

Parenting in Slough

A Multi-agency Strategy for Parents, Carers and Families

Memorandum of Understanding

Slough Borough Council is committed to the development and implementation of the multi-agency parenting strategy and associated offer.

With a primary focus on early intervention and prevention, Slough's parenting offer will take a multi-agency approach to provide both universal and targeted parenting support to improve the future outcomes for children, young people and families in Slough.

Multi-agency working is a key component of our delivery framework and there are high aspirations for collaborative working which aims to provide an effective holistic approach to our service. Partnership working will not only be between statutory agencies, for example, the Council, but also health agencies, the voluntary and community sector, independent providers and, of course, families. Co-design is an integral part of the offer.

This Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) sets out the terms and expectations between delivery partners and stakeholders.

This MoU is not intended to be legally binding and no legal obligations or legal rights shall arise between partners from this MoU. However, partners should enter into this MoU intending to honour best endeavours towards all outcomes and inferred obligations through discussion and partnership working.

MoU Principles

This MoU is agreed and signed in good faith and all efforts should be made by partners to adhere to the following MoU Principles:

- **Work with partners to deliver the recommendations set out in the multi-agency strategy**
- **Strengthen cohesiveness of parenting support across Slough**
- **Strengthen the availability and accessibility of general information and advice to parents**
- **Build parenting capacity in specific areas where gaps have been identified**
- **Ensure there is a clear focus on early intervention and prevention**

Partner Roles & Responsibilities

Slough Borough Council will:

- Ensure that the multi-agency strategy is shared and implemented across service areas and partners organisations
- Ensure partners are kept informed of ongoing developments and changes to the strategy/offer
- Ensure that the parenting offer is commissioned in a joined up, cross partnership way
- Continue to coordinate the Parenting Task and Finish Group which comprises of key partners that will contribute to the implementation of the strategy
- Schedule quarterly meetings for the Task and Finish Group
- Develop a framework for training, accreditation and workforce development
- Share promotional material and digital systems across agencies to strengthen the parenting offer

By signing this MoU, your organisation/service area will:

- Ensure that there is representation from your service area/organisation at the quarterly Task and Finish group meetings
- Commit to the strategy's plan for workforce development and ensure relevant staff within your service are identified for the commissioned Train the Trainer parenting programmes
- Commit to the co-delivery of parenting provisions if your staff have accessed training for parenting 'Train the Trainer' programmes. As a guide, for example:
 - Commit to staff co-delivering 1 parenting programme annually if training is funded by their own service area
 - Commit to staff co-delivering 2 programmes if training is funded by SBC
- Provide, wherever possible, cover for parent drop ins/surgeries run 2 x weekly across the network of children's centres across Slough
- Identify a parenting champion within your service area that will oversee the work of parenting within your service area/organisation
- Support, with strengthening, the methods of availability and accessibility of general information and advice to parents/carers
- Present quarterly updates on work streams within their service area and contribute to the progress of the strategy's action plan

On behalf of Slough Borough Council

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