

**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Improving Lives Select Commission – 07 March 2023

**Report Title**

Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme Update

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

No

**Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report**

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**Ward(s) Affected**

Borough-Wide

**Report Summary**

This report provides an update on the delivery associated with the recent Cabinet approval to spend the Family Hubs & Start for Life grant using the approach outlined.

The grant was made available to Rotherham from the Department for Education (DfE) and the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) as one of 75 Local Authorities that was pre-selected.

The grant provides an opportunity for additional investment, circa £3.4m over 3 years to RMBC.

The funding is predominantly for 'transformation,' (with 5% ring fenced for capital adjustments & upgrades to existing buildings).

Family Hubs are a way of joining up the planning and delivery of family help and support services to improve access, connections between families, professionals, services, and providers, and to put relationships at the heart of family support.

**Recommendations**

1. Members of the Improving Lives Select Committee note the intended use of the grant to 'transform' family help and support services.
2. Members of the Improving Lives Select Committee agree to receive a further update on progress of the Family Hubs transformation programme and the delivery of the Early Help Strategy.

## List of Appendices Included

- Appendix 1** Cabinet Report, Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme Update, 23 February 23
- Appendix 2** Family Hubs Governance Arrangements
- Appendix 3** Family Hub Satellite, Extra Plus Model
- Appendix 4** Glossary of evidence-based approaches
- Appendix 5** Equality Analysis
- Appendix 6** Part B – Equality Impact Analysis
- Appendix 7** Carbon Impact

## Background Papers

Family Hubs & Start for Life Programme Guide August 22

[Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme Guide \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Family Hubs & Start for Life Model Framework August 22

[Annex E - Family Hub Model Framework \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Family Hubs & Start for Life Service Expectations

[Family Hub Service Expectations \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Family Hubs & Start for Life Trailblazer Application

[Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme - Trailblazer Guide \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018)

[Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

## Council Approval Required

No

## Exempt from the Press and Public

No

## Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme Update

<b>1.</b>	<b>Background</b>
1.1	In the Autumn Budget 2021, the Government committed £301.75m for Local Authorities to deliver a network of Family Hubs across the Country to make effective, integrated family help more easily accessible for families. The Department for Education (DfE) and the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) jointly oversee the Programme, linking with several other departments to explore how the Hubs can tackle issues that they are each responsible for and that are cross cutting. These include the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) through the Supporting Families Experiencing Multiple Disadvantages Programme, the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) through the Reducing Parental Conflict Programme and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media, and Sport (DCMS) through investing in young people.
1.2	A key objective is to improve access to ‘whole family’ service delivery, including Start for Life services in areas with the highest levels of deprivation. The vision is to build the national evidence base and to assess impact across a range of contexts.
1.3	Rotherham is one of 75 Local Authorities that has been pre-selected and invited to sign up to the Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme without the need to complete a competitive bid. Rotherham was pre-selected using the Income Deprivation Affecting Children Indices (IDACI) Average Rank.
1.4	In October 2022 the Family Hub Sign-Up form was submitted by Rotherham, outlining commitment to deliver the programme. Sign-up to the Family Hubs and Start for Life programme was agreed on the understanding that Family Hubs in Rotherham will be developed where possible using existing premises, already occupied by services. Co-delivery, co-location and a digital offer are central to the programme to enable highly transformative ways of working and the funding will be used to drive this transformation, rather than securing additional front-line capacity that is unsustainable long term.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	The Cabinet Report, Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme Update, 23 February 23 highlighted what this will mean for Rotherham and provided a high level description of the activity required and desired impact. (Appendix 1.)
<b>3.</b>	<b>Options considered and recommended proposal</b>
3.1	Recommended proposal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Members of the Improving Lives Select Committee note the intended use of the grant to ‘transform’ family help and support services.</li> <li>2. Members of the Improving Lives Select Committee agree to receive a further update on progress of the Family Hubs transformation programme and the delivery of the Early Help Strategy.</li> </ul>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Consultation on proposal</b>
4.1	The Strategic Director – Children and Young People’s Services and the Strategic Director – Adult Social Care, Housing and Health have been consulted with regard to the Cabinet Report.

	The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health have been consulted with regarding the report and its recommendations.
4.2	<p>Whilst development of the Family Hubs does not require a formal consultation, a key deliverable is to establish a whole family 'Parent Panel' by April 2023, to enable ongoing consultation and participation from families throughout the programme and to shape and influence the model and services within it.</p> <p>The Rotherham Parent Carer Forum (RPCF) is involved to support and shape the 'Parent Panel' due to their experience and expertise in developing a group of this kind. We are using the Four Cornerstones approach to coproduction for this element of the work.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision</b>
5.1	The timetable and accountability are detailed in Appendix 1.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications</b>
6.1	Financial and procurement implications are detailed in Appendix 1.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Legal Advice and Implications</b>
7.1	Legal implications are detailed in Appendix 1.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Human Resources Advice and Implications</b>
	HR implications are detailed in appendix 1.
<b>9.</b>	<b>Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults</b>
9.1	The implications for Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults are detailed in Appendix 1.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications</b>
10.1	An equality analysis screening is attached as Appendix 2
<b>11.</b>	<b>Implications for CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions and Climate Change</b>
	There are no direct implications arising from this report
<b>12.</b>	<b>Implications for Partners</b>
12.1	Implications for partners are detailed in appendix 1.
<b>13.</b>	<b>Risks and Mitigation</b>
13.1	Risks and mitigation are detailed in appendix 1.
	<b>Accountable Officer(s)</b>

	Nathan Heath, Acting Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services
	Approvals obtained on behalf of:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>
The Strategic Director with responsibility for this report	Suzanne Joyner, Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services	27/02/23
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