

# Chairman's Announcements

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Families and Children's Transformation (FACT) Programme</b> Earliest Support workstream update
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**The purpose of this announcement is to notify members of the area board about the work of the FACT programme, raise awareness of the Early Support initiatives stemming from this work and to encourage engagement at a local level.**

The Families and Children's Transformation Programme is a joint programme with the local authority, clinical commissioning group and police; the services they commission, voluntary sector agencies, families, children and carers. The outcomes of the 6 workstreams are:

- Community Safety for Young People
- A Good Education for All
- Best Start in Life
- Integrated Multi Professional Early Support
- Whole Life Pathway
- Core Skills and Single Approach

Over 27 individual projects sit within these workstreams to promote social mobility, build resilience and deliver more efficient and impactful services. All of these workstreams compliment the council's wider business plan objectives.

As part of the work ongoing within the ***Integrated Multi Professional Early Support*** workstream, a project entitled Integrated Earliest Support in Communities (IESiC) began looking at ways in which the multiple contacts the police, health and social care were receiving and having to react to could be reduced. It was acknowledged that when families have limited knowledge of or access to the earliest forms of support in their communities their problems and concerns can easily escalate subsequently requiring frequent and costly intervention from statutory services.

The IESiC work is aimed at supporting all members of the community, children, families and individuals, making it easier for them to find the right help at the right time for them.

The goal is for the whole community and all local people to support their community members knowing where help is available, that way they can stop any vulnerability escalating as families are supported within their community with the support that's already in place or that we may identify is needed.

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## **Integrated Earliest Support for Communities (IESiC)**

There are 3 main principles which have been co-produced, with Calne as the initial innovation site. Sign up to the principles has been received from the Calne community group, the Strategic Group and the FACT Operational and Executive Boards. A briefing has also been given to the Children and Young Peoples Safeguarding Panel chaired by the Lead Member for Children and Education, Pauline Church.

1. The requirement for a Digital information/support platform for local information searchable by location and type to provide a consistent, central point of information accessed by professionals and families alike. This will be for all age groups children and adults, and be the platform used within the council and partnership as a whole (links to existing websites to be included).
2. The requirement for a local Community Connector/Navigator
  - Provide information to families
  - Support and outreach to families
  - Support for agencies
  - Keep local information on platform up to date and relevant
  - Develops community resources within locality

This principle will build on and learn from the established roles such as Local Area Coordinators and Social Prescribers.

3. The requirement for Community Development and Joint Partnership Commissioning

The is to ensure joined up commissioning between partners and the voluntary section in order that community areas receive the support they require and that commissioning strategies are joined up and well coordinated.

Although we are looking at Calne as a pilot area initially the intention is to roll the work out across all community areas in Wiltshire.

**If anyone has an interest in supporting the mapping of community clubs, groups and services for their local area or collating who is already undertaking community connecting both formally and informally then please get in touch by contacting [FACT@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:FACT@wiltshire.gov.uk).**

More information on the Families and Children's Transformation programme can be found on our website <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/children-young-people-fact>.