

<b>Children &amp; Young People Scrutiny Commission</b> <b>15th June 2026</b> <b>Item 7 - Support for Young Parents</b>	Item No <b>7</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 in March 2023. At this meeting, City & Hackney Public Health presented 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 (HUH).

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

The Commission reviewed the newly introduced EHVS in October 2025 where a number of concerns were identified including: poor engagement and service uptake (leading to low activity) and poor data collection (resulting in a lack of clarity as to who was using the service and what services they were using). The Commission wrote to the Cabinet member for Health, Adult Social Care, Voluntary Sector and Culture & Cabinet member for Children's Services and Young People, setting out [six recommendations](#) for service development and improvement.

Members are asked to note the Cabinet members' response to the Commission's recommendations and:

- a) Ask any further questions of officers in relation to the EHVS;
- b) Decide on any further scrutiny of the EHVS.