

Appendix 3: Children and young people’s partnership priorities for early years and early help

Early Years	Early Help
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop an integrated approach to improving the health, wellbeing, developmental and educational outcomes of children aged 0-5 years • To ensure better continuity of provision and services across the 0–5 age range with clear and agreed pathways between services and between levels of service (for example, between universal and universal plus or targeted services) • To ensure smooth transitions across the life course – i.e. between maternity services and 0-5 early years services and 5-19 years services • To ensure increasing numbers of children are ready for school at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and make a successful transition to school • To mitigate the effects of poverty, inequality and disadvantage through the provision of high quality early education and childcare, the Healthy Child Programme 0-5 years, more effective support for parents and narrowing of the early development achievement gaps for the most disadvantaged children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the early identification and response to some critical issues that affect the development of children and young people, breaking the cycle of inter-generational inequality through working collaboratively with the whole family to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve physical and mental ill health of both children and their parents and carers • Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour • Reduce worklessness • Reduce domestic violence • Tackling the effect of poverty on children’s outcomes • Putting in place targeted models of effective intervention which will work alongside and with universal services, with a clear lead worker for each family who will co-ordinate those services to meet their needs. • Reducing the need for children and families to need help and intervention from statutory services and to work with families who are stepping down from statutory interventions to enable them to effectively work with universal provision. • Providing early help to 600 families with support from the Government’s “Troubled Families” initiative) £1.8m of new funds to continue this work.