
SERVICES FOR FAMILIES OF DISABLED CHILDREN AGED 0-3 YEARS
REVIEW GROUP – FINAL REPORT

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To present the outcome and findings of the Review Group established by this Scrutiny Committee to examine the provision of services for families with children with disabilities aged 0-3 years following the removal of the Early Support Service (part of the Life Stages 0-25 Team) as part of the Medium Term Financial Plan budget cuts in June 2016.

Summary

1. Members will recall that, at a meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held in September 2016, it was agreed to establish a Review Group and the Terms of Reference were agreed at the first meeting of the Review Group and all Members of the Committee were invited to participate in the Review.
2. The Review Group has met on three occasions during the course of its review and a wide number of issues have been discussed and considered and the final report is attached (**Appendix**) for Members' consideration.

Recommendation

3. It is recommended that Members approve the recommendation in the final report.

Councillor Chris Taylor
Chair of the Review Group

Background Papers

S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no specific implications for Crime and Disorder.
Health and Well Being	Increased engagement for children and families in the receiving of timely services.
Carbon Impact	There is no carbon impact in relation to this report.
Diversity	There are no specific diversity issues in this report.
Wards Affected	There are no specific Wards which are affected by this report.
Groups Affected	Children and families in Darlington.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report has no impact on the budget or policy framework.
Key Decision	This report does not constitute a Key Decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not considered an urgent decision
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	To enable children with the best start in life.
Efficiency	The outcome of this report does not impact on the Council efficiency agenda.