



Green Paper Briefing

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Three challenges to solve



 Outcomes for those with SEND and in alternative provision are poor

Navigating SEND system and alternative provision is not positive for families

Current system is not delivering value for money







A single SEND and alternative provision system



- New national standards setting out how needs are identified and met
- Revise SEND Code of Practice to ensure it reflects those standards
- Establish a multi-agency SEND partnership to produce a local inclusion plan
- Standardised and digital EHC plans







A single SEND and alternative provision system



- Support families to express a preference for a suitable placement by providing a tailored list of settings
- Streamline the redress process by providing mandatory mediation before tribunal







Excellent provision



- Increase income to schools by £7 billion by 2024/25 (compared to 2021/22)
- A new SENCO qualification
- Commission an analysis to better understand the health support that is needed
- Improve mainstream provision teaching and curriculum







Excellent provision



- Fund 10,000 additional respite placements £30 million
- Invest £2.6 billion capital for new specialist placements or improving existing provision
- Invest £18 million in supported internships
- All schools to join a strong multi-academy trust





Alternative provision



- Part of integrated SEND system
- Create funding stability dedicated funding workstream
- Create performance framework
- Greater oversight of pupil movements
- Call for evidence on use of unregistered provision
- All schools in a multi-academy trust







System roles, accountability and funding reform



- Clarity of roles
- New DfE regional groups hold Local Authorities and multi-academy trusts to account
- Guidance to integrated care boards
- New inclusion dashboards
- National banding system and price tariffs
- New Ofsted area inspection framework







Delivering change



- Safety valve programme £300 million
- Delivering better value programme £85 million
- Task DfE with drafting national SEND standards
- Change management programme £70 million
- Publish a delivery plan
- New national delivery board











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Ambition



 By 2030, 90% of children attain age-related expectations in reading, writing and mathematics

• By 2030, increase the average grade score at GCSE from 4.5 to 5.







Improving teaching



- 500,000 teacher training opportunities by 2024
- Specialist training to drive literacy improvements
- New qualification for leading literacy
- £30,000 starting salary







Improving teaching



- Free, ready made resources digital curriculum
- A longer average mainstream school week –
 32.5 hours minimum

 Support schools to improve attendance, behaviour and well-being







Additional support for some children



- A parent pledge schools will pledge to provide evidence-based support if your child is behind
- Up to 6 million tutoring courses by 2024
- Secure funding for Education Endowment Foundation – what works centre
- Establish a register for children not in school







System wide reform



- All schools to join or have a plan to join a multi-academy trust by 2030
- Strong Local Authorities permitted to set up multiacademy trusts
- Strengthening powers of Local Authorities place planning, admissions, championing interests of children, especially those experiencing vulnerability
- Education Investment Areas increased funding and support in inverse proportion to success





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National Care Review

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1. Executive summary

- Sets tone, sets out purpose of CSC
- Sets out relationships at core
- Some clear principles
- Need for investment
- Acknowledges poverty and inequality, pressures, emerging threats, domestic abuse, mental health, substance misuse, immigration and asylum





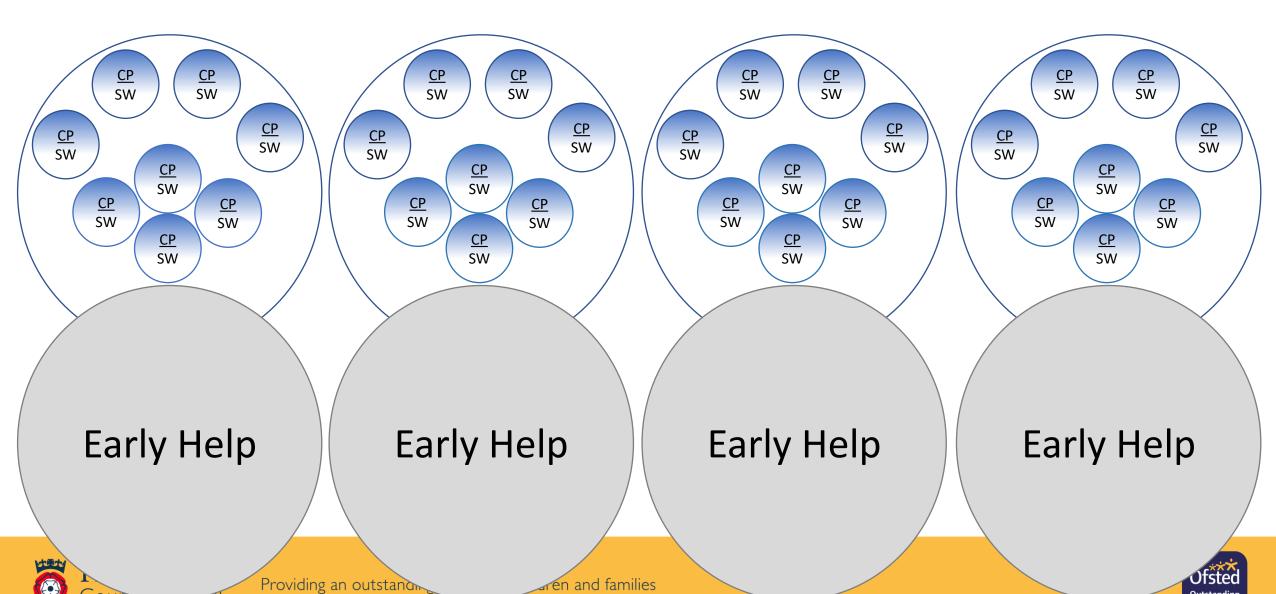
2. A revolution in family help

- Brings together early help and children in need (lower level social care cases)
- Defines family help as being a revolution to prevent families facing changes of professionals as needs/risk increase..
- Suggest should be c5% of child population
- Multidisciplinary casework including non-social workers holding what are currently some social work cases

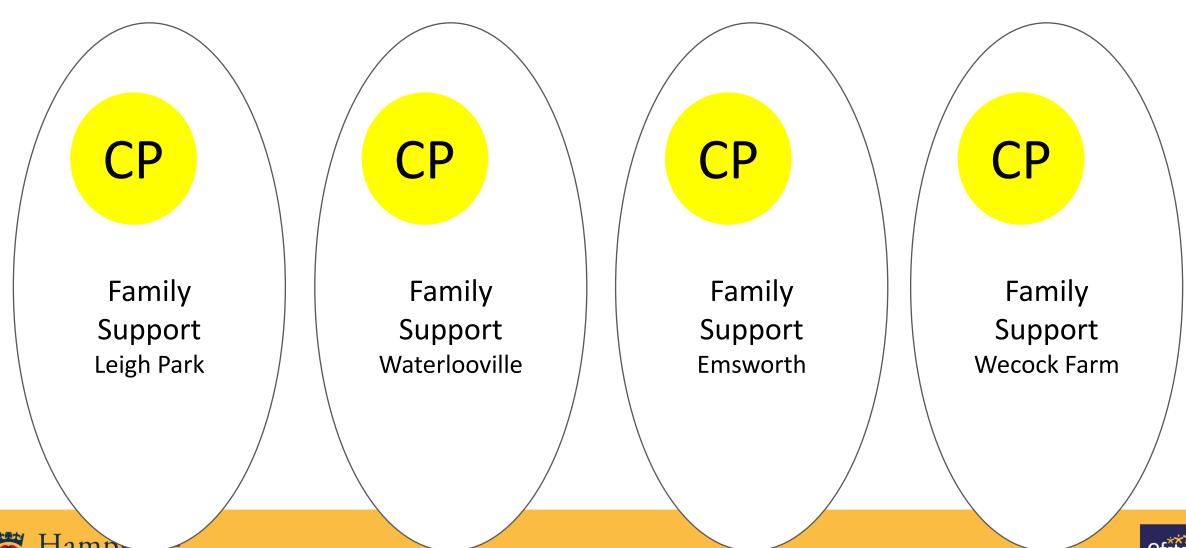




Typical Currently 'Havant Child Safeguarding and Early Help



Independent Care Review – eg Havant model 1







2. A revolution in family help

- Social workers skills more targeted
- 'Neighbourhood' dimension 30k population
- Aim is to keep more families safely at home ring any bells? Hampshire Approach!
- Call for £2.6bn investment





2. A revolution in family help

- National Children's Social Care Framework to define outcomes, objectives, indicators of success and most effective models of delivering help
- Multi- agency work to be strengthened alongside role of DCS and suggests legislating along similar lines to YOT
- Makes links to SEND green paper and inspection the latter now being a judgement inspection





3. A just and decisive child protection system

- Introduces concept of expert practitioner child protection social workers
- They would chair child conferences, make threshold decisions, joint visits alongside ongoing family support worker or social worker
- Emphasises the need for multi-agency contribution to MASH and should be set out in Framework and post MASH





3. A just and decisive child protection system

- Introduction of Child Community Safety plans for extrafamilial harms (exploitation)
- Simplify multiple funding strands from govt
- Better guidance on information sharing and action for govt on joining up systems through a single identifier – likely the NHS number





4. Unlocking the potential of family networks

- Mandatory use of family decision making before PLO
- New type of plan Family Network plan overseen by social worker
- Financial allowance for SGO, Kinship Care and Child Arrangement Orders at same rate as fostering (watch for new burden)





4. Unlocking the potential of family networks

- Financial allowance for Special Guardinaship Orders, Kinship Care and Child Arrangement Orders at same rate as fostering (watch for new burden)
- Drive to support more children in Kinship Care (friends and family is the phrase I prefer)
- LA to develop peer support and training for all kinship carers
- New legal definition of kinship care taking broader range of circumstances





5. Transforming Care

- Supporting Annex (not seen) on alternatives including price caps, profit margins, nationalisation of independent children's homes – rejected
- Proposes windfall tax on profits
- National foster care recruitment campaign
- Link to family group decision making to identify foster carers
- Independent Reviewing Officers to be replaced by independent high quality advocacy (Children's Commissioner?)





6. The care experience

- 5 missions; loving relationships, higher education, 3500 well paid jobs, reduce homelessness, increase life expectancy
- Broaden corporate parenting responsibility across wider range of public sector bodies
- Care leaving a protected characteristic
- Priority for housing





6. The care experience

- Stronger safety net against homelessness by removing local area connection requirement, providing rent guarantor and increasing leaving care grant
- Employers should be able to use unspent apprenticeship levy to create a care leaver bursary to tailor support for apprentices with care experience
- A better range of housing options such as staying put, staying close and supported lodgings





7. Realising the potential of the workforce

- Recommends national programme that unpicks bureaucracy, IT, culture that pulls social workers away from the front line
- 5 year early career framework and national pay scales
- Wants to 'tackle' social work agencies references, must be 2 years post qualifyin
- 'Government should introduce new national rules on agency usage',





8. A system that is relentlessly focused on children and families

- Inspectorates should review their frameworks re joint working
- Schools a statutory safeguarding partner
- Incentivise greater partnership working through publishing partner contributions and making reform grant contingent
- Better national govt coherence in policy making





9. Implementation

- Good financial analysis funded through Relationships
 Protect reform programme
- £2bn family support, £23m family networks, £76m homes for children, £253m for workforce
- Will need white paper in 6 months
- Foster care recruitment programme, start NCSCF, AYSE to be done within 6months, may be some other 'quick wins'





9. Implementation

- By 2024 should have NCSCF, family finding, transforming family help, social work career framework
- Foundations for kinship care reform, leadership programme
- Full flight from 24-27 developing savings in the system
- Not in print but possible that this will shift 1 year back to fit in with spending review





Questions?





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