

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

PREVENTION – SUPPORT IN THE EARLY YEAR (-9MTHS to 5 YEARS) SCRUTINY REVIEW

SCOPING DOCUMENT

Scrutiny Review Panel: Councillors Rosemary Barratt (Lead Councillor), Shan Alexander, Angie Clarke, Helen Hibbert & Graham Greenhalgh

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Aims and Objectives											
1. Aims	To review the offer of support to children in their early years and their families to ensure enough is being done to provide accessible and effective help at the earliest opportunity.										
2. Objective(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To understand the demographics of the early years population in Stockport2. To understand the universal stages of support and contact with professionals as a child grows3. To understand current pathways for additional support across the system, consider how this is delivered through family hubs and what is being done to make support accessible.4. To understand how families know about and are engaging with offers of support5. To understand current challenges in the system and how they can be improved.										
Methodology											
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<p>2. Review Session 1</p>	<p>Date of Meeting: 05 November 2024</p> <p>Purpose of Session: To consider the evidence gathered so far and consider any further sources of evidence</p> <p>Potential Lines of Enquiry: To explore and discuss further lines of enquiry and confirm additional witnesses required to attend the scrutiny review panel.</p> <p>Witnesses: Daniel Ackers and Wendy Hartley</p>
<p>3. Review Session 2</p>	<p>Date of Meeting: 17 December 2024</p> <p>Purpose of Session: To consider the strategies for working towards school readiness in early years.</p> <p>Potential Lines of Enquiry: Social Development & Personal Care</p> <p>Witnesses: to be confirmed</p>
<p>4. Review Session 3</p>	<p>Date of Meeting: January/February 2025 (tbc)</p> <p>Purpose of Session:</p> <p>Potential Lines of Enquiry:</p> <p>Witnesses: tbc</p>
<p>5. Additional Evidence Gathering</p>	<p>Witnesses and Invited Guest: Daniel Ackers & Wendy Hartley</p> <p>Background Papers: Start Well Strategy, Family Hubs Theory of Change, Nesta programme review</p>