

<b>Children &amp; Young People Scrutiny Commission</b> <b>16th March 2026</b> <b>Item 8 - Support for Young Parents</b>	Item No <b>8</b>
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### Outline

Following on from its work on the disproportionalities in perinatal mental health and emotional wellbeing, the Commission agreed to scrutinise support available to young parents (under age of 25) in Hackney at its meeting in March 2023. At this meeting, City & Hackney Public Health presented a report which set out plans to decommission the Family Nurse Partnership programme in Hackney and to replace it with an Enhanced Health Visiting Service (EHVS) operated by the Homerton University Hospital.

The EHVS provided an additional 5th level of support from Health Visiting services, in which intensive support would be available for vulnerable families with complex needs. Eligibility criteria for the EHVS was wider than the FNP (not restricted by parental age or first born child) and was offered on a step-up-step-down basis appropriate to the changing needs of families.

Following the Commission's review of the introduction of the EHVS together with broader arrangements to support vulnerable (young) parents, the Commission has written to the Cabinet members making a number of suggestions for service development and improvement.

Members are asked to note the attached letter to Cllr Kennedy, Cabinet member for Health, Adult Social Care, Voluntary Sector and Culture, & Deputy Mayor Bramble, Cabinet member for Children's Services and Young People.