

Hawtonville Children's Centre

What?

Nottinghamshire County Council's (NCC) Early Childhood Service recently carried out a community consultation to gather views from local families and workers on possible changes to the use of Hawtonville Central Children's Centre building.

"Thank you to everyone who took part."

Why?

Nottinghamshire County Council is proposing developing Family Hubs for families with children aged 0-19 and young people up to the age of 24 if they have Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and using some Children's Centre buildings for this purpose.

Whenever any changes to Children's Centre buildings are considered, the County Council has a "duty to consult" with the local community to find out their views.

When and Where?

The consultation took place during May and June 2022, links to the online survey were advertised on the Newark and Sherwood Children's Centre and Families Information Service Facebook pages. Details were also shared with supported housing associations, District Council, schools and settings and other local support organisations including the voluntary sector. Paper copies were also provided for partners to print off and circulate. A specific questionnaire was produced for young people.

Who?

Multiple people shared their feedback including parents, carers, partners and professionals. A total of 144 people responded to the survey, though when provided the opportunity to share in what capacity they were being involved, some people ticked more than one category which meant that we received 191 responses. Here is an overview of who completed the survey:

- 139 of responses were from parents/carers and partners.
- 52 people identified as professionals/volunteers working with children and young people.
- 2 young people completed the young people's questionnaire

What was said by these people?

- **Most parents and stakeholders** (86%) said they would prefer the Hawtonville Children's Centre to become a Family Hub.
- 50% of **Young People** said they would prefer the building to be a Family Hub.

"It would be nice to have one place where you can ask for support with under 5 as well as over 5's".

- **Most parents and stakeholders** said they would find child development, play and early learning sessions to be most useful if they were made available at the Family Hub.

“It would be beneficial for parents with children over 5 years to have that extra help and somewhere to turn to. It would also help schools as there is extra help available”.

“It would be great to have a family hub where CYPs & families can access support, guidance, information, sign posting & activities etc... to aid development of young people & promote healthy families.

- Access to speech, language and communication support, parenting groups and clinics with Healthy Families Teams were also felt to be useful.

“I believe in getting the best services we can for families especially when there are any difficulties in achieving this”.

- **Young people** would like to receive help from a Family Hub or online, and would benefit from receiving support with substance misuse, physical health, healthy eating and lifestyles.

What do people want to be considered in future plans?

- Family Hubs to improve local help, advice and support for children and families with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).
- Family Hubs to be easily accessible and not too far to get to.
- Additional support, not at the expense of what’s already delivered or on current staff levels.

What next?

Thank you for your comments, they have given us lots to think about. We will be sharing the findings with local politicians and seek their support for Hawtonville Children’s Centre building to become a Family Hub main site.

Next steps: We will work with partners, parents and young people to develop the Family Hub in Hawtonville Children’s Centre building.

59 adults and 1 young person consented to be involved in the shaping of the local Family Hub. We look forward to working with them.

If you would like further information, please contact earlychildhoodservices@nottsc.gov.uk