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Dear colleagues,

**Re: Hounslow Healthy Child Programme changes to support more vulnerable families**

From 1 July 2025 the Family Nurse Partnership service under the Healthy Child Programme (HCP) in Hounslow has changed. This change came into effect following a Hounslow Council Public Health team review of the HCP vulnerable families service model. The review concluded a service change was needed, that offers support to more families and uses public money more wisely.

HCP currently supports 20 vulnerable families in the London Borough of Hounslow through the Family Nurse Partnership (FNP) and the Maternal Early Childhood Sustained Home Visiting (MECSH) programmes.

Under the new service model, all families will be provided care under MECSH and the FNP will be decommissioned. The change will mean:

- **Increased service capacity to support more vulnerable families**

Increasing the capacity of MECSH and its cost effectiveness will help to meet the needs of more families through early intervention. This will lead to improved long-term health and social outcomes.

- **Better value for public funds**

The programme also offers better value for money per family. Supporting one family through MECSH costs almost half the cost of doing so through FNP.

By supporting families through MECSH, more families will receive the support they need.

- **Service support for families will continue as normal**

Around 20 families will transition from the FNP service to MECSH. We do not anticipate any disruption in service and will continue to provide the same level of care to each family. Colleagues who are transitioning clients to MECSH will have access to full training and support to maintain workforce continuity and a seamless transition for families.

For families entering the programme, the referral process will remain the same and pre-natal visits from the service will continue with no changes to existing care arrangements. Following the move, an evaluation will be carried out to monitor the effectiveness of the two programmes and if any further adjustments are required needed, they will be made based on the evaluation findings.

Hounslow Council Public Health team will support this process, assessing progress in its regular contract monitoring meetings.

**Further information**

If you have any questions about this change and would like more information, please email: Shireen Moodley, Divisional Manager Hounslow Children's Services  
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Yours Sincerely,



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