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FAO All Chief Fire Officers

By email

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Dear Chief Fire Officer,

I have recently taken on the role of Lead Officer for the Early Interventions Workstream with the NFCC. This project sits within the wider Children and Young People Workstream. The Early Intervention mission statement is **to progress the position of the Fire and Rescue Service to contribute to improving outcomes for children and young people who are identified as at risk of poor outcomes.**

I will be working alongside the Children and Young People Executive Group, chaired by Chief Fire Officer Phil Garrigan. The project has secured funding for an Early Interventions National Liaison Officer and Jo Hardy was successful in securing this post. Initially the work will focus on defined programmes such as “Life”, “Pheonix”, “Firebreak” and variations of this type intervention. Jo has established an online presence for this work through the twitter account @Jofireinspires and #fireinspires.

On a strategic level the project will align with the Fire and Rescue Service to Home Office youth strategies, the broader government agenda and the principles of Early Intervention. The project will also help set an expectation externally of how the service can be a valued contributor to improving outcomes for children and young people.

The project will celebrate and share current good practice, backed by evaluation of impact that empowers and enables fire and rescue services to respond to local need and partners, delivering products which are professionally informed and genuinely make a difference to young people.

The workstream has set objectives to be completed within 2 years which explore the range of programmes that are being delivered across UK Fire and Rescue Services and aims to produce some recommendations around good practice in early intervention programmes, standardised terminology, training and evaluation. A national network will be formed to develop products and support packages such as

Toolkits, an Intervention Inventory, Training, Funding workshops and a focus around this specialist area which aims to reduce duplication and share good practice.

Jo intends to conduct a number of service visits within the next twelve months to map out the current and planned provision for Early Interventions and it is hoped that these visits can be facilitated by your service lead for Children and Young People.

Your support for this project will be essential for the objectives to be delivered and Jo will be able to provide much more detail if your service lead has any questions around the visit programme and workstream in general.

Please pass this onto your respective service lead for prevention and early intervention and many thanks for your support with this project.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Kirby', with a stylized, flowing script.

Chris Kirby

Lead Officer NFCC C&YP Early Intervention Workstream

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