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METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Fairer Start Local Nesta – Stockport Partnership

Children and Families Scrutiny Committee briefing
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Purpose of the Presentation

- To inform the Children and Families Scrutiny Committee about a 'Fairer Start Local' – Nesta and Stockport/Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) Innovation Partnership, and the direction of travel to achieve our goal of 'a consolidated and enhanced early years delivery model'
- To provide an insight into our ambitions for improvement, and how we intend to innovate locally to improve outcomes using a research and data informed approach



Ambition of work in Stockport

Our ambition is to enable better outcomes for children locally and wherever they grow up in Greater Manchester (GM), starting with a focus on conception to 12 months.

We want to build an evidence base for an updated Early Years Delivery Model, based on hearing community voice and testing interventions to find out what works.

Themes of our work include:

- Reflecting on the impact of covid on babies and expectant/new parents
- Supporting the implementation of changes to Healthy Child Programme delivery model (additional, optional contacts), building an evidence base for change
- Supporting our local and GM ambition to strengthen integrated working with maternity services to improve early years outcomes
- Enabling better family functioning and building community capacity
- Aligning with local Family Hubs transformation

We are building our analysis by:

- Understanding the delivery of the existing model in partnership with practitioners
- Hearing the voice of parents to understand their experience and needs
- Using data analysis to understand outcomes
- Create space to develop and test solutions in the real world to understand what works
- Sharing and scaling learning



Our direction of travel – overview of the Stockport, GMCA and Nesta 3-year partnership

What we are working towards by the end of the partnership

A consolidated and enhanced Early Years Delivery Model

Work we did in Year 1 - foundations we're building on

- Understanding health visiting practice
- Data analysis on impact of interventions
- Attendance of 2-year-olds in early education and childcare

What we're doing in Year 2 to move towards our goal – 3 key strands

- Mapping and analysing the current Early Years Delivery Model
- Piloting operational changes to the Start Well model – enhanced antenatal integrated working
- Exploration of parenting styles and impact on child development (Project Mindset)



To achieve change

We will

- Focus on pregnancy as the window of opportunity and impact
- Streamline the work of midwives and health visitors in the antenatal period
- Have increased confidence in the robustness of assessment from pregnancy to 12 months
- Enable more effective allocation of resources to families in need of help
- Adapt our ways of working using unique child development resources coproduced with families



Background paper and additional information

- Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) collaborative project report '45 million lost hours', led by Nesta with Stockport, York and Leeds – [45 million lost hours? Understanding usage of the two-year-old free childcare offer \(nesta.org.uk\)](#)
- For further information on our innovation partnership with Nesta please contact Lj.Woodward@stockport.gov.uk





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