

Introduction from Cathy Rooney

Director, Early Help and Children's Social Care

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for all partners to share information and successes in providing Early Help in Trafford. First of all, a huge thank you to everyone who is involved in delivering Early Help to residents, making sure that services to support children, young people and their families are there when people need them.



Our recent OFSTED Report made it clear that we all need to work together to make some changes to how Early Help is organised in Trafford. Building on the strong partnership approach we already have, we are in a great position to do things differently by; all being involved in redesigning and reshaping our Early Help approach, working together, overcoming barriers and sharing knowledge to understand how we can enable children and families to meet their goals and live their best lives. We are continuing to develop and learn so we hope this newsletter will help to keep us all up to date as things progress. It's also a chance for all partners to share what Early Help means to them and the successes it can bring.

Latest News, what we are doing over the summer

A huge amount of work is taking place to:

- Agree a new pathway to our Front Door (MARAT) to include Intensive Family Support
- Agree a new Threshold Guidance to help identify Levels of Need
- Review our Intensive Family Support model (ex Stronger Families)
- Implement a new Targeted Integrated Youth Offer
- Understand the current Early Help offer in Trafford

Please look out for:

- The new Threshold Guidance, now called Levels of Need, available on the Safeguarding website
- An invite to the launch of the new Front Door pathway and Levels of Need document
- A consultation around a new name for the revised Front Door for Children
- Opportunities to get involved in designing a new, user friendly, Early Help Assessment

***For any further information or to get involved in any of this work please contact:
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Did you know?

The Early Help Hubs offer a wide range of support and activities.



The Early Help workers offer 1 to 1 Family Support with families, from Early Help up to carrying out specific work as part of Early Help. They also run a range of parenting courses such as Incredible Years (pre-birth, toddler and up to 8). 2 new courses are being piloted, 'Escape' for parents with older children and 'Ride the Rapids', which is a course for children with additional needs, due to run in September.

There are wide-range of baby clubs too, running in 6 venues across the Borough with a variety of activities and groups enabling parents to access information and advice and make connections and develop a support network. Trained staff are available at these to identify where families might need additional support and take forwards any actions.

The team focuses on improving outcomes for the child and delivers work in partnership with other organisations where relevant, often relating to work with parents too, in order to deliver for the individual needs of families.

If you are working with a family who you think could benefit from these services and/or you could do with some additional advice/support please contact the hubs. Support and advice are available from the Early Help panel for families living in the West, Central and South of the borough and the Place Based panel for families living in the North.

These panels meet weekly with involvement from a variety of partners.

Early Help Hubs are busy venues in Stretford and Partington with a range of groups run alongside 'Talk, Listen and Change' who recruit and co-ordinate volunteers. These facilities are available for partners to use for sessions that benefit children and families.

Visit the *Early Help Hubs Facebook pages* or find out more by calling: 0161 912 5020 (Stretford) or 2122 (Partington).

Or you can email [Stretford](#) or [Partington](#) Early Help Hubs.



To find out more about activities at the Early Help Hubs and other services and support available in Trafford you can visit and direct people to the [Trafford Directory](#) website.

You can also find out more on Facebook and Twitter (Trafford FIS):

by calling 0161 912 1053 or by emailing [Trafford Family Information Service](#).

Did you know?

A new Trafford Youth Offer is being developed.



3 new Young People's workers and a Coordinator are now in post to provide detached youth work out in communities. They will be working both on the streets and with existing provision, to develop and enhance the youth offer in each of our neighbourhoods, based on need. They will also be able to carry a small Early Help caseload with one worker leading on developing our social media offer. A budget is now in place to hire sessional youth workers to develop the offer in the neighbourhoods. This will enable us to deliver a wider youth offer based on feedback from young people, operating from centres and out in the community alongside developing a volunteer work force. To find out more please contact our Co-ordinator:

Annie Fordham annie.fordham@trafford.gov.uk or phone Talkshop on 0161 912 2453.



Talkshop renovation

Work is planned to offer an enhanced and modernised space for partners to use in Talkshop at Sale Waterside. This will include an additional 5 rooms providing spaces where you will be able to see young people privately, individually and in small groups, alongside the existing clinic rooms and larger meeting facilities. The Youth Offending Service and Early Break services will be operating from the refurbished centre from the end of August. The building work is beginning in July and is expected to take up to 6 weeks over the summer. For any updates, or to enquire about booking a room, phone Talkshop on 0161 912 2453.

If you would like to deliver as a partner from this facility please contact:

Toni Jackson-Wilde, toni.jackson-wilde@trafford.gov.uk, 0161 911 8621.

Trafford Health Visiting Service

Health visitors are registered nurses / midwives with additional specialist training in community public health who lead a skill mix team of professionals. We offer a universal service for all pre-school children and their families who are resident in Trafford. Health visiting teams offer early help support to families and work in partnership with other health and community services, to prevent illness and help people stay fit and healthy. The teams offer 1 to 1 support and early help on issues including; post natal depression, domestic abuse, child development (physical and emotional), infant feeding, sleep, safety and behaviour in a holistic family approach.



The teams are geographically located in 4 areas North, South, West and Central and can be contacted on:

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South

North

West

Central

*Alternatively please visit our Facebook page: **Trafford Health Visiting Service***

Get in Touch

We want to feature all the different organisations that get Involved in Early Help so please get in touch if you have a story to share or any feedback/ideas.

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