

Early Years and Early Intervention

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Service Overview

- A network of 58 Children's centres
- Currently commission over 60% of children's centres to partners from County Health Partnership, Family Action & North Nottinghamshire College
- Nottinghamshire County Council manage remaining 40% in Newark & Sherwood, Rushcliffe and Mansfield districts
- Annual budget of £19 million

Ambition

“We want children and their families to have the opportunity to achieve their full potential by having the best start in life and access to services when and where they need them the most”

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Current Service Performance

- Ofsted began inspecting CC's in 2010.
- 24 inspections to date
- 80% were found to be 'Good' or 'Outstanding'
- In 2010 - 2011 Nottinghamshire had the highest number of Ofsted rated 'Outstanding' CC's in East Midlands
- 59% of the total population of families with children under 5 are registered to receive a service from their local CC – with targeted work this is increasing
- 69% of this figure are 'vulnerable' families - with targeted work this is also increasing

What is Early Years & Early Intervention?

- Integrated support located at Children's Centres
- Offers high quality provision to families with children aged 0 – 12 years
- This is both a Universal and Targeted provision
- Children who are at risk of immediate harm are referred to Children's Social Care for child protection services

What is Early Years & Early Intervention?

- Family Support Service works with families and children 1:1, both outreach and centre based
- Early Years provision – a range of stay and play sessions/early years activities/health led baby groups/sessions to promote school readiness for young children
- Evidence based parenting programmes
- Behaviour management strategies
- Early holistic assessment (CAF)

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Who is the service for?

- Parents with children aged 0 -12 years

What is on offer?

- Advice and information on health matters, routine, nutrition, stages of child development, breast feeding, weaning, routines.
- Parents who need additional support to manage their child's behaviour.
- Targeted support with specific parenting issues.

Service Priorities

- Implement Nottinghamshire's Early Intervention Strategy
- The service restructure to achieve efficiency savings is now complete
- Work to re-commission the service by April 2013 is ongoing
- Embed the enhanced core offer to extend services for children aged 0 – 5 years to 0 – 12 years