

## Appendix 2

### All Party Parliamentary Group on Children's Centres (2016): Recommendations

1	The Government should give full consideration to augmenting Children's Centres into Family Hubs as part of its Life Chances agenda
2	Local authority leaders and public health commissioners should position Family Hubs at the heart of their Health and Wellbeing strategies. Accessing support should be normalised, supported by messaging from local leaders
3	Emphasis should be placed on how mental health needs, and particularly children's mental health, can be addressed in Family Hubs
4	The links between Family Hubs, local employers and Jobcentre Plus should be reviewed and strengthened
5	Relationship support delivered in Family Hubs should encompass parenting support, couple relationship counselling, pre-marriage courses, post-separation support and help with parenting teenagers, at a range of levels from structure to "light touch"
6	To support Family Hubs' work, local authorities should be required to record family breakdown statistics on a statutory basis
7	Lessons from the successful Troubled Families programme should be learned, but with a focus on helping families before crisis point is reached
8	Engagement with voluntary, community, self-help and peer support organisations should be significantly expanded, with a recognition that people who have challenges can often offer solutions
9	Every National Citizen Service candidate should spend time in a Family Hub, both learning and volunteering, to emphasise that everyone has something to contribute
10	Online support should also be available, co-branded with Family Hubs, and promoted as a national, universally-recognisable point at which a wide range of support can be assessed
11	There must be a concerted effort to share best practice across the country, to overcome barriers to information sharing and improve the evidence base around the impact of services
12	Birth registration should be rolled out in Family Hubs nationwide, so that everyone is aware of the support on offer and when they or their family need it in future years