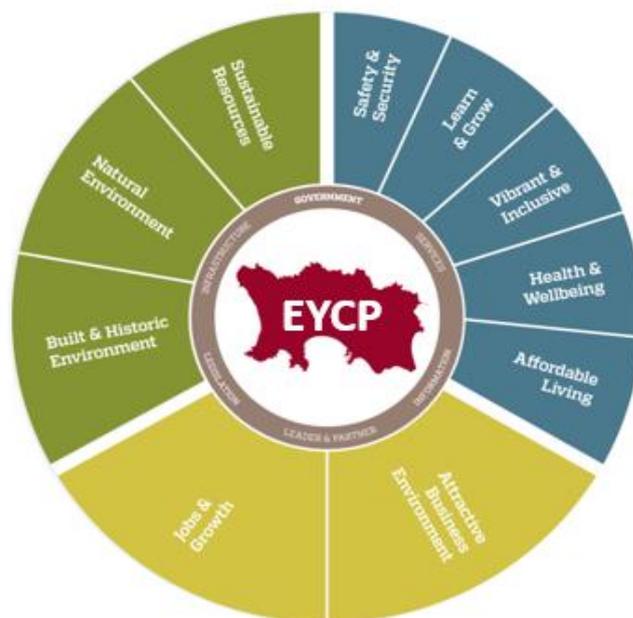


## Early Years and Childhood Partnership Prospectus



### What is the Early Years and Childhood Partnership (EYCP)?

The EYCP is a single body which brings together the voices of children and families with local representatives from the public, private, community and voluntary sectors.

The EYCP represents the interests of children in the development, implementation and evaluation of government strategy and policy. It provides strategic leadership across government departments and partner agencies to ensure that early years' and childhood policy is co-ordinated, resource allocation is effectively prioritised and high quality practice is embedded across services and organisations. It guides and oversees delivery plans for relevant outcomes and has an active role in implementation.

### Vision:

We appreciate childhood as a unique and valuable stage of life and are aware that the quality of childhood experience has lifelong consequences.

*Our vision is for Jersey to be the best place for all children to grow up*

### Mission:

The EYCP will take forward a change programme to help deliver the commitment to prioritising the early years of children's lives and to early intervention throughout childhood, which was originally set out in the Strategic Framework for Children and Young People in 2011. The objective of the programme is to accelerate the conversion of the principles into practical action. A 'whole-system' approach is required together with new ways of thinking about problems and dealing with complexity.

This approach will:

- Be ambitious for all children.
- Make the experience of the child paramount.
- Focus on the significance of 1001 Critical Days and the early years of children's development.
- Deliver tangible improvement in outcomes for children.
- Build the capacity of families and our community to secure better outcomes for themselves.
- Recognise, and take account of, cultural influences - where we are born, grow, live and work.
- Be openly consultative in nature, engaging with all interested parties and ensuring the active involvement of children and families in decision making

*Our mission is to make Jersey a child and family friendly island.*

### **Membership:**

A strategic group leads and oversees the EYCP. This comprises:

- Chair (Independent)
- Assistant Director for Strategic Planning, States of Jersey
- Deputy Director Commissioning, System Redesign & Delivery (Health & Social Services)
- Head of the Bridge and Co-ordinator of services for families
- Head of Childcare and Early Years (Education)
- Head of Health Improvement
- Head of Service, Speech & Language Therapy Services & Child Development Centre (Health & Social Services)
- Head teacher
- Jersey Child Care Trust
- Jersey Early Years Association
- Operational lead – Child and Family Services, Family Nursing and Home Care
- Parents
- Policy Director Community and Constitutional Affairs
- Safeguarding Partnership Boards

Members have a dual role: to represent their Department/agency and to share the collective challenge to deliver the outcomes.

Members agree to:

- Use their personal experience and the authority of their organisation to drive activity which will contribute to the EYCP decisions and fulfil its role.
- Provide strategic leadership for those programmes of work for which they are accountable.
- Advise on the strategic fit and policy direction of members' own areas.
- Take a proactive and joint problem solving, outcomes focussed approach, providing challenge and critical thinking to the programmes of work as they emerge.
- Develop constructive communication and maintain relationships to promote collaborative working with partners.

- Be champions of the partnership, working with integrity, and representing EYCP interests at other meetings/groups sharing messages out and bringing intelligence back in.
- Think family and engage in co-production.

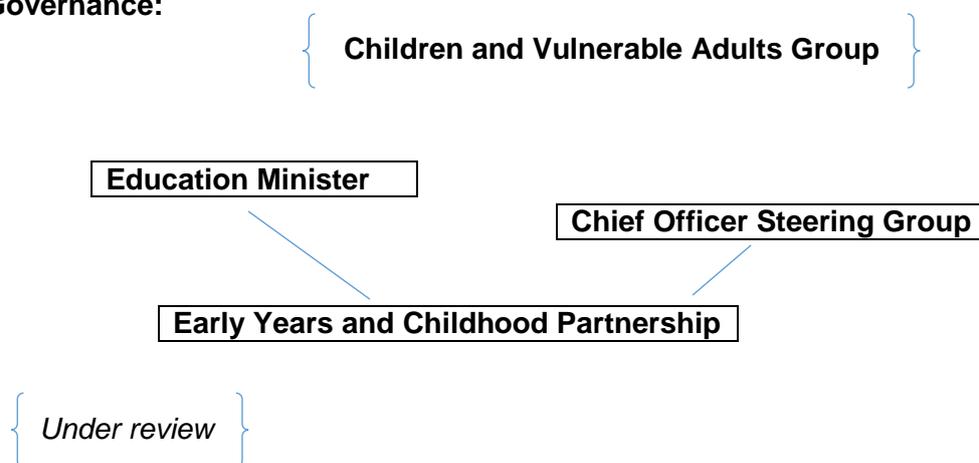
Three thematic groups are sponsored by members of the Strategic Group. These are:

- 1001 days – Starting life well
- Early years – Developing well
- Childhood – Well being

Task and finish groups are established as required. These are issue specific and have a defined time scale and reporting frame.

An annual open meeting provides an opportunity to share, learn, review and refine.

#### **Governance:**



#### **Secretariat:**

The EYCP is serviced by the Education Department who hold the budget.

#### **Strategic priorities:**

- To support children in starting life well through a co-ordinated approach in their first 1001 days.
- To support children in developing well by continuing to build the capacity of early years settings and services to provide a high quality early learning experience for all children.
- To promote, protect and enable children and parents' social, emotional, physical, mental health and wellbeing.
- To ensure sufficient, sustainable high quality childcare and play opportunities.
- To help children live in safe and supportive families by a universal approach to prevention and early intervention throughout childhood with help at the earliest opportunity.
- To increase children's participation, voice and influence.