

Health and Wellbeing Board – 26 October 2023

Written question from Cllr Michael Lilley

How has Covid19 affected children born between 2019-2022 on the Isle of Wight and why was this not referenced in the report?

Response

The First 1001 Days slides shared for the Health and Wellbeing Board is the Executive Summary of a fuller piece of work. The ambition of the First 1001 Days Review is to provide a framework for action, to bring partners together with a shared focus on areas that we know will improve outcomes for children, on the Isle of Wight. The key findings in the report are aimed to meet the needs of children including those impacted by COVID19. The review has been used to help shape the priorities for newly established ICP First 1001 Days Oversight Group and locally with the establishment of the new Family Hubs

The impact of Covid was reflected within the wider context of this work using the latest data available. The impact COVID19 and lockdown has had on the physical and social and emotional development on children born between 2019 and 2022 is constantly emerging. We are monitoring this through the Healthy Child Programme mandated checks delivered by the 0-19 Public Health Service.

Developmental reviews are offered to all children at 9-12 months and 2 ½ years using an accredited Ages and Stages Questionnaire. The outcomes are reported nationally here [Child and Maternal Health - Data - OHID \(phe.org.uk\)](https://www.phe.org.uk/data/child-maternal-health). The report was also based on the wider JSNA information which covers impact of Covid 19: [COVID-19 Health Impact Assessment \(iow.gov.uk\)](https://www.iow.gov.uk/covid-19-health-impact-assessment)

The Key actions include supporting the transition to parenthood; maternal and family mental health; breastfeeding; healthy weight, healthy nutrition; health, wellbeing and development. Ready to learn, narrowing the word gap. Improving health literacy; reducing accidents and minor illnesses and reducing rates of smoking in pregnancy.

Through the following mechanisms

- 1) Engage with families to co-design the First 1001 Days support they would like to see. Use this co-design to drive change.
- 2) Agree a set of principles and approaches that work for the First 1001 Days and are acceptable to key partners.
- 3) Make information sharing less reliant on single contacts. Automate, backup and prioritise information sharing. Accelerate the sharing of data where possible.
- 4) Parent-infant bonding (attachment) is key - focus on relationships and 4 what enhances successful development.
- 5) Recognise and expand on the extra value the voluntary and community sector can bring to the First 1001 Days.
- 6) Encourage joined up training across and within workforces, share views of how to approach The First 1001 Days and standardise language with partners where possible.
- 7) Develop a long-term plan for the First 1001 Days workforce needed in the future.