



Agenda Item Introduction

Committee	POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES, EDUCATION AND SKILLS
Date	7 SEPTEMBER 2023
Topic	START FOR LIFE AND FAMILY HUB PROGRAMME

BACKGROUND

The Children's Services Management Team contacted the Scrutiny Officer to put forward the item for a future meeting. Family Hubs are centres which ensure families with children and young people aged 0-19 receive early help to overcome a range of difficulties and build stronger relationships. Effective early intervention can improve children's wellbeing, educational attainment, and life chances, reduce family poverty, improve mental health and lead to lower crime, unemployment, and other negative outcomes. The Start for Life and Family Hub programme commenced in December 2022 and the programme concludes on the 31st of March 2025. The Isle of Wight was successful in their programme sign-up in October 2022 and received confirmation of their successful Trailblazer application in December 2022. The purpose of the item is to provide overview and assurance that the Isle of Wight's Start for Life and Family Hub programme is progressing well and within the timescales provided by the DfE.

FOCUS FOR SCRUTINY

- In what way is the Family Hub programme expected to improve existing provision on the Isle of Wight?
- What island geographic considerations have been considered when developing the programme?
- What lessons learned have been taken from other authorities Family Hub models when developing the programme?
- What governance is in place to monitor the delivery of the programme across the different bodies?
- What engagement and support would be provided from schools for the Family Hub programme?

APPROACH

A presentation to be provided.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED

Appendix 1 – Start for Life and Family Hub Programme, Isle of Wight Overview

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