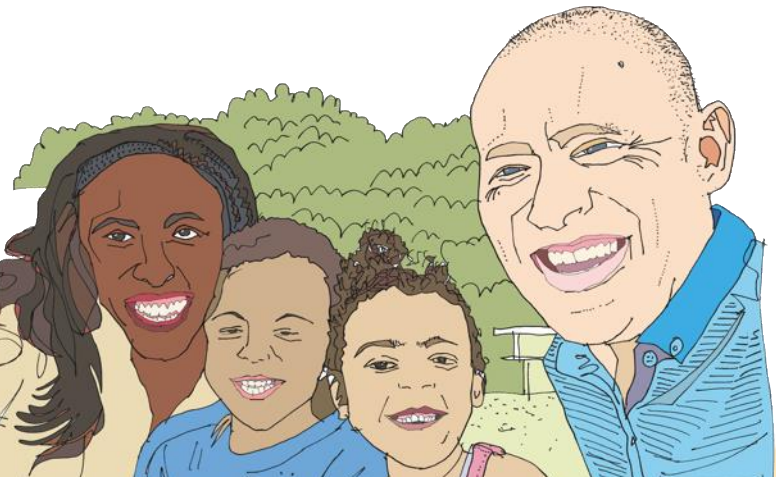




Family Hubs Gloucestershire

Update for Children and Families
Overview and Scrutiny Committee
October 2023



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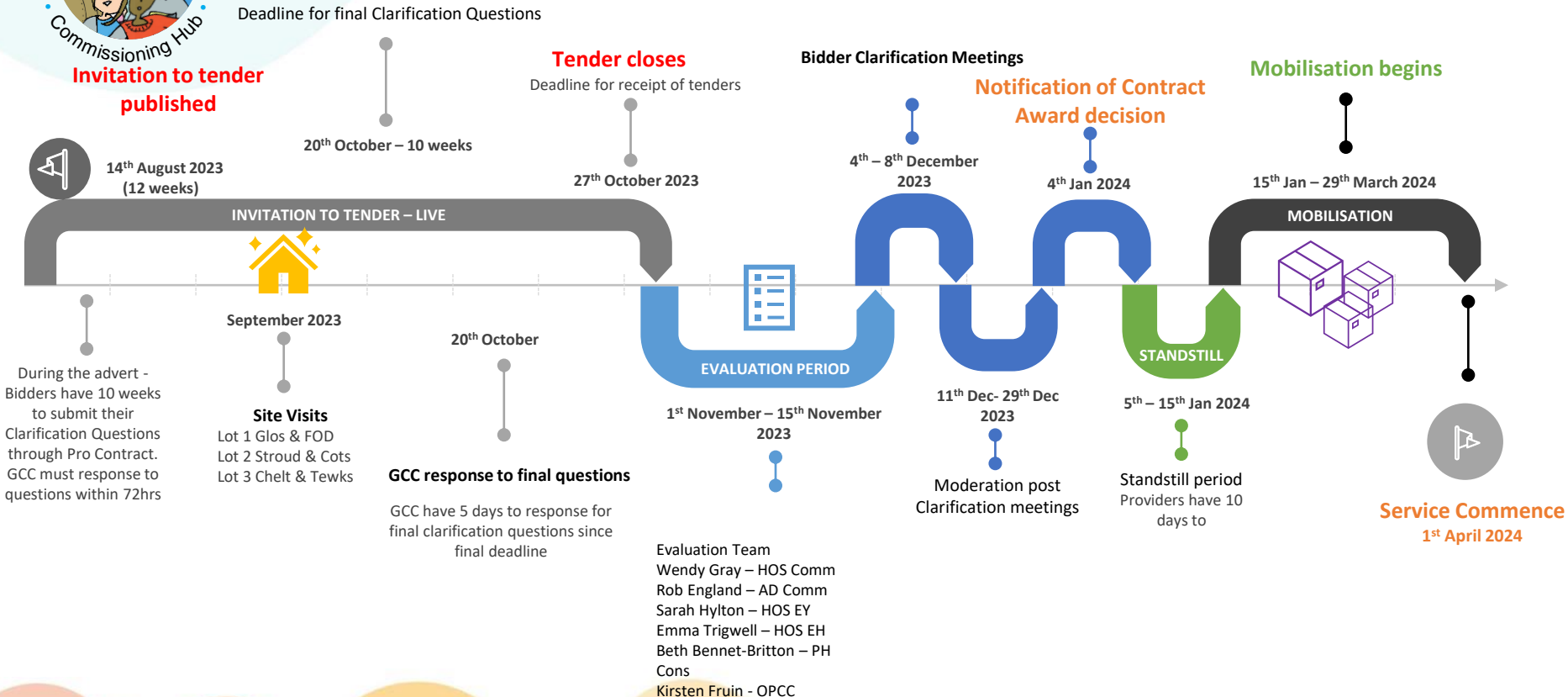
Gloucestershire's ambition to create Family Hubs

- In **April 2024** the new Children and Family Centre Contracts will be awarded, opening the way for Gloucestershire to create Family Hubs across the County.
- These new contracts involve **17 Children and Family Centres** located in some of the most deprived localities within the county.
- **The Children and Family Centres** will become the delivery platforms within a wider network of support which will consist of physical and virtual places where services to support families come together.
- The Family Hubs will form part of the multi-agency Family Help/Early Help Strategy for the county and moves us towards the **National Family Hub model of working within Gloucestershire**.
- In order to **Start Well** our Children and Family Centres will have a focus on **The Best Start in Life**, providing multi-agency services to family's pre-conception to 5. The offer of continuity of care from Midwifery and the Health Visiting co-location will be key to this multi-agency offer.
- The C&FC will become part of an **integrated locality leadership board**, led by the Children's Services Area Manager and made up of strategic partners, including schools and VCSEF organisations working within the localities.
- **A small commissioning pot** aligned to these boards will enable **local commissioning** to address emerging or pressing local needs. This fund will also act as a basis for additional grant funding applications by the group.
- The **children's centre leadership** will ensure community networks are established to maximise families' awareness of available supports in their communities, to coordinate services across localities, and minimise duplication of provision.
- The vision is to create a '**one stop shop**' of services for families, bringing physical and virtual assets together for the benefit of children and families.
- The award of the **Youth tenders** (in July 2024) will further expand these networks to **young people** and their families.
- **Youth buildings** will then also become part of the Family Hub/Community Network approach to Family/Early Help.



C&FC Procurement Timeline

Advert - Live





Children & Family Centres as part our wider family help offer

Children & Family Centres (C&FCs) will be important centres in our communities for the delivery of a wide range of family support services, including

- signposting families to universal family support
- playing an important role in the co-ordination and facilitation of family support activity in their locality
- Offering co-location opportunities with health and other services

At the county level, the Children and Young People's Wellbeing Coalition will provide the forum to develop our **Family Help Strategy** to ensure a consistent and co-ordinated approach that seeks to provide the right support at the earliest opportunity.

- The concept of the core, locality and connecting roles of the family hubs is shown below:





Children and Family Centres as part of our wider Family Help model

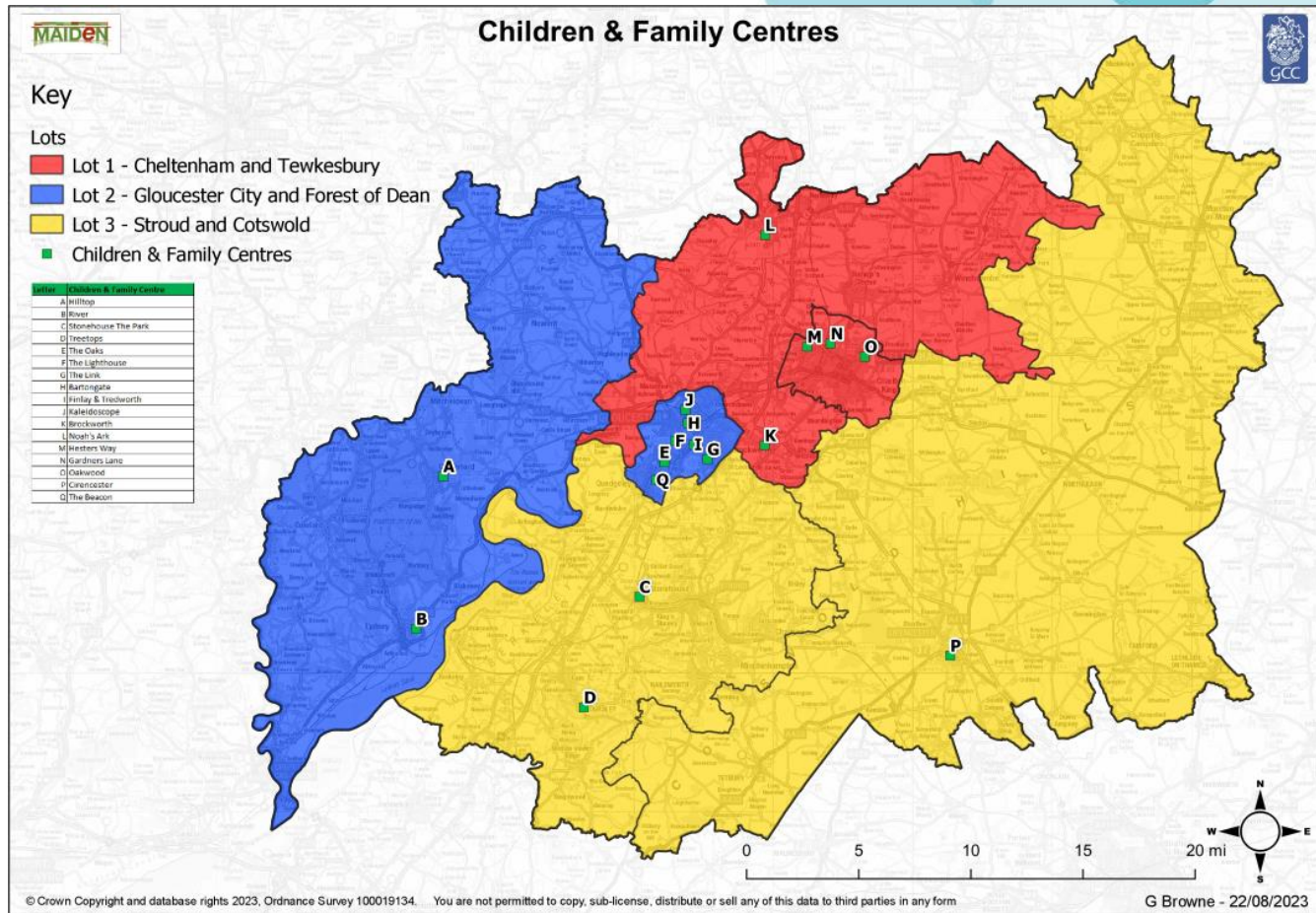
The **commissioning strategy** aims to maximise site usage and resources the use of C&FCs as **community assets** by statutory, commissioned and voluntary sector partners.

C&FC leaders will join an **integrated leadership team** for children and families in their local community and will contribute to the co-production and extension of support to meet the needs of local families with all ages of children.

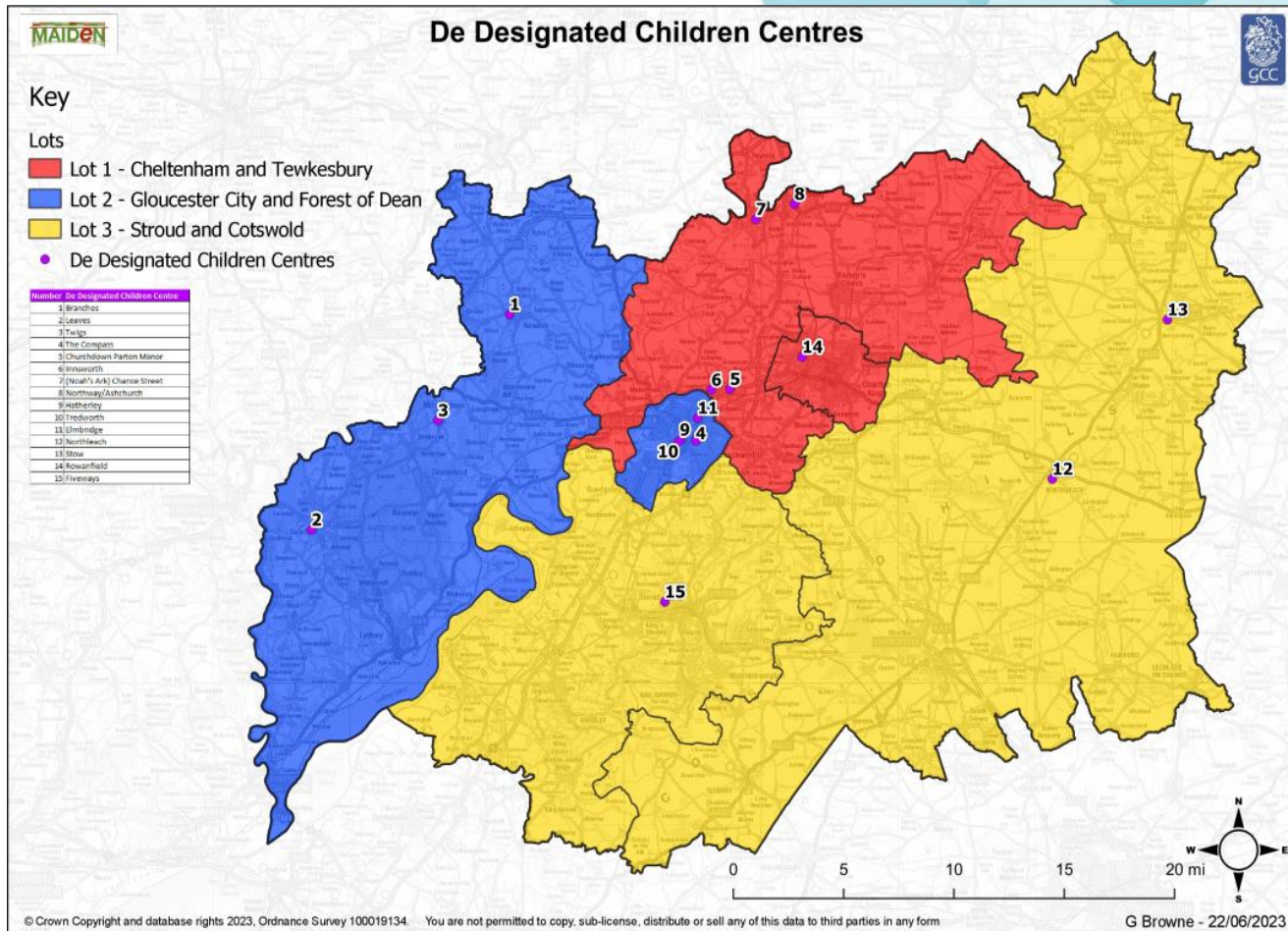
As part of the **core offer** C&FC will;

- Develop an **accessible early intervention**/early help offer that is tailored to the needs of individual communities.
 - Provide accessible **advice and guidance** to all families to enable them to navigate their own support.
 - Develop a **universal offer** of support across the county in partnership with **VCS providers** ensuring Early Help is provided in a timely and effective way to support to those children, young people and their families who need it most.
 - Engage particularly with those **living in the most disadvantaged** areas and the hardest to reach, including but not exclusively teenage parents, ethnically diverse communities, fathers, and others.
- Develop **single routes** of access to targeted and specialist support
 - Ensure that services and support are **welcoming and inclusive** for families with children of all ages, cultures, religions, ethnicity etc, including a digital offer.
 - Provide a **physical space** to support the delivery of services and support from a range of agencies.
 - Deliver **high quality, evidence-based** programmes of support
 - Ensure all children are supported through the **Graduated Pathway** of support as adopted by Gloucestershire agencies.
 - Have systems in place to monitor the **quality** and review the **impact** of support on outcomes for children and families.

Map of 17
Children and
Family Centre
funded hubs
in Lots.



Map of the de-designated centres that will help form the network of support for families



Map of all centres in Lots

De Designated Children Centres and Children & Family Centres

Key

Lots

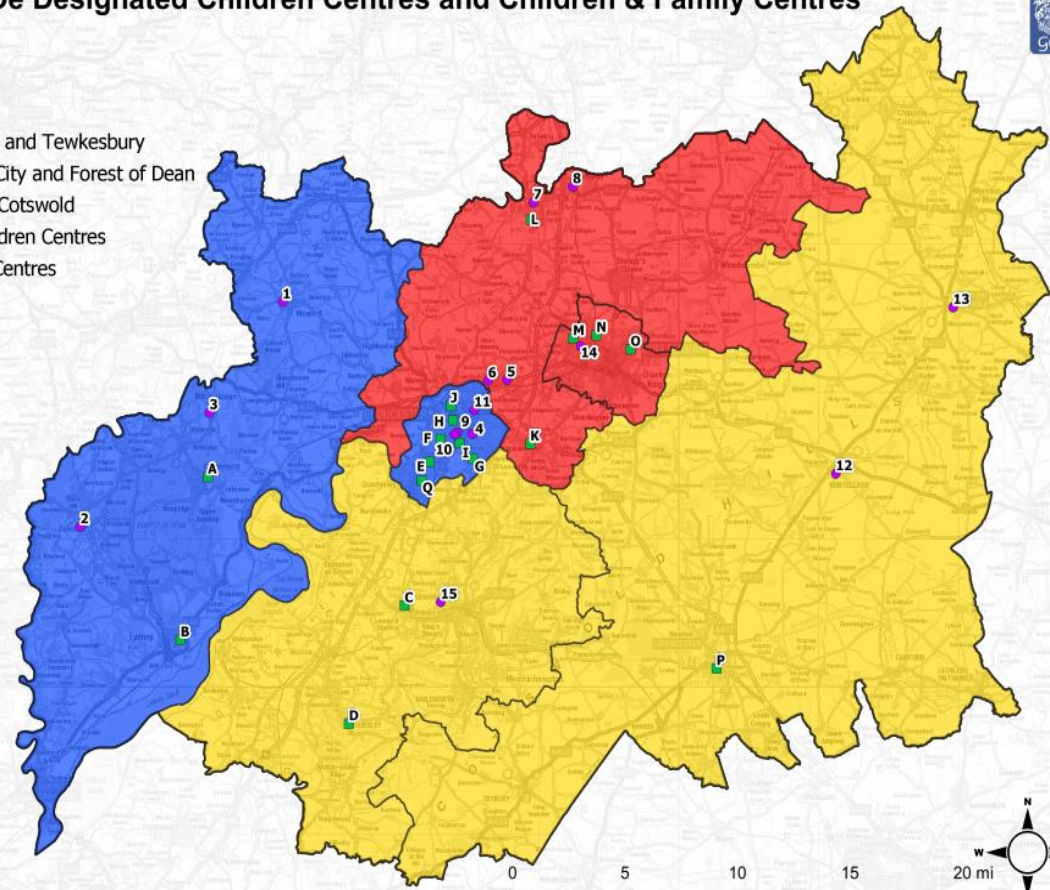
- Lot 1 - Cheltenham and Tewkesbury
- Lot 2 - Gloucester City and Forest of Dean
- Lot 3 - Stroud and Cotswold
- De Designated Children Centres
- Children & Family Centres

Number: De Designated Children Centres

1	Branches
2	Leaves
3	Twigs
4	The Compost
5	Churchdown Barton Manor
6	Innosworth
7	Noah's Ark Chauce Street
8	Northway/Ashthurst
9	Hatherley
10	Tredworth
11	Elmbridge
12	Northleach
13	Stow
14	Rownfield
15	Fewesays

Letter: Children & Family Centres

A	Hilltop
B	River
C	Stonehouse The Park
D	Treetops
E	The Oaks
F	The Lighthouse
G	The Links
H	Harrington
I	Finlay & Tredworth
J	Kaleidoscope
K	Brookworth
L	Noah's Ark
M	Peacocks Way
N	Caroline Lane
O	Oakwood
P	Cirencester
Q	The Beacon





Visit today

- **Gardners Lane** is one of five Children and Family Centres currently operated by Aspire Foundation as part of the Targeted Family Support Services contract on behalf of Gloucestershire County Council.
- The **information pack** contains details of the current offer from each building, including timetables.
- There is a **universal offer** provided by the community and or strategic partners as well as a targeted offer provided by Aspire.
- This centre offers **co-location** with health partners.



Summary

- C&FCs provide services for families pre-birth to 11 in partnership with universal and statutory services.
- This approach will be built on to become the cornerstone of our developing family hub approach.
- The physical centres will begin a network of buildings to support families within their own communities.
- Multi-agency governance within localities will bring stakeholders together to build capacity and address local needs.

