





SHSCT
Family
Support
Hubs
SPACE, NIACRO,
BARNARDOS



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SHSCT has three hubs established in April 2012

- Armagh Hub Barnardos (YPPYoung People's Partnership)
- Portadown Hub NIACRO (CAPS – Child and Parent Support)
- Newry Hub SPACE (Supporting People and Communities Every day)
- The hub host agency facilitate a hub meeting once per month in each locality



Background

- Focus on early intervention
- Focus on Family Support
- The FSH service was developed to provide a community led initiative that would work to support families' access services before the need for critical intervention
- Intervening early and as soon as possible to tackle problems emerging for children, young people and their families... early intervention may occur at any point in a child or young person's life" (C4EO, 2010)



Aims and Objectives

- To identify and help families access appropriate family support services at the earliest point;
- To coordinate existing early intervention family support services across the statutory, community and voluntary sector;
- To support stronger collaboration between key agencies who provide family support services;
- To improve awareness and increase knowledge about family support services in the local community;
- To identify and address unmet need with partner agencies



What is a Family Support hub?

Early Intervention and Family Support Services

Informal and Flexible

Joint Collaboration

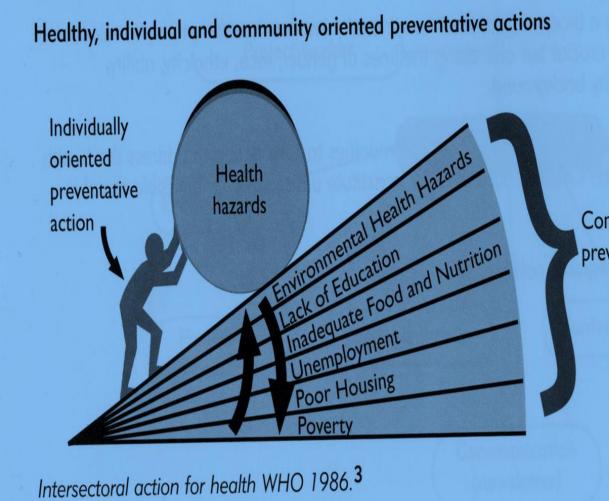
Solution Focused

Multi-Agency Network

Statutory Voluntary & Community Partners



Collaboration at work-Community oriented preventative actions





Presenting Issues

- Family Breakdown
- Parenting Difficulties
- Emotional & Behavioural Difficulties
- Isolation
- Mental Health Parent
- Debt
- Domestic Violence





Hub process

Complete Referral

Present

Discuss & agree Solutions

Inform

Evaluate

All hub
Recommendations
agreed with
families within 4
weeks of listing

In 2015, 98% of families availed of services offered 92% of agencies report FSH provided families with a more holistic approach to meeting their needs

92% of recipients reported Increased focus on early intervention in their local area

91% felt the hubs had Increased co-operation and collaboration across organisations in the local area





What works well....

- Enhanced opportunities for families & children to access relevant support
- Enhanced Interagency collaboration
- Improved knowledge & understanding on current services and support available to families
- Enhanced access to practical family support and service