

Appendix 2: Planned Unmet Need in the City

Given the scale of need and demand for CLD in our city, it is of vital importance that CLD resources are targeted and allocated where they are most needed. Over the 3 year lifespan of this plan, CLD partners will focus resources on individuals, families and communities most affected by poverty and health related inequalities.

Literacies provision will be focussed on the 'hotspot' areas identified as having the greatest need and family literacies provision will be targeted in areas at risk of poor attainment due to poverty. This does not mean that provision will not be offered by CLD partners in other areas. However, it does mean that collectively we will work together to target resources where they are most needed.

CLD partners are not able to fully meet the escalating demand for the provision of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) in the city. Although ESOL remains a key priority for CLD planning, the demand is too substantial. However CLD partners will continue to work more effectively together to expedite assessments, referrals and placements for those requiring ESOL support. Additionally, we will increase volunteering opportunities and co-produce new models of provision, such as digital self-directed learning, to better meet the demand for ESOL in the city.

Given the anticipated adverse impact of welfare reform and universal credit, the primary focus of CLD as early intervention will be on families experiencing poverty who are at increased risk of moving into not coping. We will work with wider partners to use CLD approaches to help families to cope, prevent adverse childhood experiences and build their resilience. We will also support families who are accessing statutory services to progress onto CLD when they are ready.

Transportation and childcare have been identified as key issues for people in our city. While these issues are important and will be addressed through the Community Plan, CLD planning will not focus on these. Instead through our collective offer, we will work together to provide accessible CLD opportunities in communities through libraries, community facilities and partner venues. We will also work with Thriving Places and Locality Planning partners to ensure provision is more accessible. Childcare is an important and resource-intensive issue for parents in the city and Community Plan partners are working together to look at solutions for this. Rather than focus on childcare specifically, CLD partners will focus more on developing more opportunities for families to play, learn and volunteer together.

CLD will be embedded into Thriving Places and Locality Planning to ensure that resources are directed at geographic areas identified as having the most need. This means that other areas of the city may not be prioritised. CLD will also place more emphasis on addressing loneliness, isolation and mental wellbeing but this will be directed at areas experiencing poverty and health-related inequalities. More work will be done with communities to support them to address loneliness and isolation rather than allocating direct delivery provision.

Over the next 3 years, CLD will focus resources on reducing inequalities due to health, poverty, loneliness and those in specific circumstances e.g. individuals within the criminal justice system. As such, we will ensure a focus on those who have protected characteristics who also experience these. Research tells us they are more at risk of experiencing these inequalities and therefore we feel those with protected characteristics will benefit from our approach.