

Early Help Board 16 June Meeting Notes.

For more detailed information please see the [full meeting notes](#).

Neighbourhood Policing Think Family Initiative. The plan is to train neighbourhood police staff, Beat Managers and PCSOs in the early intervention work. A lot of the families will be ones already known to the police and will also be being worked with by the Connecting Families team. The aim will be to get to know families and work with them to prevent and reduce crime, domestic violence and anti-social behaviour. The police officers will be working alongside other agencies and making referrals to other services where appropriate.

- **Action:** Charities and Community Groups, offering local services to families, that may support this initiative can contact Kevin Thatcher so the PCSO's can signpost appropriately. Contact Kevin Thatcher: Kevin.Thatcher@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Housing Discussion – Preventing Breakdown of Tenancies. Many families are going into arrears and this is increasing with the transfer to Universal Credit. The LA have no duty to rehouse if tenants make themselves intentionally homeless but many families do not understand the ways this can happen. A Task and Finish Group is to be set up to examine ways that more and earlier support can be given.

- **Action:** If you are working with any families that are getting into rent arrears get them to contact the Housing Options Team as they can give support to prevent the situation getting worse. Contact the team on: 01225 396296 HousingOptions_AdviceTeam@BATHNES.GOV.UK

Family Information Service . FIS will cease and move to a more minimal service, operating through customer service in One Stop Shops. The telephone helpline will go and outreach support will stop. It would be useful for services to think about how they might be affected by the lack of the FIS service.

- **Action:** make sure your details are up to date on 1 Big Database

The Early Help App is being developed for practitioners in B&NES to give easy access to early help services available and links to tools for use with service users.

- **Action:** Have a look at the proposed links on the App and advise if there is key information missing. Contact me at sue@bathareaplayproject.co.uk and I will co-ordinate any response.

1001 days is a cross party manifesto of commitment to early help from conception for the first 1001 days. <http://www.1001criticaldays.co.uk/> The Government has now

launched Best Start in Life National resources and the national Life Chances strategy is due out in September, which will probably also link in.

A subgroup of the Early Help Board will meet to come up with a framework of agreed outcomes for early help services supporting the first 1001 days. Priorities will include 0-2 mental health pathway for women and children, peri-natal mental health work to be reviewed, reviewing NICE guidance, reviewing annual conversations with Children's Centres and reviewing the ante-natal education offer.

Next Meeting 12 September 2016