

## Where are they Located?

There are currently 29 Family Support Hubs in operation covering all of Northern Ireland.

### **Belfast Outcomes Area:**

Greater Shankill; Inner East Belfast; Outer South East Belfast; South Belfast One; South Belfast 2; Upper Springfield & Whiterock; Greater Falls; Outer West Belfast; Upper North Belfast; Lower North Belfast

### **South Eastern Outcomes Area:**

Down; Ards & North Down; Lisburn

### **Southern Outcomes Area:**

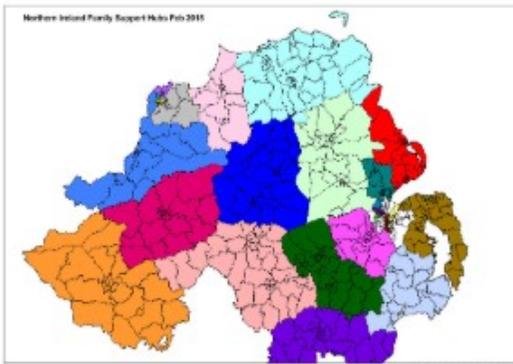
Armagh/Dungannon; Portadown/Craigavon/Banbridge; Newry & Mourne

### **Northern Outcomes Area:**

Antrim/Ballymena; Larne/Carrickfergus; Newtownabbey; Coleraine/Ballymoney/Moyle; Cookstown/Magherafelt;

### **Western Outcomes Area:**

Family First; Dry Arch; Fermanagh; Omagh; ETHOS; Outer West; Strabane; Waterside



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## Early Intervention

### What is early intervention?

The CYPSP has agreed that the best way to achieve better outcomes for children and young people is for them to get the support they need at the right time and as early as possible. The CYPSP has agreed the following and broad inclusive definition of early intervention;

***Early intervention is ‘intervening early and as soon as possible to tackle problems emerging for children, young people and their families or with a population at risk of developing problems. Early intervention may occur at any point of a child or young person’s life’.*** (Grasping the Nettle Report, 2009)

The definition includes the fact that early intervention is needed to tackle problems which can otherwise carry forward through generations of the same family. The ‘populations at risk’ in the definition includes specific geographic communities.

### Developing & Supporting Early Intervention

The CYPSP supports families through a Northern Ireland wide prevention and early intervention infrastructure. The CYPSP partners are committed to supporting this model.



The development of the model will be set within the strategic context of the Draft Executive Children and Young People’s Strategy for Northern Ireland (2019-2029), the Draft Family and Parenting Support Strategy for Northern Ireland and the Looked After Children Strategy.

The model consists of the Family Support Hubs, the Locality Planning Groups and the network of early intervention services.

## Family Support Hubs

### What is a Family Support Hub?

A Family Support Hub is a multi-agency network of statutory, community and voluntary organisations that either provide early intervention services or work with families who need early intervention services.

The network accepts referrals of families who need early intervention family support and uses their knowledge of local service providers and the Family Support Database ([www.familysupportni.gov.uk](http://www.familysupportni.gov.uk)) to signpost families with specific needs to appropriate services.



The Hub concept is based on the idea that early intervention services can be delivered more effectively if existing providers are encouraged to work more closely together and form a supportive network.

## What do Family Support Hubs Do?

The specific purpose of Hubs is:

- To improve access to early intervention family support services by matching the needs of referred families to family support providers;
- To improve coordination of early intervention family support services by creating a collaborative network of community, voluntary and statutory providers;
- To improve awareness of early intervention family support services;
- To assess the level of unmet need for early intervention family support services and inform the Trust Outcome Group.

### How do they do it?

Hubs believe in helping families to develop the skills to help themselves. The Hubs look at the needs of families and work to match their needs to the best possible service/s that can help.

Hubs direct families to the services they need. This can be a service provided by a Hub member or a service provided by an organisation not directly involved with the Hub but associated with it.

