

Appendix 2: Home-start Herts

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Version	Issue Date	Changes
1.0	NA	First Draft (BE)

Reference	6018			
Name of Organisation	Home-start Herts			
Organisation Type	Registered Charity			
Ward	Covers the whole of Baldock			
Project Type	Family support			
Green option considered?	/			
NHC Councillor involvement that may constitute a conflict of interest	None that we are aware of.			
Previous financial support within six years	/			
Documentation reviewed and approved*	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Demonstrates clear governance	Yes		
Total applied for	£2,060	Total project cost	£2,060	
Officer Summary				
<p>Home-Start Hertfordshire (HSH) are engaged with 21 families across North Hertfordshire. 14 are receiving active support and a further 7 have had their initial assessment and are waiting for support to commence. One of the families waiting for support is located in Baldock. With this funding they would be able to support the family currently waiting for support in Baldock, with weekly, 1:1 home-visiting support.</p> <p>HSH offers early intervention, because they know children's future outcomes are impacted in these desperate situations.</p> <p>Through a tailored support package, support is delivered by a trained and skilled volunteer Family Mentor. The Family Mentor will visit the family in their own home, where they feel comfortable in their own surroundings. The family will be provided with weekly support for 2-3 hours, for up to 9 months.</p> <p>Their Family Mentor will build a trusted relationship with the family so that they can learn to face the challenges they are experiencing, learn some coping strategies and help mum build her confidence to support her child and her unborn baby, so that she can provide them with the best start in life.</p> <p>During the period of waiting for a volunteer Family Mentor, the family will be supported through telephone calls from a Volunteer Manager. During this time the family will be signposted to other appropriate sources of support within the Community.</p> <p>They are also applying for funds from the Letchworth and Hitchin Area Forums.</p>				

*Funding will only be released on receipt and approval of all supporting documentation