



# Birmingham Forward Steps e-bulletin



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## Service Update

### Stakeholder Event

BFS Stakeholders Day took place on April 19<sup>th</sup>; this provided the opportunity to update our citywide partners and stakeholders on progress so far following the commencement of the Early Years Contract in January 2018.

There was lots of positive energy and discussions around how we can work together in the city to make a difference for families in Birmingham. We are looking forward to continuing to develop partnership working as we progress in developing the new Early Years offer for Birmingham.

## **Baby Club Pilot Update**

The pilot for Birmingham Forward Steps integrated clinic 'Baby Club' commenced this week. This is based at St Paul's Children's Centre Braithwaite Road.

One of our Health Visitor Practice Teachers Joyce Coley is supporting this working with Avinash and Nickola who are Early Years Workers.

There is an opportunity for local parents with children under 1 year to participate in activities and see a Health Visitor if they wish all in the same venue.

The focus of the activity this week was home safety and safe sleeping.

The room looked bright and vibrant and a local Mum commented that she was seen much more quickly than in a traditional clinic setting. We would hope that as attendance increases the demand for Well Baby Clinic should decrease therefore freeing up some of the staff currently committed to these. Joyce was able to work closely with the Early Years Workers who have commenced their competencies now.



We are excited to see how this develops over the course of the pilot until July then there will be an evaluation. We aim to role this model out to each District in September. .

***Working together to ensure that mums and Babies in Birmingham have the best opportunities and life chances***

## **Change of Telephone Number**

Frankley Plus Children's' Centre has changed their phone number to 0121 453 3515.

# News

## **Birmingham Children's Trust Launched April 2018**

History has been made this month when Birmingham City Council placed the delivery of children's social care services in an independent trust.

Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive of Birmingham Children's Trust, said,

"This is a fantastic opportunity for us all to build on the positive changes that we are already seeing in children's services in Birmingham".

We are looking forward to working with them.

# Upcoming Events

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**Official Launch Birmingham Forward Steps – 25 July 2018 – The MAC**

Further information to follow – watch this space.



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