

**REPORT BY SERVICE MANAGER EARLY HELP AND EARLY HELP ASSISTANT  
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**OPERATIONAL DELIVERY OF SERVICES TO SUPPORT CHILDREN AND  
FAMILIES IMPACTED BY RELATIONSHIP DIFFICULTIES, DOMESTIC ABUSE  
AND VIOLENCE**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To provide a report on the current operational delivery of services and future aspirations for supporting families and children experiencing relationship difficulties, domestic abuse and domestic violence.

**2. Background Information**

- 2.1 To present to Committee an update on current operational delivery of domestic abuse services to children and families to complement the presentation delivered to Committee by Helen Steadman and Gerry Taylor of the draft Domestic Violence strategy
- 2.2 Susan Toulson and Joanne Brown will provide a presentation on the current approach to supporting families and children experiencing relationship difficulties, domestic abuse and domestic violence. The presentation will also include discussion and description of future aspirations for service delivery and improved outcomes for children and families
- 2.3 The presentation will be accompanied by a case study provided by members of one of Together for Children's Early Help Teams covering the South and North of Sunderland.

**3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 That Scrutiny Committee considers the report and notes the information contained therein.

**4 Background Papers**

None