

Scrutiny Committee:	Children's Services Review Group (CSRG)
Date of Meeting:	10 May 2021
Subject:	Effective Support Strategy
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Purpose

1. The Effective Support strategy (Appendix A) will provide guidance to our workforce and partners on our thresholds of intervention. The fundamental duties related to the legislative framework do not change. This strategy sets out how we make decisions together when considering what will be the most effective support to provide to children and families, when considering the needs of the child and what support parents and their carers will require to meet those need

Recommendation

2. **To provide feedback and support the Effective Support Strategy as an updated Threshold document for Luton Children Services.**

Report

3. Luton Children's services has undergone a large scale OCA in which the services for Early Help, Manor Contact Centre and Flying Start Children's Centres were merged into a newly established service called the 'Family Partnership Service'. This proposal was agreed at Executive meeting on 9th February 2021.
4. Within the Ofsted Improvement Plans there is a recommendation for a clearer threshold document to be put in place for Luton to fully understand the levels of needs and the appropriate intervention
5. This strategy shifts our practice approach to identifying what would be the most effective support for families and children, rather than the measurement of needs against a threshold of service provision. The Family Partnership Service will build on the previous Luton Early Help provision to deliver early effective support but clearly recognise when children are in need of protection stepping them up into statutory services. Equally when families have been successful and lower the risk to their children they are able to step down to maintain the appropriate level of support and intervention. We will work with partners and the third sector to ensure families are able to access a range of support services.

Proposal/Option

6. A complete Effective Support document to have gone through consultation and be in place to support residents of Luton, partners and professionals.

Appendix

Appendix A - Effective Support for Children and Young People in Luton

List of Background Papers - Local Government Act 1972, Section 100D

None