

Commissioning Children Centre Services in Nottinghamshire – June 2017



What is our ambition? We want all children, young people 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 most.

What Outcomes are we trying to achieve?

- All children under 5 (U5s) and their families have access to, and engage in, early childhood services.
- Children and families have access to high quality early years provision.
- Children achieve age appropriate language, comprehension and communication skills.
- Children achieve age appropriate personal, social and emotional development milestones.
- Children achieve age appropriate physical development.
- Parents have secure attachments to children. They build strong relationships to help their baby feel secure and loved.
- Good parental health behaviour positively influences children's well-being and development.
- Parents keep their children safe.
- Parents provide a good home learning environment for children to support their development.
- Parents develop skills and confidence needed for employment.

Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust is the lead provider of Children Centre Services. Working alongside Rotherham & North Nottinghamshire College and Family Action, they form the Nottinghamshire Children and Families Partnership (NCFP).

What is the Children Centre Services Core Offer?

To improve outcomes for children (U5s) through:

- Improving children's development & school readiness;
- Increasing parents aspirations & parenting skills;
- Improving child & family health life chances;
- Families with complex needs are supported in partnership with other services as they move through the P2P levels 1-4;
- The Children Centres are a gateway to a range of services.

How do we assess impact and quality?

- Countywide quarterly performance and contract management.
- District level quarterly performance management.
- Self Evaluation Form (SEF) for each centre.
- Successful delivery of the local Outcomes Framework and associated targets and qualitative measures.
- Case studies and feedback from service users and stakeholders.
- Safeguarding audit reports.

What progress are we making? 2016 - 2017 Performance:

- 96% of U5s (44740) were registered with their local Children Centre.
- 100% of low income U5s (25999) were registered with their local CC.
- 73% of low income U5s (19116) were seen.
- 65% of all U5's (26066) were seen.
- Participation: 3237 parents are involved in parents forums with 315 active Volunteers at Quarter 4.
- Parenting programmes: 1197 parents commenced evidenced based parenting courses, and 80% completed their course.
- 100% of eligible 2 year olds are accessing CC provision.
- 98% of parents are satisfied with the services they receive/access.

Principles of NCC's Children Centre Service Commissioning

- Support families to make informed choices about services that build resilience and self-reliance;
- Target resources to children and families with greatest need within a universal framework;
- Ensure that service provision is fully accessible, delivered where possible, within local communities;
- Actively engage children and their families and involve them in decision-making about how best to offer our services;
- Consider the needs of the whole family when assessing and responding to the needs of children and young people;
- Work with partners to maximise best use of available resources to local communities;
- Promote opportunities for voluntary and community participation in the planning and delivery of services;
- Support a suitably qualified, skilled and experience workforce to ensure provision is delivered to a high quality;
- Commission interventions that have been shown to make a difference;
- Support Safeguarding practice across services.

For further information:

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