City of Doncaster Council

**Doncaster
Health and Wellbeing Board**

Date: 31st August 2023

Subject: Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme - Presentation

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Purpose of bringing this report to the Board	
Decision	
Recommendation to Full Council	
Endorsement	
Information	X

Implications		Applicable Yes/No
DHWB Strategy Areas of Focus	Substance Misuse (Drugs and Alcohol)	
	Mental Health	
	Dementia	
	Obesity	
	Children and Families	X
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		
Finance		
Legal		
Equalities		
Other Implications (please list)		

How will this contribute to improving health and wellbeing in Doncaster?
The Family Hubs and Start for Life programme helps meet commitments in The best start for life: a vision for the 1,001 critical days, published as government policy in March 2021. This programme is jointly led by the Department for Education (DfE) and Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). The programme's objective is to join up and enhance services delivered through transformed family hubs in local authority areas, ensuring all parents and carers can access the support they need when they need it. The programme will:

- provide support to parents and carers so they are able to nurture their babies and children, improving health and education outcomes for all
- contribute to a reduction in inequalities in health and education outcomes for babies, children and families across England by ensuring that support provided is communicated to all parents and carers, including those who are hardest to reach and/or most in need of it
- build the evidence base for what works when it comes to improving health and education outcomes for babies, children and families in different delivery contexts

Recommendations

The Board is asked to note the contents of the presentation and Family Hubs/Start for Life contribution to a reduction in inequalities in health and education outcomes for babies, children and families.