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**SHSCT
Family
Support
Hubs
SPACE, NIACRO,
BARNARDOS**



Presenters

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SHSCT has three hubs established in April 2012

- Armagh Hub – Barnardos (YPP - Young 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

Healthy, individual and community oriented preventative actions



Intersectoral action for health WHO 1986.³



Presenting Issues

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



Hub Partners

CAMHS
HEALTH VISITING
EDUCATION AUTHORITY

PIPS

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP (YPP)

SPACE

HOMESTART

EISS

SURESTART

BARNARDOS

EDUCATION WELFARE SERVICES

SHSCT GATEWAY SERVICE

BCM

DUNLEWEY

WOMEN'S AID

NIACRO



Hub process



Complete Referral

All hub Recommendations agreed with families within 4 weeks of listing

Present

In 2015, 98% of families availed of services offered

Discuss & agree Solutions

92% of agencies report FSH provided families with a more holistic approach to meeting their needs

Inform

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

Evaluate

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

Case Study -The difference

SPACEWALK





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