

The Impact of a Children's Centre

14 yr old female falls pregnant attends Teenage Pregnancy service within the children's centre. Through support of the centre she continues with school and then attends college. She attends early years sessions with her child including the young parents group.

At 19 she falls pregnant with her second child. She signs up to do learning and development courses at the children's centre where both children can attend the free crèche while she accesses the courses, including an accredited Health & Social Care course.

Continues with Health & Social Care course and moves onto the level 2 qualification

Continues to attend early years activity sessions and regularly uses the Children's Centre cafe

Becomes a member of the Children's Centre Family Forum group where members can help shape future services

Currently

Is vice chair of the family forum group and therefore attends the Children's Centre Advisory Board as part of that role. Continues to attend early years activities with her younger child. Has just completed an access to HE course which she enrolled on after enjoying the Health and Social Care qualifications she gained at the Children's Centre and has just been awarded an unconditional offer of a place at university to study Children's Nursing in October. Last week she also secured a part time job to help with finances while she studies.

"I wanted to be a great Mum, doing everything possible to give them a great life – Sure Start have helped and encouraged me so much through the years. The amount of support is overwhelming".

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Asylum seeking family consisting of Mum, Dad, three children aged between 7 – 10yrs and a baby due May 2013

Family visits the children centre for an antenatal appointment and on completing the registration form areas of need are identified by the family. Engagement visit takes place in the family home to further assess need. It was then discovered various agencies were involved but working separately.

- CAF completed
- Team around the Family meeting takes place with Children's Centre worker as lead professional

- Living arrangements made safer
- Children receive counselling (within the children's centre)
- Better links developed with children's school

Continue to work with the children's centre and attend ante-natal clinic

Currently

Mother and new baby attending Baby Massage to help with bonding and attachment

Full involvement in partnership working of Health, Housing, Home Office and Police service in ensuring clear outcomes for the family.

Older children have settled well at school and communication between school and the parents has improved through translation services.

Family feel safer in their home environment resulting in improved mental health and well-being

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Father with 1 child aged 4 living in a 30% area. History of substance misuse (Heroin & Crack Cocaine) and currently unemployed.

Recently moved to the area, limited basic skills & qualifications, would like to meet other male carers, has concerns about managing his daughters behaviour appropriately & would like his daughter to have the opportunity to mix with other children.

Completed 123 Magic

Attends early years activity sessions and regularly uses the Children's Centre cafe

Completed basic literacy & numeracy inc Health & Social Care level 1&2

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Is chair of the family forum group and therefore attends the Children's Centre Advisory Board as part of that role.

Supported the Centre Manager & EY Team to develop a targeted Dads time group.

Actively promotes centre services and consults with other Parents, feeding back information to the Family Forum.

Accessing work club and is actively seeking paid employment.