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Suggested Topic for Scrutiny Consideration

In essence, we would like the scrutiny panel to explore wherever:

1) there are any gaps in the existing provisions that are in place within Carmarthenshire around the area of preconception and early years support. This relates to (but is not limited to):

- . The promotion of primary carer giver and infant attachment
- . Educational awareness and/or direct support pertaining to drug and alcohol use during pregnancy.
- . Educational awareness and/ or direct support pertaining to infant brain development during the first 1001 days of life.
- . Parental or couple support pertaining to domestic violence and substance abuse.

2) If there are any gaps in the existing provisions that are in place within Carmarthenshire pertaining to front facing services such as housing, revenue and benefits and linked services such as Job centre Plus regarding the implementation of trauma informed practices and/ or trauma informed approaches.

Please explain why feel this issue should be reviewed

We are a UK wide based charity who, since 2010, have been campaigning to reduce the then reported levels of children who experience multiple adverse childhood experiences – as recorded by the NSPCC report '*Child abuse and neglect in the UK today*' – by at least 70% by 2030. The causality between the undergoing of Adverse Childhood Experiences and issues such as mental health, long term unemployment and criminal behaviour have been proven in several studies by organisations such as public health Wales.

What do you think are the potential benefits and outcomes from undertaking a review of this topic?

We wish to see if the council is doing everything it can to address Adverse Childhood Experiences and wherever it is implementing trauma informed approaches to the fullest potential.