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Early Intervention and Prevention (Children's Services) Task and Finish Group Services (Cabinet, 4 April 2012)			
Recommendation to Cabinet (accepted)	Status	Information	Contact Officers
<p><u>Recommendation One</u> Family profiling and family intervention should be prioritised within the Early Intervention and Prevention Strategy as these will deliver greater long term savings for the council. Cabinet are requested to provide information on the prioritisation of these elements in the Strategy and anticipated cost/benefits</p>	Amber	<p>Cabinet resolution: To agree the recommendations of the Overview & Scrutiny Task and Finish Group on Early Intervention and Prevention Services, with the exception of recommendation 2. as: (i) consideration of all relevant issues had been taken into account when the Council agreed the 2011/12–2013/14 budget; and (ii) the Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Families was satisfied that schools had sufficient access to educational psychologist resources.</p> <p>Update October 2012 In line with the Department for communities and local government, troubled families agenda, schools have been asked to provide the local authority's troubled families team with exclusion and attendance data. This is then matched with youth offending and adult out of work benefit data to identify families to qualify for an enhanced service with the Boroughs Family Focus approach to working with troubled families. DCLG have made up front payments of £9408000 this year towards the programme with a further £235,200 available under a payment by results model. Action for Children are undertaking an independent review of Barnet's approach and Barnet's strategic finance department are</p>	Jay Mercer – Children's Service

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		completing a full review of the cost benefit analysis of the programme	
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<u>Recommendation Two</u> The Task and Finish Group recognise the importance of the work of Educational Psychology and express concern that the planned reductions in the service might affect the Council's ability to deliver an effective Early Intervention and Prevention Strategy, and request that the Cabinet reconsider.	N/A	Cabinet resolution: As set out above. Update October 2012 No update required. Recommendation not accepted by Cabinet.	N/A

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<u>Recommendation Three:</u> The Task and Finish Group recognises Nurture Groups as an important method of intervening early and recommend that Children's Services engage with all primary schools in the Borough to encourage them to utilise their existing resources to develop Nurture Groups, with the outcome of these discussions being reported to the Task and Finish Group at the earliest opportunity.	TBC	<u>Cabinet resolution:</u> As set out above. <u>Update October 2012</u> Update to follow	Jay Mercer – Children's Service

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<u>Recommendation Four:</u> The Task and Finish Group recognise the importance of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) in delivering the Early Intervention and Prevention Strategy and recommend that Children's Service undertake urgent discussions with the Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health Trust about the role of CAMHS and the level of service available to support young people in Barnet.	Green	<p><u>Cabinet resolution:</u> As set out above.</p> <p><u>Update October 2012</u> There have been 44 CAFs used as a referral route to Tier 3 CAMHS since this new referral pathway was introduced in Jan 2012. This should increase following CAMHS's formal launch of their CAMHS Access (new single referral pathway) which will be at NLBP on 17/10.</p> <p>EIP are represented on the CAMHS Core Group and have been involved in the consultation re the CAMHS Strategy</p>	Jay Mercer – Children's Service

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<p><u>Recommendation Five:</u> The Children's Service review the effectiveness of the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) and the Multi-Agency Group (MAG) in Barnet and report it's findings to the Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee within the next 6 months.</p>	Green	<p><u>Cabinet Resolution:</u> As set out above.</p> <p><u>Update October 2012</u> The CAF form was fully reviewed in Oct 2011, and following extensive consultation with stakeholders the form was localised and streamlined. This local adaption was also in line with the recommendations of the Munro Review. The new form includes distance travelled measures to measure impact (which is also helpful in relation to the new Ofsted's Inspection framework focusing on the child's journey). It also has been designed to be used as a referral tool as well as an assessment tool. The localised form went live in Nov 2011. In addition, since Nov 2011, the Multi-Agency Support Team extended their duty desk hours to all day, Mon-Fri, to continue to deal with CAF queries, as well as to triage CAFs being used as a referral to targeted services. The local CAF Guidance for practitioners was fully updated in June 2012 to reflect these changes and was launched at a practitioner's CAF event attended by over 150 attendees. Since the introduction of the new form and new referral pathway, the numbers of CAFs have more than doubled.</p> <p>The effectiveness of the MAG was examined via a full review of the MAG between March 2011- end of Feb 2012 (a previous review covered the period Sept 2010-Feb 2011). The findings of this review report were shared with Children's Service SLT members in</p>	Jay Mercer – Children's Service

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		April 2012. Over 40% of the stuck CAF cases were promptly resolved by intervention of the MAG during the review period, while 23% were recognised as needing statutory intervention. Unmet and emerging needs arising from MAG cases have been examined and some issues have been actively addressed (such as up-skilling practitioners in more effectively dealing with children out of school for long periods).	
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<u>Recommendation Six:</u> Children's Services consider how children and family exit the early intervention process by developing criteria for agreed exit strategies	Green	<p><u>Cabinet Resolution:</u> As set out above</p> <p><u>Update October 2012</u></p> <p>We have developed the use of the community coaches initiative to offer a clear exit strategy for families exiting the troubled families arena.</p>	Jay Mercer – Children's Service