



## Early Childhood Progress on a Page

**Workstream: Early Childhood**

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**Overall Progress Summary**

Work strands are progressing well and commissioning priorities are being identified and addressed. Work is underway between Children’s Services, Public Health and the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to identify, align, integrate and deliver efficiencies to ensure collaborative and co-ordinated delivery of early childhood services.

**Overall RAG**

*Red – Limited progress and/or significant concerns*  
*Amber – Some slippages but heading in right direction*  
*Green – On course / ahead of trajectory*

**AMBER**

Workstream	Main achievements from key activities identified in last meeting- what difference have we made?	Key activity and expected outcomes for next period	Issues and barriers to progress Decisions required from Board to progress work stream	How has the voice of the child/service user shaped this work?	What are the Performance Measures ?	Timescale for this work
Develop a co-ordinated ante-natal support offer across sectors to support parents in their transition to parenting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My Baby’s Brain (MBB) antenatal pilot up and running in the three pilot Children Centres</li> <li>• Excellent feedback received from the pilots and good results achieved</li> <li>• Antenatal Protective behaviours developed and about to start running in a pilot area to test.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation by University of Hertfordshire MBB antenatal pilot underway. This will inform county wide roll out</li> <li>• Evaluation of PB antenatal programme to inform wider roll out</li> <li>• Work to begin with the ‘maternity/early years’ system to further embed and develop the ante-natal support offer to develop an integrated offer for families</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement of community health services in the antenatal pathway</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents have been involved in the development of MBB antenatal programme.</li> <li>• Families are being engaged with by University of Hertfordshire as part of the evaluation process and their feedback will support wider roll out.</li> <li>• As part of the review, focus groups were held with new parents at a range of children’s centres across the County.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In development TOPSE Ante-natal measure (parental efficacy)</li> <li>• Outcome star</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation work by October</li> <li>• Further system work ongoing</li> </ul>
Embed UNICEF BFI accreditation and breastfeeding support across children’s centres and Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County Council and Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust (HCT) achieved Stage 3 accreditation in March</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint action plan for CCs and HCT in response to reports from Stage 3 accreditation</li> <li>• Plans underway to ensure sustainability of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None identified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents receiving information or support are asked for feedback- this will be formally assessed at Stage 3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 93% of County Council staff trained</li> <li>• &lt;80% correct audit responses returned (required Unicef</li> </ul>	

Visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNICEF positive about the support provided and pathways between health visiting and children's centres</li> <li>• Parent feedback about the support received from children's centres very positive</li> </ul>	good practice			standard)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breastfeeding rate 6-8 weeks to continue to improve (currently Qtr 1 16-17 51%)</li> </ul>
Develop a peri-natal mental health support offer across the continuum of need	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Perinatal Team (CPT) went live on 20<sup>th</sup> March 17</li> <li>• CPT pathways established, wider system has 'bought in' to the new team. Very welcomed by all services.</li> <li>• Referrals to CPT being received.</li> <li>• CPT clinics running out of Children Centre settings to ensure community feel for parents</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Infant Mental Health Online (IMHOL) cohort near completion</li> <li>• Excellent feedback from practitioners who have completed IMHOL</li> <li>• Perinatal Outcome star 1<sup>st</sup> workshop completed - excellent progress and welcomed by partners</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Perinatal conference taken place.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next workshop for Perinatal outcome star (multi-agency)</li> <li>• Impact of CPT</li> <li>• Impact of IMHOL</li> <li>• Identify further training needs</li> <li>• Start work on Phase 2 bidding for CPT.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement of community health services in the perinatal agenda.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendance at the Maternity Service Liaison Committees to ensure service users are aware and can comment on perinatal pathways/proposed service delivery</li> <li>• Feedback gathered from Thumbswood Mother and Baby Unit service users (NB; not necessarily Herts mothers)</li> <li>• Infant Mental Health Online (IMHOL) training will allow practitioners to be aware of infant mental health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessible perinatal offer for families</li> <li>• No of hits to perinatal directory (in development)</li> <li>• Workforce better skilled to support families with emerging anxiety/ depression to alleviate pressures on higher cost, specialist services</li> <li>• 120 practitioners completing/completed IMHOL training</li> <li>• A number of case studies being collated from families</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome Star- Dec 17</li> <li>• Phase 2 Bid Sept 17</li> </ul>
Deliver an integrated approach for health visiting, school nursing and children's centre services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff and public engagement completed and feedback included in the development of the specification</li> <li>• Health visiting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreement to the specification, service model and offer</li> <li>• Statutory consultation undertaken</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreement on alignment of services</li> <li>• Awaiting children's centre consultation (DfE)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services users will be engaged with throughout the process through consultation forums and other media to enable them to give views. (parents/carers/young</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May - Sept 2017</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>mandation assessments confirmed by PHE</li> <li>Phase 2 of the Project Initiation Document (PID) on track to be completed by June</li> <li>Workstreams progressing well</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 3 PID completed and underway</li> <li>Tender documents completed</li> </ul>		people and children)		
Addressing attainment gap between Free School Meals (FSM) and non FSM Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multi-stakeholder performance clinic held in December</li> <li>Schools HfL quality visits focused on EYFSP outcomes</li> <li>Group met in May</li> <li>Multiagency project to start in B'wood in June</li> <li>Transitions pack distributed to all early years providers to promote positive conversations between providers</li> <li>Cross sector moderation panels planned for summer term in 6 targeted areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Narrowing the Gap Strategy and Action plan in development</li> <li>Developing an application to the EY Life Chances fund</li> <li>Researching the issue of children being offered reduced hours due to behavioural issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changes to the EYFS assessment process could affect data collection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintained and Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) providers part of the stakeholder group and have shaped the action plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attainment gap between FSM and non-FSM is reduced – in development pending EYFS assessment process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>
Roll out of 30hrs childcare offer across the county	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trial successful – target exceeded</li> <li>Enhanced the EY portal to confirm eligibility</li> <li>Parents now able to apply online, Hertfordshire have the second highest number of successful applications processed</li> <li>Currently approximately 60% of providers will be delivering the new entitlement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessing supply and demand across the county</li> <li>Working with providers to expand their offer</li> <li>Stakeholder events to discuss business and quality</li> <li>Updated childcare directory mapping tool to include all schools</li> <li>County wide comms planned after June 6<sup>th</sup></li> <li>Enhanced supply and demand data compiled</li> <li>Updated early years handbook published</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provider engagement</li> <li>Ensuring that providers continue to offer places for eligible 2yr olds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National and local parental and provider surveys undertaken</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>470 places accessed</li> <li>18 children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) accessing additional hours</li> <li>3 parents supported into employment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jan – April 2017</li> </ul>

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