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<p>1. Integration of services, enabling pathways between services and support to be better connected</p>	<p>Together with other services we can do so much more. Joining up and working closer with families ensures they receive the right support at the right time.</p> <p>Feedback from engagement work tell us families want a seamless journey from the moment their baby is born through to five years old. When families transition seamlessly through antenatal support, midwifery, health visiting and early help they report better experiences.</p>
<p>2. Stability and continuity of service</p>	<p>The proposed partnership arrangement means that the health visiting service can largely continue as it has been in terms of operational delivery. This means families will face very little instability if any in the support they receive. Health Visitor's developmental reviews and checks can continue as they are, albeit with a more partnered approach so that delivery can be improved.</p>
<p>3. Having the appropriate support for the level of need</p>	<p>There are times when families will need more support than the core offer from the health visiting service. It is vital the service can help families navigate this support. This is made easier when services across the 0-5 age range including health visiting, early help and others can communicate regularly, intervening in a timely way.</p> <p>Feedback from families in 2021 highlighted they wanted to be able to navigate services easier, accessing them in a timelier way and be provided with the right level of support for their needs.</p>
<p>4. Putting a focus back into prevention and early intervention</p>	<p>Findings from engagement with healthcare professionals indicates that currently their practice focusses on support once or after a child/family need additional support. Working with a prevention and early intervention approach means preventing families and children getting ill in the first place, identifying a range of factors that may impact a family's health and signposting on accordingly.</p>

	<p>Within an integrated service this becomes much easier to achieve as services can respond more quickly to need and connect families to the right service, preventing specific needs from escalating. Having a greater range of professionals around the family can also lead to earlier detection of potential health and wellbeing issues.</p>
<p>5. Improved access to appropriate services</p>	<p>Feedback from engagement undertaken with families in 2021 indicated that 46% did not know who their health visitor was and 22% were unsure of what the health visitor did. Some families identified they were unsure of what additional support they could access.</p> <p>This arrangement will enable closer working practice to identify and share information on a family's needs earlier so that the appropriate support can be made accessible.</p>
<p>6. Seamless pathways between services, breaking down barriers between services including universal, targeted and specialist services</p>	<p>Unable to find the right support, waiting for the right support and lack of consistency in the level of support were seen as key difficulties for families when asked in 2021.</p> <p>Having a co-ordinated service can ensure that families get the support they need more quickly, feel understood and valued.</p> <p>Duplication can be avoided when teams and services such as Health Visiting and Early Help are delivered in unison enabling identification of similarities in their work.</p>
<p>7. Improved planning and commissioning to meet the need of the local population using the best use of resource for residents</p>	<p>Across Warwickshire there are different levels of need and challenges for families and babies. The 0-5 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) highlighted high levels of variation in deprivation, poverty and the health of infant and parents within Warwickshire and across the 5 districts and boroughs.</p> <p>Adopting a local level approach can better meet this variation, identifying and acting quicker in areas of greater need. Improved communication and information sharing within localised teams which know their areas best can make a real difference.</p>

<p>8. Improved capacity and effectiveness within the Early Help/Early Years System</p>	<p>There is currently a system wide challenge across services who provide support within the 0-5 age range in meeting the rising demands and complexity of needs. A Section 75 provides the ability for clear responsibilities and roles thus freeing up capacity by ensuring different teams can focus on the support they are best suited to provide.</p> <p>This means families can receive support in a timely way and see the right service at the right time, first time.</p>
<p>9. Considers and provides the foundation to develop a whole support network/team around the family including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Early Help targetted support teams ○ Other NHS services such as speech and language ○ Disabilities teams ○ Mental Health 	<p>The 0-5 JSNA highlighted how it takes several services all working together in unison for the family to thrive.</p> <p>Feedback tells us that families feel most supported when services are in alignment, care is seamless and services and systems talk to each other. There is great importance in ensuring that families feel they have the adequate support around them especially in the first 2 years of a new baby's life, as this sets the foundations for their future.</p> <p>The proposed agreement would provide a strong avenue towards ensuring the various teams supporting a family are clearly defined in the way they contribute and their offer.</p>