

## **Rochdale Early Years & Early Help Service Vision**

### **Why are we restructuring our services?**

The service review is in response to a number of issues which make up the theory behind these proposals:

- The need to integrate services, avoid duplication, and ensure our families receive a seamless service, supporting whole family working is the right thing to do for our children and families
- A move to aligned locality working to ensure services are more responsive to local needs through a co-ordinated approach
- To build on the good work we have already begun to support our children to be school ready and achieve a good level of development, we still have more progress to make and therefore need to do things differently to ensure our children reach the national average
- Research about how early years and early help services are being managed across other local authorities enabling them to respond in the most effective way to changing funding availability and practice requirements.
- As Rochdale is a part of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority there are expectations in relation to locality working, integration and the GM Locality Plan with new pathways to improve school readiness and wider family outcomes, in addition to changing national expectations.
- A move to evidence informed interventions and assessments and the learning we have gained from peer reviews and inspections and changing requirements in relation to the quality assurance of services following Ofsted Inspections and innovation projects that we have successfully secured funding for
- Funding reductions and the cessation of transformation funding the service receives on 1st April 2020

### **What is the vision for service delivery?**

The vision for the proposed service is that it will provide a whole family integrated approach with a service offer that includes provision across early years, adolescent and community engagement within locality areas in Rochdale. Within current services in the scope of this review staff can be working towards similar outcomes slightly differently, sometimes with the same families. The new proposed integrated service will bring similar teams together within the same Early Help & Schools directorate. This will enable staff to work within one approach and ethos, with one set of guidelines, policies, procedures and the shared outcome of delivering a consistent approach placing children and families at the heart of provision.

The proposed service will deliver a combination of consistent assessments and interventions across the whole borough and selected interventions delivered in certain localities relevant to the make-up and needs of our communities. This is to ensure a consistent evidence based approach is available to all children and families living in Rochdale whilst reflecting the changing needs of communities and including:

The Children's Centre Core Purpose, 1001 Day Pathway and GM Early Years Delivery Model; Parenting advice, groups and interventions; Relationship and family conflict interventions aligned to the GM Reducing Parental Conflict offer and developing national principles; Family Support assessments and interventions for families with children of all ages in line with GM, National and Stronger Families requirements; Family Learning sessions; Early Help Assessment and TAF support for multi-agency practitioners at a locality level; Family information service; Support for early years and childcare providers; Pathways that support effective transitions with EHASH, our new Strengthening Families Pre-Birth service and social care teams.

There will be an implementation phase following the service review to develop and shape the new service offer and confirm operational issues.

### **How will Children's Centres be different?**

Children's Centre interventions, health services and childcare will continue to be delivered in current buildings alongside other services that will also be delivered on an integrated locality footprint. Signage at buildings will remain as it is but the programme will reflect a whole locality family offer and Children and Family Hub approach. There are no plans to close any Children's Centres but reach areas will change to be in line with localities and townships. This will mean that we will no longer have 6 clusters but will now have 4 locality areas that include School Readiness provision.

## Early Years & Early Help Service- Delivery Model

### Early Years & Early Help Service

#### Central Workstreams

- Service Management, Strategies and GMCA development work
- Parenting & Relational services co-ordination (interim)
- Family Learning Team
- Our Rochdale
- Early Years Advisory & Training Team
- Early Years Funding Team



### Early Years and Early Help Localities

- 4 Localities with identified Children & Family Hubs- Rochdale Locality, Pennine Locality, Heywood Locality, Middleton Locality
- Children & Family Hub services delivered through Children's Centre buildings in each locality- 1 designated hub with the remaining identified as satellite buildings
- Family offer (including school readiness offer) delivered at a locality level- group and 1-1 interventions with children and families
- Working in partnership with the community, partner agencies, locality governance and network meetings