

# Enfield Schools and Children's Services Commissioning Intentions

2016-17

## Context

The Council's overall strategy *A Fairer Future for All* sets out each of the Council's strategic aims and associated priorities. The Council strategy is linked to the budget through the Medium Term Financial Plan and the annual budget process. The Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan (2015-19) forecasts funding requirements for the Council's General Fund services. Cabinet agreed on 17 September 2014 the *Enfield 2017* vision for the Council. This vision includes a transformed self-serve capability, which can be accessed directly by residents and supports assisted self-service. This programme is the next step in the Council's transformation and focuses on working in a new way and delivering services to our customers that are sustainable, efficient, cost effective, local and available when they need them. The *Enfield 2017* programme cost savings were agreed at 30 October 2014 Cabinet totalling £15.1m in 2015/16 and £29.2m over the period of the Medium Term Financial Plan. The net controllable budget for Schools and Children's Services is £45million for 2015/16 but will be reduced by a further £14million over the next four financial years.

The Borough has experienced and will continue to experience an increasing demand on its services for children. Enfield has 32.8% of children in low income families with 43% of these children living in poverty in Edmonton, which is the 6<sup>th</sup> highest constituency nationally for levels of poverty. The London average for children living in poverty is 26.5% and nationally it is 20.6%. Enfield is the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest local authority for the number of single parents (based on the 2011 national census returns). The total gross spend on children's services is £52,859,000, the total gross spend per number of children in low income families is £435 and the number of households this affects is 94,000.

The Child Health Profile (2014) shows that 27.7% of the population are under 20 years of age and 76.2% of school aged children are from minority ethnic backgrounds. 48% of primary aged children have English as a second language, 41.5% at secondary age and 36.1% of children whom attend a special school. This is well above the national figures of 18.1%, 13.6% and 12.7% respectively. The number of children entitled to free school meals is 22.5% which has fallen as a result of the welfare benefit reforms but is still above the national average of 21%.

Enfield is the 7<sup>th</sup> highest local authority for the number of households living in temporary accommodation. Unemployment levels are at 9.3% compared to 8.7% for the whole of London. Enfield is also the 17<sup>th</sup> highest borough for notifiable crimes in London.

Domestic abuse is the most prevalent issue in Child Protection Plans, featuring in 73% of child protection plans. Substance or alcohol misuse is the second most prevalent featuring in 43.9%.

## Commissioning Intentions

Service Area	Description	Intentions
Young Carers	An assessment role (in partnership with Health, Housing and Adult Social Care) plus activities and counselling services for young carers.	To be tendered during November 2015 with an element of CCG funding incorporated into the commission.  New contract to start April 2016.
Young Runaways	Support to young people running from home or care to prevent further incidents. Return home interviews conducted for Looked After Children.	Commissioning options currently being explored.
Third Sector Safeguarding	Safeguarding services e.g. DBS checks, training and Early Help/Single Point of Entry brokerage for Children's Voluntary Sector Organisations.	To be tendered during 2017.
Participation and Advocacy for Looked After Children	Advocacy service for Looked After Children and children undergoing child protection conferences.  Running of Enfield's Children in Care Council (KRATOS) and additional participation and engagement activities for Looked After Children.	Second year of contract (currently internal commission) begins April 2016.
Parenting Support	Parent support programmes, initiatives and services, including the Independent Advice and Support Service (IASS) for parents of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.	To be tendered.

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Visual Impairment Outreach Service	Specialist service to support visually impaired children and young people to meet educational goals.	To be tendered within 2016-17.
Hearing Impairment Outreach Service	Specialist service to support hearing impaired children and young people to meet educational goals.	To be tendered within 2016-17.
SEN Therapies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physiotherapy</li> <li>• Occupational Therapy</li> <li>• Speech and Language Therapy</li> </ul>	Provision of therapies for children in Enfield with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities.	Likely to be tendered during 2016-17. Commissioning options currently being explored.
SEN Transport	Transport to and from school for children and young people with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities.	Currently being reviewed by Ernst & Young and London Borough of Enfield.
Home Care/Home Sitting for Disabled Children and Young People	Domiciliary care for disabled children and young people.	To be tendered within 2016-17.
Direct Payments	Help for families to manage their Direct Payments.	Commissioning options currently being explored.
Sleep Service	A sleep service for families in Enfield with a disabled child that require an intensive service.	Funding arrangements to be finalised.
Children's Centre Targeted Services	A range of targeted and specialist services covering areas such as speech, language & communication and mental health, aimed at children under 5 and their families. All services will be aligned to the new hub arrangements, which have taken effect from September 2015.	To be tendered during November 2015.  New contracts to start April 2016.

