

Appendix 5: Home-start Herts

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Version	Issue Date	Changes
1.0	NA	First Draft (BE)

Reference	6022		
Name of Organisation	Home-start Herts		
Organisation Type	Registered Charity		
Ward	Covers whole of Hitchin		
Project Type	Family support		
Green option considered?	N/A		
NHC Councillor involvement that may constitute a conflict of interest	None that we are aware of.		
Previous financial support within six years	N/A		
Documentation reviewed and approved*	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts
	Demonstrates clear governance	Yes	
Total applied for	£2,058	Total project cost	£2,058
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. 3 of the families waiting for support are located in Hitchin.</p> <p>With this funding they would be able to support one family currently waiting for support in Hitchin, with weekly, 1:1 home-visiting support. The initial visit was conducted by the Volunteer Manager to identify the needs of the family.</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 from a trained and skilled volunteer Family Mentor.</p> <p>Their early intervention, preventative model provides significant social value and exceptional return on investment; it is well evidenced that early interventions are effective in reducing the number of families and children that go on to need high cost interventions from service such as children’s services, mental health services, youth offending provision, education welfare and others. The average cost for a child to be in care for 1 week is nearly £2k – that does not include the huge financial effects of the community in the future. Source: https://www.nao.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Children-in-care1.pdf</p> <p>Their total budgeted income target for 2023/24 is £475,000 which is generated through five income streams of grants, corporate, fundraising events, statutory and donations. They are also applying for funds from the Letchworth and Baldock Area Forums.</p>			

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