

Sheffield Family Hub and Start for Life Programme

Key Messages

Forum members are asked to note the update and:

- Feedback information to relevant partners.
- Link to the Family Hub transformation consultation process.
- Identify key contacts to link to the governance model.
- Influence the system-led approach.

1. Introduction/update

- 1.1. Sheffield was identified as one of 75 top tier Local Authorities and awarded Trailblazer status.
- 1.2. The governance pathway is progressing well - see appendix A (governance diagram).
- 1.3. The Integrated Care System joint approach – decision making pathways continues to be developed via a Children and Young People's (CYP) delivery group.
- 1.4. Local governance – the consultation is ongoing.
- 1.5. Parent Carer Panel –ongoing from April 2023 with 16 parents active on the panel.
- 1.6. Delivery plan - one of only 10 Local authorities to submit a strong/satisfactory plan.
- 1.7. Ongoing maturity information returns and maturity self-assessment returns yearly. Highlight reporting will develop from this process.
- 1.8. Key posts recruited to – commissioning process is integrated.

2. The Vision for Family Hubs

- 2.1. More accessible – through a universal single point of access, a clear local family hub offer, recognised and understood by families, which includes hub buildings, virtual offers and outreach. See the Start for Life offer leaflet - appendix C.
- 2.2. Better connected – family hubs harness the power of networks to drive progress on joining up professionals, services and providers (state, private, voluntary and community) through co-location, integration, partnerships, data sharing, shared outcomes and governance. Holistic, wraparound services support families with a wide range of needs; identify need early and consider the whole family. They reduce fragmentation, including between 0-5 services

and those for families with older children and young people; and drive efficiency.

- 2.3. More relationship-centred – practice in a family hub focuses on building trusting and supportive relationships, emphasising continuity of care in the Start for Life offer. It builds on families’ strengths, drawing on and improving relationships, including building networks with peers to address underlying issues.

3. Sheffield’s Vision

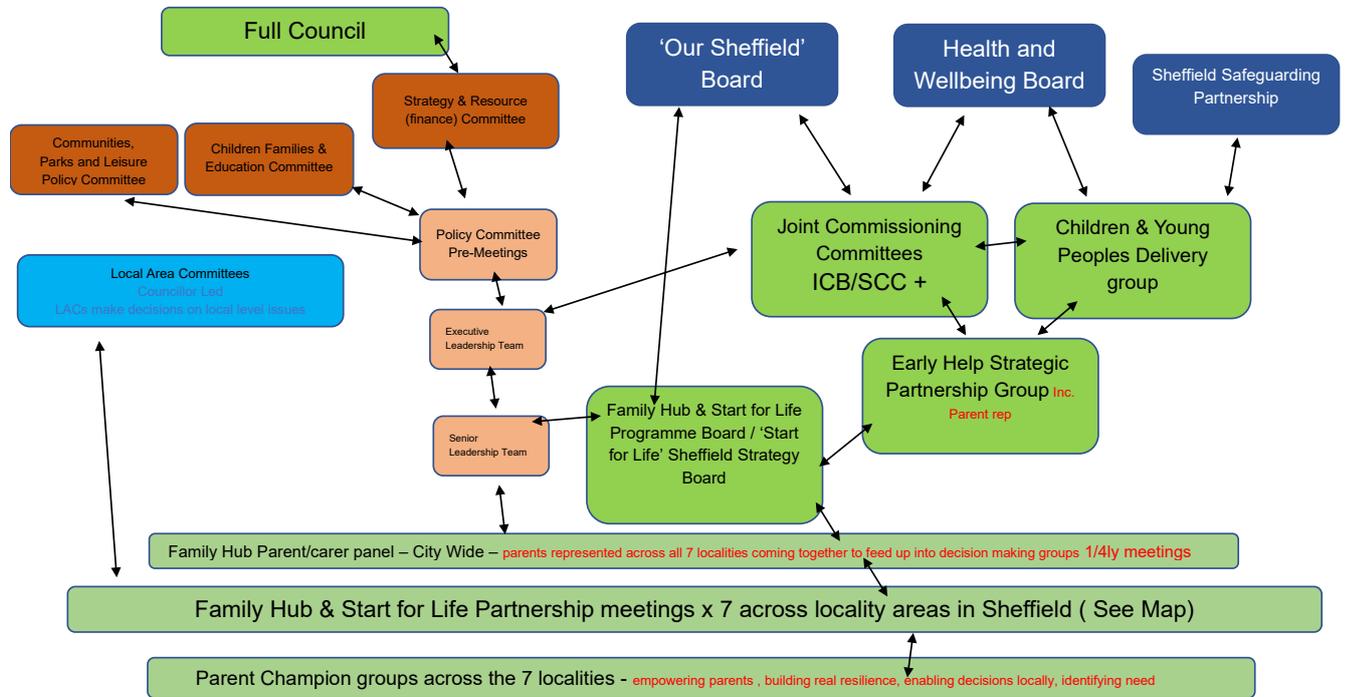
- 3.1. Transform the seven existing Family Centres to become functional Family Hubs.
- 3.2. As a trailblazing Local Authority, Sheffield's vision is to ensure every Family Hub is a welcome space for communities to access and receive timely advice and support.
- 3.3. We will create a locality culture of accessibility, improving communication and publishing the offer widely. We will ensure accessibility is extended for families who need services or signposting to services, for example longer opening and weekend opening for working parents. See appendix B (sharing information).
- 3.4. Whilst we look to improve accessibility of services linked to the Family Hub model framework, we will also ensure impact of services on individual families is effectively monitored to enable us to evidence impact the work of low-level preventative services across the city and what difference this can make to longer term crisis intervention.
- 3.5. We want to continue to help transform Early Help services that work collaboratively and enable the growth of healthy relationships from the very early days of a child’s life.
- 3.6. Providing safe spaces for children and families offering welcoming, non-judgmental and empowering support that builds resilience across our city’s communities is at the heart of our plans for family support in Sheffield.

4. Recommendations

Forum members are asked to:

- Update key contacts with the information shared.
- Engage in consultation regarding co-location.
- Link to relevant strategy/governance decisions.

Appendix A - Governance Map



Appendix B

Please share the QR codes which take you to relevant information about the Family Hub and Start for Life Programme.

Information links here :-



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