

EARLY HELP AND NEGLECT SUBGROUP WORKPLAN 2021-22

	Completed
	On Track
	At Risk
	Overdue

IMPACT – WHAT WILL SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?	ACTION – WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS/TIMESCALE FOR DELIVERY?	Lead
1. The Partnership has a shared understanding of Early Help, has a quality assurance framework in place and a practice model for the effective delivery of early help aligned to the Merton Child, Young Person and Family Well-Being Model	1.1 Publish Early Help Strategy	EH&N Subgroup
	1.2 Develop performance framework to monitor impact of the Early Help Strategy	Karl Mittelstadt (lead) EH&N Subgroup and QA Subgroup
	1.3 Review current thresholds for early help to ensure children and families receive appropriate help at the right time	EH&N Subgroup
	1.4 Communicate Early Help approach across the partnership (comms strategy)	EH&N Subgroup
	1.5 Deliver a training programme in Early Help assessment tools and processes	P&T Subgroup
	1.6 Carry out family voice and thematic audits to test whether the approach to Early Help is making a difference for children and their families to provide assurance that there is a unified practice in assessment and clear referral and support pathways	EH&N Subgroup

2. The Partnership has assurance that children who are at risk of neglect receive a skilled, timely, joined up response, aligned to the Merton Child, Young Person and Family Well-Being Model, to reduce the risk of neglect and keeps them safe	2.1 Task and Finish Group (including relevant partners) to review existing work locally around children at risk of neglect; in particular, review and refresh draft multi-agency neglect tool and take to the MSCP Exec with recommendations for dissemination.	T&F Group – leads Keith Shipman and Michelle Waldron (EH&N Subgroup/QA Group)
	2.2 Deliver multi-agency and single agency case audits to assess the quality and impact of the work on neglect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure findings from T&F group, case audits, etc disseminated to all partners so that signs of neglect are well understood and identified at the earliest point 	EH&N Subgroup (Link to QA Subgroup on case audits)
	2.3 Obtain evidence from voices of children and their families regarding the quality and impact of our work with them in relation to neglect (via 2.3)	EH&N Subgroup (Link to QA Subgroup on case audits/voice of the child)
3. The Partnership fully supports and engages with the local transformation of the early help system across the public service partnership to ensure that systems are improved to secure and deliver a high level of data maturity	3.1 Data governance at a strategic level is established overseeing data sharing and use across all partners to support families.	KM
	3.2 Through discussions with police colleagues, work towards sharing datasets (including, where possible, offending data relating to different age ranges, and domestic abuse data) to enable joint analytics to support families.	KM
	3.3 Partners will work together to identify any barriers to data sharing and overcome these barriers, through sharing good practice.	KM
	3.4 Working towards or establish data sharing agreements for person level data on health, housing (rent arrears and antisocial behaviour), and homelessness)	KM