

## Appendix 5: Home-start Herts

### =Document Control:

Version	Issue Date	Changes
1.0	NA	First Draft (BE)

Reference	6027			
Name of Organisation	Home-start Herts			
Organisation Type	Registered Charity			
Ward	Covers the whole of Letchworth			
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	2018/19 - £5,000 support families in need.			
Documentation reviewed and approved*	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Demonstrates clear governance	Yes		
Total applied for	£2,060	Total project cost	£2,060	
<b>Officer Summary</b>				
<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. 3 of the families waiting for support are located in Letchworth.</p> <p>With this funding they would be able to support one family currently waiting for support in Letchworth, with weekly, 1:1 home-visiting support.</p> <p>The family has multiple complex needs, requiring a variety of support. The mum needs help to build her confidence and her self-esteem so that she can be the parent she wants to be, to give her children the best start in life. The mum will benefit from being matched with a volunteer Family Mentor who is experienced in coping with Autism, and she can also be signposted for further support.</p> <p>This vulnerable family is struggling and needs support with the complex issues they are facing. The wellbeing of Mum and her three children is being detrimentally affected. HSH offers early intervention, because they know children's future outcomes are impacted in these desperate situations.</p> <p>Through a tailored 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. Their Family Mentor will build a trusted relationship with the family in the surrounding of their own home, where they feel safe and secure, 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 children. They are also applying for funds from the Baldock and Hitchin Area Forums.</p>				

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