

RESOLUTION OF THE MEETING OF THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 19TH NOVEMBER, 2013 ON THEIR
REVIEW OF CHILDREN'S CENTRES

That the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Lifelong Learning be recommended:

That the report of the Chair be approved as the report of the Committee on the scrutiny of Children's Centres and that:

1. Local Partners, during the consultation period, work together to develop alternative proposals that support the future development of integrated services in relation to early intervention. This should include proposals for 5 hubs rather than the 4 currently proposed.
 2. Local Partners should explore opportunities for Children's Centres to become Community Hubs for health, social care and other services such as Credit Unions, Citizen's Advice Surgeries and be the meeting place of choice for community groups.
 3. Anecdotal evidence gathered during visits to Children's Centres by Committee Members highlighted the importance of Health Workers introducing families to Children's Centres and that the Committee believes that there are untapped opportunities to improve the reach of Children's Centres particularly in relation to Health Workers sign posting prospective families to Children's Centre Services and that work should be done to build on this over the next 12 months.
 4. Services provided from Children's Centres should continue to give regard to evidence based practice.
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