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**To: Health and Wellbeing Board**

**Date: 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**Title: Early Help and Prevention**

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## **1 Purpose of the Note**

- 1.1 There are two papers attached to this covering briefing note which will inform the item on Early Help and Prevention.

## **2 Recommendations**

### **2.1 Health and Wellbeing Board are recommended:**

- 1) That all services, agencies and teams familiarise themselves right the Early Hep strategy and its commitment to children and families and identify how their service can help meet the commitments to help families achieve positive outcomes**
- 2) That services, agencies and teams across the partnerships and sectors familiarise themselves with the proposed social care reforms and consider their response to key policy documentation including Stable Homes built on love, and Keeping children safe, helping families thrive, and start to consider the potential implications for transformation that may be required to undertake as part of the integrated case system.**
- 3) That all interested parties join the Family hub network, download the Coventry families portal app and share with their teams to utilise in practice to navigate families to the right help in Coventry and access beneficial services.**
- 4) That services understand their responsibilities to contribute to supporting families in need of targeted early help as outlined in the Coventry workforce table and seek any support they need to notice and identify children, initiate early help assessments, participate in team around the family arrangements and act as lead practitioners when appropriate, acting in the best interests of children, young people and their families.**
- 5) To recognise the impacts to our most vulnerable children and families in our city and use the learning from the Vanguard's test and learn approach to influence future commissioning for young people in the most complex situations.**

### **3 Information/Background**

The following papers are enclosed for discussion on this item.

#### **Paper 1 – Early Help and Prevention Briefing note**

- Appendix 1      Role of the Statutory safeguarding Partners in Early Help and Prevention, as part of their safeguarding responsibilities.
- Appendix 2      Single page summary of the Early Help Strategy (2022-2025)
- Appendix 3      The Early Help System Guide
- Appendix 4      Children’s Social Care Reforms as described by the Labour Government, Dec 2024 (including details related to the establishment of Family Help)

#### **Paper 2 - Early Help and Prevention – Trauma Vanguard Briefing note**

- Appendix 1 – HEAT Assessment – Trauma Vanguard