

Appendix 2: 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	Yes
Total applied for	£2,058	Total project cost	£2,058
<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 Hitchin. This funding would support 1 of those families in need of support.</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.</p> <p>Home-start Herts receive referrals from agencies such as Social Services to fill gaps in provision and work one on one with families in a more intensive way than the statutory authorities can. This vulnerable family is struggling and needs support with the complex issues they are facing. HSH offers early intervention, because they know children’s future outcomes are impacted in these desperate situations. The cost to support one family for up to 9 months is £2,058.</p> <p>Through a tailored package, support is delivered by a trained and skilled volunteer Family Mentor. 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. Here they feel safe and secure, so that they can learn to face the challenges they are experiencing, learn some coping strategies and help parents build their confidence to support their children.</p> <p>They have successfully received funds from the Baldock Area Forum (£2,060) and are also applying for funds from the Letchworth Area Forum (£2,060). Across all three Area Forums they are asking for £6,178.</p>			

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