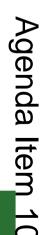


# The Review of LCC Early Help Services

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# **Current Early Help Structure**



- Supporting Leicestershire Families (SLF)
  - ~ Intensive mentoring support to families with complex problem
  - ~ Youth support
- Children's Centre Programme
  - ~ targeted support to families with 0 to 2 yr olds encountering difficulties referrals linked to mental health, DA, parenting
- Youth Offending Service
  - ~ Young people on Court related Orders
  - ~ Young people at the cusp of offending
- Early Help assessment & Triage Service
  - ~ triage of incoming referrals, staff delivering 2/3 sessions of support

## **Background to the review**



### The evidence base behind the Early Help Review

- Review into outcomes from 787 SLF & CC families
- 70% of families made positive progress
- Around 55% made improvements in progress to work & around 40% of Leicestershire claims are in relation to a family member gaining employment
- 68% of the families worked with had social care involvement. This fell to 33% after the case closed to early help
- a key success factor is linked to
  - ~ building resilience in families
  - ~ Connecting family with positive influences in family/community
- Leicestershire YOS has a strong prevention offer
  - ~ L/Shire 162 FTE per 100,000 10 to 17 yr olds v 295 East mids & 276 nationally

# Principles behind the review



- The needs of families placed at the centre of the thinking for the new service
- The 4 services were amalgamated into one service Children and Family Wellbeing Service
- Introduction of multi skilled locality based teams which enables whole family assessment (needs of parents, siblings)
- Build the service based on needs (new posts)
- Explore efficiency savings

Preservation of

- The principles of SLF intensive mentoring led support
- The youth crime prevention offer to yp on the cusp of offending
- Targeted support for families with 0 to 2 year olds

### The CFWS service Offer



The Offer is based on a tiered approach to intervention based on needs within the family set up

Intensive 1 to 1 support to families with complex needs for up to 12 months is preserved

- ~ Family Support: currently based on employment, poor educational attendance, ASB, domestic abuse, mental health, child with needs. Future flexibility based on evidence
- ~ Intensive Youth Offending support: Based on assessment of risk and need & can be provided to young people on the cusp of offending.

  Whole family working will influence this (for example likely to extend to some siblings in high risk families)



## 5 Steps



# What has changed



- Locality based teams will lead to frontline staff needing to increase knowledge of whole family issues to inform assessments and interventions
- Intensive 1 to 1 family support will develop and become increasingly evidenced based
- Joining Youth and Youth Justice work will lead to increased focused on vulnerability in teenagers & the link to parenting
- The savings have led to some services changes, reduction in management, reduced duplication across 4 service model, introduction of emotional wellbeing support workers, extending the volunteering offer across the entiriety of the service, & a small reduction in frontline staff
- The closure of 15 children centre sites but a preservation of targeted 0 to 2 focused services



