

BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S TRUST

Early Help Locality Model – 12 months on

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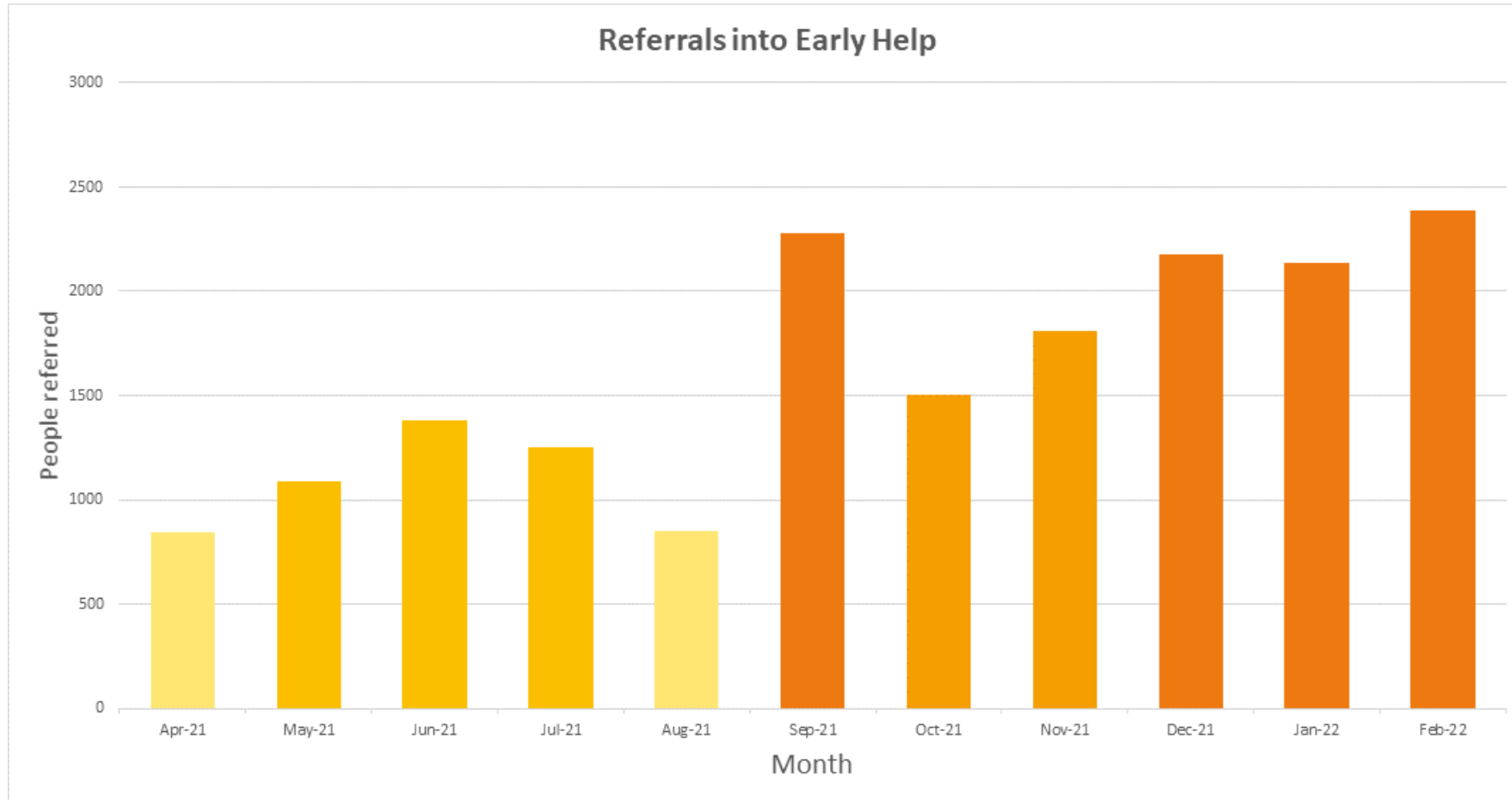
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Early Help

- 10 locality teams across Birmingham BCT & Vol sectors
- Delivering briefings, training sessions, webinars to 1000s of professionals
- Updated RHRT drive into EH away from CASS front door
- **17,698** FCF April – Feb 22
- PLUS **19,932** HSF application, gives a total of **37,630** people accessed EH in 11months
- Very high demand over 2000 FCF a month
- Commissioned services- BCT funded Safer Families grant Autism, Housing, Mentoring x 2, Domestic Abuse
- Needs a cultural shift in the partnership – No more hand offs

Demand by Month Breakdown

Graph shows dips in school holiday periods then an increase on return



Housing needs - Pressure

- **Housing** high demand on EH in South - Drop in sessions in TA facilities
- 5 x Housing in EH funded by BCT Safer families Grant - this is currently under review need more interaction with families.
- 4000 plus letters sent offering EH, needs arising Adult & Child MH detreating, Poverty, Health registrations, DA, cramped rooms often dirty, lack of cooking facilities, poor eating habits, no space for children to play, storage etc...
- EH worker in Housing front door- prevention - Between July and December 2021 191 referrals for families (512 individuals) have been received into the housing pilot with 163 of these families agreeing to a referral into Early Help

School Exclusion/ Inclusion work

- From September 21 to Jan 22 (103) permanent exclusions 25 of these primary aged children
- Reasons for exclusions range from
 - *Assault on peer and staff
 - *Using verbal Language
 - *Breaches of behaviour policy
 - *Defiance
 - *Failure to follow instructions etc....
- Designing an Inclusion panel for primary aged children (Inclusion Pathway)funded by BCT Safer families Grant, working with a set of heads to get buy in

School Exclusion work

Pravina Patel, Chilwell Croft Academy, which was one of the schools identified as part of school exclusion pilot

‘Work with Ladywood EH Locality is a "lifeline”
Relationship between the school and the team is an excellent partnership going on that is allowing the school to support up to 49 families with needs that sit around the Universal+ threshold. That comes to about 1/7th of the school population which is an amazing response to the need in the area.

None of the children she had identified as at risk of exclusion has been excluded.


EH Team in Childrens A & E dept

- Posts Funded by BCT Safer families Grant
- Since the beginning of the project 1st November 2021 there have been a total of 147 referrals into Early Help from ED Doctors
- Requests from Doctors, Consultants, Nurses
- **Quote** consultant for nearly 19 years

I cannot believe that we did not have Early Help on site in the department before now. Your extraordinary input since arriving has only served to demonstrate how much we were missing that vital link between the ED and those members of our community who quite clearly need Universal Plus support.

- Thanks so much once again.

Presenting Needs picked up in A & E:

- * Temporary accommodation
 - * Homeless/ due to be homeless
 - * Poor living conditions i.e. damp, mould, mice/ rat infestation
 - * Overcrowded living conditions
 - * Financial difficulties
 - * Food parcels
 - * Parenting support
 - * Children with learning difficulties
 - * Education
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Neglect GCP2

- 2 pilot areas Northfield Hodge Hill
- Trained 242 practitioners in the use of GCP2 to recognise / evidence the signs of Neglect and act accordingly these tools will then support Social Worker assessments & plans and provide the evidence needed to understand what interventions are needed to prevent children coming into care



On Line Support

- **There are alternative ways families can access support without the need for a referral these include**
- Kooth “see report in Appendices”
- On Line Parenting with lots of tools and resources – Over 1450 Registered users
- From Birmingham With Love “see in Appendices”
- Reducing parental conflict online
- <https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/early-help-practitioners-handbook/>

Next Steps

- Roll out ECINs – The Early Help Recording System
 - *Allows a single view of the child and family
 - *Encourages partners to work together, build relationships
 - *Funding was requested in the EH cabinet report but BCC changed the spending outcome so ECINS was not awarded what was asked for to enable roll out.

Work with Partners to deliver Early Help - **Business As Usual** and not require additional funding to deliver Early Help



Early Help Strategy

Currently in Draft

Building 4 year Action Plan

EH Partnership Board progressing this

To Include the Family Hub Model

0-19 model

Early Help Offer

Ready for April



Measure Success

- Reduction in Children being excluded from Education
- Reduction in demand at CASS Front Door
- Reduction of Children coming into Care
- Increased use of Early Help Assessments
- Partners reporting less high end demand into there services
- Effective Partnership work
- Community buy in / Understanding / Having there say !



Appendices

- KOOH Report



Adobe Acrobat
Document

- From Birmingham With Love



Adobe Acrobat
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- A & E Report



Microsoft Word
Document

Any Questions

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