

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EARLY HELP TO PROMOTE POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR FAMILIES

WITNESS SUBMISSION

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In 2014 Hillingdon as part of the Core Offer by Public Health to the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Public Health was tasked to complete a Children and Young People's Needs Assessment. This would look at all health issues from conception through to age 19.

The aims of the Needs Assessment for Children and Young People in Hillingdon were to:

- Collate available data and information on the health and well-being of children and young people in Hillingdon, using national and local sources of information and local views and knowledge;
- Use this information to draw conclusions about the current needs of children and young people in Hillingdon;
- Make recommendations to NHS commissioners and providers of services on actions required locally to improve the health and wellbeing of Children and Young people.

The needs assessment was produced by Public Health on behalf of both LBH and Hillingdon CCG. The content for the assessment was discussed with stakeholders during preparation and the final draft was shared with the Children's Trust Board in July 2014.

The assessment also reviewed where services provided by LBH and Hillingdon CCG had evidence of the 'Voice of Young People' to highlight where services were using the felt and expressed needs of children and young people to shape services. Information was included here if the methodology of the consultation appeared to have been:

- Reasonably robust and findings have been clearly reported.
- The information came from young people themselves rather than service providers.
- A significant number of children and young people (around a hundred or more) were involved.
- the information related to their needs and perceptions of services

A number of other pieces of work were also identified but are not included here because they did not meet these criteria, for example they may have been primarily service evaluations or reports on activity, or involved a smaller number of children and young people.

The key findings from this needs assessment have been published as 'The Children and Young People's Needs Assessment' in August 2015 by the Performance and Intelligence Team.