

## **Briefing for Cllr McKinlay on the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service (ECFWS).**

### **For People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee 27 June 2019.**

- We are now in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a 7-year contract, with the capacity to extend for an additional 3 years
- The first 2 years have focused on mobilising the contract and working to create and embed a fully integrated multidisciplinary workforce of family support and early years workers, health visitors and school nurses across the 12 Family Hubs and the 29 Family Hub teams as well as an integrated data capture system across both Virgin Care and Barnardo's staff and strong effective relationships with the sub-contractor partners – Homestart, Youth Enquiry Service (YES) and Castlepoint Association of Voluntary Services and Volunteers (CAVS)
- From this year, the ECFWS will be in a position to start reporting on the actual impact and outcomes of their work with children, young people and their families rather than just counting the number of visits or interventions. This is really exciting for us here in Essex as it is a national first. This allows a clear focus on diverting the resource to those at risk of not achieving outcomes, with resource diverted accordingly, rather than relying only on a traditional universal service model and measure the impact of the support provided
- Our Essex Family Hub service is also being held up as an innovative integrated model nationally, and received praise from MPs at the recent Family Hubs Taster event held at the Houses of Parliament earlier in the month. Vicky Ford, Will Quince and Robert Halfon, Minister of State for Education and Skills were particularly complimentary about the services provided in the Essex Family Hubs during the event. Advising on Twitter that we must keep bringing people together and strengthening our society - family hubs do just this!
- Virgin Care are also imminently expecting to undergo a Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection which will be another national first and I am sure Richard will be able to give us a brief overview of what this will include.
- Today's session will provide Members with:-
  - a general update on the contract, and this will include benefits realised from our unique joint commissioning relationship with West Essex CCG
  - how we're focusing on reaching and improving priority groups
  - the latest performance data
  - the 23 outcomes that this service is focused on improving

