

Full Council – 15 September 2021

## Written question from Natalie Thomas to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills

could tell me whether there has been any progress made with regards to the WAVE Trust 70/30 motion which was passed on the 16th September 2020. I am just wondering if there are any internal updates which could be shared.

## Response

### Context

**The WAVE trust is an organisation working to reduce child abuse, neglect, and other adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) by at least 70% by the year 2030.**

**For the avoidance of doubt it is useful to clarify that the WAVE trust is an entirely separate organisation to The Wave Project, which is an Isle of Wight based charity, providing surf based therapy activities and programmes to island children and young people.**

### Response

Children's Services, alongside partner agencies across the island are fully committed to reducing the incidence and responding effectively to child abuse, neglect and adverse childhood experiences. Children's Services are responsible for delivering a wide range of support and statutory services for children and families, this includes supporting families to help them to look after their children, preventing escalation into statutory services and leading the work to keep children safe and protect them from harm, abuse and neglect.

Children's Services share these tasks with other organisations such as:

- The police
- Health services
- Schools and education services
- Voluntary and independent child care sectors.

The service works closely with partner agencies and is focused on a strength based, whole family approach, using restorative and trauma informed practice.

The annual Children's Safeguarding Partnership report outlines the work across the partnership to deliver prevention and early intervention support to children and families, as well as our statutory children's services delivery.

<https://www.iowscp.org.uk/>

The Early Help offer locally is a key in delivering early intervention and preventative work to support children and families at an early stage and to reduce escalation into higher tier services. Ofsted have previously highlighted the strength of the early help offer on the island,

*'An increasing number of children and families access early help services and benefit from a comprehensive range of support, commissioned through an external provider*

*via a network of family centres across the island. In partnership with the local authority, the voluntary sector provides a strong community response to families who need access to early help service...Families benefit from timely and effective interventions.*  
**ILACS, Ofsted, November 2018.**

*'The needs of the whole family are taken into account in this process and there are clear pathways that take families on to greater levels of support, should they need it.'*  
**Ofsted/CQC SEND joint inspection Nov. 2019.**

**The council is committed to working with all partner agencies, including the wide range of voluntary and community organisations across the island in safeguarding children.**