

## **Stronger families Key Working Team 0-19yrs service**

***'Hillingdon's families are safe, healthy, and stronger through the provision of support to reach their full potential'***

The Hillingdon Early Help and Prevention model as defined in the Early Help Strategy is locality based and called Stronger Families. The model seeks to build upon existing family and community strengths with the provision of advice and guidance where required. The locality approach enables the development of strong links with families, their community, and local universal, and third sector organisations.

The purpose of Stronger Families is to ensure that children, young people and their families receive tailored support at the earliest point, from the most appropriate service(s), to enable children and young people to achieve their full potential. The Stronger Families service works together with families to prevent difficulties from escalating and becoming more complex. It is consent based, and time limited.

An example of support provided by the service is for young people who identify as Transgender and who require practical and emotional support.

Support includes:

Facilitating access to sexual health and counselling services.

Finding solutions to prevent homelessness including working with family and extended family.

Facilitating access to LGBTQI+ support group to support transition.

As a result of supporting young people from the Trans community, staff have identified training needs which have been put in place, and they are more mindful of how to refer to young people who are transitioning including using correct pronouns.