Group – Executive Response Action Plan

**Name of Select Committee**  
**Date**

**Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee**  
**6<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

	Recommendation	Proposed action (or action already taken)	Lead Member/Officer	Deadline
	<b>Members recommend that the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People;</b>			
1	Reports to the Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee the learning and outcomes of the Children's Transformation Pilot Programmes.	Performance frameworks for each of the pilot programmes are in place and baseline measures are being established: this will ensure that impact is captured.	Janene Cox	Ongoing until July 2017
	<b>Members recommend that the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and the Cabinet Member for Health, Adult Care and Wellbeing ensure that;</b>			
2	County Council and Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) commissioners work together to map antenatal group support currently provided in Staffordshire and ensure that this information is incorporated into the Best Start Pathway.	CCGs are forming a Pan Staffordshire Maternity Network. SCC will be members of this network and this will provide an opportunity to explore this recommendation through the network.	Tilly Flanagan	Sept 2017
3	County Council and CCG commissioners work together to ensure that evidence based preparation for parenting programmes are available and long term support networks encouraged.	Local Support teams use evidence-based parenting programmes in their work with families. This includes those that are specifically designed for expectant families and those with young children, where they are considered to be vulnerable. This will be included as part of the 0-19 procurement. Whilst discussions can take place with CCGs they do not have a responsibility to commission parenting programmes.	Tilly Flanagan	July 2017
4	The Health Visiting contract includes	This recommendation will be reviewed as	Tilly Flanagan	

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	antenatal support in group settings		
	<b>Members recommend that the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People ensures that ;</b>		
5	As part of the Children's Transformation Programme, the provision for children and families in each District is mapped and information is made available in one place for professionals and families. This should include details of local partners and online parenting advice and guidance.	Vonnie Gordon	January 2017.
	<b>Members recommend that the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People together with the Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills ;</b>		
6	Write to all school Governing Bodies in Staffordshire highlighting the importance of identifying and preventing low level neglect and providing information on where to seek advice in supporting Young Carers and those with low level disabilities.	Nicola Glover-Edge	
	<b>Members recommend that the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People;</b>		
7	Seeks reassurances that the work of the Family Strategic Partnership Board results in services being commissioned proactively rather than reactively to meet the root causes of issues experienced by families.	Michael Harrison	Ongoing

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	joint approach. This approach is being supported by the development of a children's JSNA.			
8	<p><b>Members recommend that the Cabinet Member for Health, Adult Care and Wellbeing and the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People;</b></p> <p>Write to the CCGs in Staffordshire highlighting the importance of the Building Resilient Families and Communities (BRFC) Programme, recognising the positive developments already made, highlighting the importance of the BRFC Programme and seeking a formal commitment that the relevant health providers will be engaged with the project.</p>	<p>CCGs were invited to a Building Resilient Families &amp; Communities (BRFC) &amp; Centre of Excellence for Information Sharing (CEIS) Workshop in Nov 2016.</p> <p>GP Information Sharing Pilot in Tamworth and Cannock.</p> <p>DCLG have produced a supporting statement for the work we are undertaking with CEIS, DoH and PHE.</p> <p>CCG have committed to attend the BRFC Partnership Group</p>	Barbara Hine	<p>Completed</p> <p>GP Pilot ongoing</p>
	<p><b>Members recommend that the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People;</b></p>			
9	<p>Ensures that commissioners include in contracts with specialist providers, that they work with BRFC to provide training to Key Workers/Lead Professionals who have regular contact with families to ensure a skilled workforce that is able to meet the needs of families, understand complex agendas and help families manage their own lives without the need for future intervention.</p>	<p>In Nov 2016 the BRFC &amp; Early Help Workforce Working Group was formed. It is a sub group of the Early Help Implementation Steering Group and the Families Strategic Partnership Executive. The Working Group exists to lead the implementation of the BRFC Workforce Development Pathway and the Early Help Strategy Workforce Development Priority.</p>	Barbara Hine	Completed
10	<p>Ensures that the Key Worker model, recognised in the work of the Children's</p>	<p>This is embedded in the work of Local Support Teams in working with whole</p>	Vonnie Gordon	Completed January 2017

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	Transformation Programme, ensuring a 'whole-family', holistic approach is embedded when working with families, to build community resilience.		
11	Reports progress on the Breathing Space project to the Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee for scrutiny in six months' time.	Richard Hancock	Ongoing

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		<p>of the project that have a history of domestic abuse and poor relationship choices this is enabling a proactive, timely response. Named Health visitors were identified in each geographical area at the beginning of the project to ensure a more robust responsive service is in place to women accessing the project. This is achieving positive outcomes and parents are engaging well and resources are being shared between services to ensure consistency of information.</p> <p>A male worker has been identified to provide specific sessions with fathers on the project where they are deemed to be the protective factor in caring for the baby when born.</p> <p>A cost avoidance framework is being developed in partnership with finance. During the period from 01/04/2016 to 01/02/2017 14 babies have been born and 13 have remained in parents care.</p>		
12	Encourages commissioners to include, use of the Early Help Assessment, as a tool for working with families to identify the issues for them, in contracts with providers of all services where contact with children and families may identify additional unmet need.	The Families Integrated Commissioning Group (FICG) will have a standing agenda item to discuss the embedding of EH and use of EHA assessments where appropriate. This maybe specifically in a contract or as part of supporting community capacity from a central and district perspective. This is then reported back to the Early help work stream steering group to update. The early help workstream is also	Sam Anderson	Completed  This is discussed with commissioners at the FiCG workshop, FPEG and regularly at six weekly at the early help steering groups.

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		looking at 'impact' and developing a dashboard to capture the number of EHA's completed by all organisations		
13	Ensures that Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB) undertakes an audit of the quality of Early Help Assessments undertaken and reports to the Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee the number and quality of Early Help Assessments completed by individual agencies, the take up of training and details of any agencies that have been reluctant to use or undertake training on the Early Help Assessment.	<p>There has been a delay in progressing this action due to serious case review priorities and SSCB Business Team staffing capacities. However, an Early Help Assessment (EHA) audit is currently in the process of being arranged with members of both the SSCB and the Families Strategic Partnership and is scheduled to be completed before the end of March 2017. Performance data relating to the completion of EHAs is reported to the SSCB on a quarterly basis. Partner agency contribution to EHAs will be included in this audit report.</p> <p>To date 5100 people have successfully completed the SSCB EHA e-learning module. 4288 Licenses have been allocated from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.</p>	Carrie Wain SSCB Manager	March 2017
14	Undertakes a study to establish the sustainability of the childcare sector and report back to the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee for scrutiny, with key information shared with Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee Members, recognising the potential safeguarding implications.	SEE ATTACHED – Appendix B	Matt Biggs	
15	Writes to District and Borough Councils and Registered Social Landlords recognising the good work of housing providers in	During the national evaluation of TF 70% of families were found to be living in social housing compared to 17% of the national	Barbara Hine	July 2017

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	<p>supporting families and highlighting the positive impact of involvement in BRFC, with details of how providers can get involved and develop their offer to families.</p>	<p>population.                      Central contracts in place with Trent &amp; Dove and Aspire Housing.                      District partnership working in Moorlands and Cannock.                      Barbara Hine to meet with Stafford Borough Council Housing Lead following Domestic Abuse Steering Group.                      The Better Opportunities funding have commissioned Work Routes, a delivery model for voluntary employment and employability provision includes a Housing Consortium of which BRFC families are one of their target groups.</p>		
	<p>Ensures that Housing Providers are included in the Children’s Transformation Pilot Programmes, where appropriate.</p>	<p>The DCLs and DCOs are communicating via the pilots and supporting families via a network.</p>	<p>Barbara Hine</p>	<p>Completed</p>