

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EARLY HELP IN HILLINGDON IN THE PREVENTION OF NEGATIVE OUTCOMES FOR FAMILIES

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REASON FOR ITEM

To receive the Draft Scoping Report on the proposed review topic, 'The Effectiveness of Early Help in Hillingdon in the Prevention of Negative Outcomes for Families.'

Following discussion at the April 2015 meeting of the Committee, it was agreed that officers would produce a scoping report for consideration at the June 2015 meeting.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE

1. To give consideration to the detail contained in the Draft Scoping Report and to make comments and suggestions on the detail contained within.
2. To request clarification and further information from officers.
3. To agree the report title, scoping report and the witnesses that will be required for the Committee to conduct its review.

INFORMATION

1. With the agreement of the Chairman, a slightly different title is proposed from that discussed previously. The original title was 'Review of the Early Help Systems in Hillingdon to Ascertain their Effectiveness in the Prevention of Neglect and Poverty.' The changed title is proposed as officers are of the opinion that the term 'early help systems' may be perceived as jargon. There was also felt to be a lack of clarity around the term 'systems.'
2. Early help addresses a range of needs and issues not solely those concerning neglect or poverty. It is suggested that a review that focuses on neglect and poverty could lead to the wider outcomes that early help delivers being overlooked.
3. The revised review topic would still consider the issues of neglect and poverty as they are two significant factors that lead to 'poor outcomes'. These factors are also interlinked with other issues that early help addresses, such as substance misuse, poor parenting, worklessness etc. Officers consider that the proposed title frames the work of the review in more readily understood terms than the original.

PAPERS WITH THE REPORT

Draft Scoping Report 'The Effectiveness of Early Help in Hillingdon in the Prevention of Negative Outcomes for Families.'