

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD (Non Key)

The following decision was taken on 30 July 2020 by the Executive Director, People Services.

Date notified to all Members: Wednesday 5 August 2020

Officer Non-Key decisions are not subject to call-in.

1. **TITLE**

Family Group Conferencing Bid

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

That receipt of the £245,500 grant from the Department for Education is acknowledged, and approval be given for the funds to be used as outlined in the report.

3. **Reasons For Decision**

The funding will strengthen Children and Families' Family Group Conferencing service to fully embed the practice for families, enabling intervention early to support a key objective to help families stay safe and well together.

Family Group Conferencing also supports the commitment to a strength based approach to work with families through adoption of the Signs of Safety practice model.

Family Group Conferencing is aligned with our principles and it will support local service planning to deliver the vision for children and families in Sheffield.

4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

No alternative models have been considered. This was a stream of funding available specifically as part of the DfE's 'Supporting Families: Investing in Practice' initiative. Family Group Conferencing is a key innovation identified by them for scale and spread.

5. **Documents used in making decision:**

Report of the Director of Children and Families

6.1 **Any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member who is consulted by the Officer when making the decision**

None

6.2 **Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service**

None

7. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Director of Children and Families Service, People Services Portfolio.