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# ACE CONFERENCE

- **What is a Pioneer Community ?**
- **Why the West ?**
- **What does a Pioneer Community involve ?**



# WAVE Publications

**“Conception to Age 2 – The Age of Opportunity”**

**“Age 2yrs to 18yrs –The Age of Risk & Possibilities”**



# Pioneer Communities

A preventive approach to creating a large scale step reduction in levels of child abuse, neglect and children witnessing domestic violence

# Developments To Date

- **Infant Mental Health & Children's Emotional Health Strategies**
- **Model of Attachment Practice & Signs of Safety**
- **Family Support Hubs**
- **Family Nurse Partnership & Family Therapy**
- **Roots of Empathy & Solihull Approaches**
- **Hidden Harm & Suicide Prevention Strategies**
- **MACE Project**
- **Maternity Service**



# The Best Start in Life for your Child

1. **No smoking during pregnancy**
2. **No drinking alcohol during pregnancy**
3. **Breastfeed your baby**
4. **Read a Story to your child every day**
5. **Give your child lots of love, praise and affection**
6. **Have fun and play with your child**



# Cost to Children, Economy & Next Generation

Looked After Children  3000 (600 < 5yrs) WHSCT 628

Child Protection Register  2000 WHSCT 434

Prison Population 1000 < 30yrs of age per yr in N.I.  
estimate 1500 children

Domestic Violence 26,000 incidents per year in N.I.

Suicide highest cause of death in N.I.- 19.3 per 1000 population.

**25% CHILDREN IN POVERTY 40% IN FAMILIES POST  
CONFLICT**



# Northern Ireland Deprivation Measures

## Multiple deprivation Measure Rank (NIMDM 2017)

- 1 Derry City & Strabane
- 3 Derry City & Strabane
- 5 Derry City & Strabane
- 6 Derry City & Strabane
- 10 Derry City & Strabane



# PIONEER COMMUNITIES

- Population level, preventive approach
  - Focussing on conception to age 2
- Pop. 50,000
- 3 components



# Pioneer Community Approach



# Intervention Component

## Assessment of Risk

- Universal, identifying families most in need of support
- Risk factors: parental maltreatment as a child, domestic violence, substance abuse, mental health, attitude to unborn child

## Targeted Support

- Range of programmes which address key risk factors
  - Prevent problems before they develop
  - Address issues before harm done to child
- Local alternatives possible, if research approved

## Monitoring outcomes

- Many existing measures will provide feedback (e.g. health visitor assessments)
- Additional measures will include Disorganised Attachment, Parental Sensitivity, possibly disconnected parenting, aggression



# Derry & Strabane District Council Area

<u>Neighbourhood Renewal Area</u>	<u>Population Size</u>	<u>Birth Rate</u>
Outer North	15861	373
Outer West	8664	233
Strabane	5560	282
Triax	16382	273
Waterside	9706	399
total	54,173	1560



# PIONEER COMMUNITIES

## Task Groups

- TEAM 1 – RISK ASSESSMENT IN PREGNANCY
- TEAM 2 – RELATIONSHIPS
- TEAM 3 – MENTAL HEALTH PROVISION
- TEAM 4 – SUBSTANCE ABUSE
- TEAM 5 – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- TEAM 6 – ATTUNEMENT
- TEAM 7 – PCPS, VIG & PIP



**HOME IS WHERE OUR STORY BEGINS**



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