



HAMPSHIRE AND  
ISLE OF WIGHT CHILDREN'S  
SERVICES IMPROVEMENT

Family Hubs led by Isle of Wight Council

### Newsletter issue 9 – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

*Hello and welcome to the ninth newsletter for the region, focusing on the development of the Family Hub work across the South East.*

#### South East Communities of Practice workshops:

Thank you so much to those of you who attended the Governance and Commissioning workshop last month, we had attendance from the majority of the Local Authorities in the South East, as well as colleagues from neighbouring regions. We focused on more time for discussions, and this sparked some great ideas and sharing of resources and suggestions. A big thank you to Nikki Hearn from Somerset for coming along to share her work.

If you have colleagues who are part of the family hub development in your LA, who would like to be a part of the workshops, please ask them to get in touch with Carly, who can add their email to the distribution list.

**The next workshop has a theme of Youth, taking place on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September from 9.20am via Teams.**

Please do send us your ideas of any items you would like to be included within the workshops and if you would like to share your own LA's Family Hub journey

We would like to continue with our CoPs to the end of this year, so please let us know any topics you would like us to highlight for sharing and discussion.

#### Isle of Wight virtual Hub visiting opportunities:

The first virtual visit to the Isle of Wight Family Hubs took place recently and we were delighted with the regional attendance and initial feedback. Thank you to the Isle of Wight team for attending and sharing their work and thank to those who attended.

Thank you to those who shared their feedback with us such as;

**“Please pass on our thanks – this was a really informative and very well-planned event. Thank you for the opportunity to participate. I left feeling positively energised!”**

A second virtual visit has been booked for **Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September** between 10am and Midday. If you haven't received an invite and would like to, please email Carly so you can be added to the list.

### Family Hub blog:

“NOT reinventing the wheel”: a case for Communities of Practice

*“I just wanted to share how useful it has been to work with other LAs in the South East around this, as it saves everyone time by not reinventing the wheel and instead, sharing ideas and things that others have already done that work. It made me think about all the times I have gone off and implemented something, only to find that there were already other examples of things that would have worked just as well, if not better! I know I often ask for contacts and resources, but I just feel it makes sense to ‘cash in’ on the network we are building around the Family Hub work”.*

Do you have something on your mind about Family Hubs? Are you playing with ideas in your head about how to improve services for families in your area? We would really like to encourage you to contribute a short blog of around 300 words that might help to shape our thinking.

### NCFH SEND update

The Early Intervention Foundation (EIF) have just launched their publication; Supporting healthy relationships amongst parents of children with behaviours that challenge. This helpful guide pulls together evidence based practice with the support of those with lived experience and will be a useful addition to your family hub toolkit. The team are still looking to develop this approach and welcome feedback from stakeholders.

### Centre for Youth Impact survey

Please forward this link to the Centre for Youth Impact online questionnaire to relevant stakeholders, [Young people's participation in decision-making: UK survey](#)

We know it is yet another return, but the way this one is worded it may prove helpful in considering ways of engaging young people that you haven't already thought about or prioritised. The closing date is 14<sup>th</sup> August, and it should take about 10-15 minutes to complete.

### NEW! SESLIP Family Hub webpage

In addition to the newsletters, we have created a SESLIP Family Hub webpage, which can be found [here](#). The webpage will have the calendar of the workshops, all of the newsletters and also a link which names the leads in each of the South East LAs for Family Hub work.

### Theory of Change

Are any local authorities in the region using the [family hub development process, including a Theory of Change](#) outline which has been developed by the Early Intervention Foundation and the National Centre for Family Hubs? The EIF and NCFH would love to hear from you about your experience so far and how to develop the tool further. If you are able to feedback on your Theory of Change process, please email [julie.greer@annafreud.org](mailto:julie.greer@annafreud.org)

## National Centre for Family Hubs (NCFH) resources

The NCFH website is available to look at ways in which you can develop a Family Hub model in your authority; [www.nationalcentreforfamilyhubs.org.uk](http://www.nationalcentreforfamilyhubs.org.uk)

If you haven't already signed up for NCFH newsletters, please click on the link in the top bar of this webpage: [www.nationalcentreforfamilyhubs.org.uk/contact-us/](http://www.nationalcentreforfamilyhubs.org.uk/contact-us/) and then look out for a confirmation email, which you will need to accept.

As well as the implementation toolkit, resource library and regular events and webinars, NCFH can also provide bespoke consultation packages to support you to develop Family Hubs. You can email Julie at [julie.greer@annafreud.org](mailto:julie.greer@annafreud.org), or [NCFH enquiries@annafreud.org](mailto:NCFH enquiries@annafreud.org) if you would like a particular focus on training, or would like to share good practice in your area.

## Upcoming NCFH training:

### **National Conference: Co-Producing Accessible and Inclusive Family Hubs**

Just a reminder of the NCFH virtual conference on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September from 9.30 until 3.30 via Zoom. If you would like to find out more or book a place, please click [here](#).

We also wanted to remind you that all webinars are recorded, so you can access previous ones and those that you can't attend by clicking [here](#).

## Ideas welcome:

Please do contact us if you have anything you would like to be added to the forthcoming newsletters, we would be happy to include it for you.

Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to provide feedback and suggestions already, we are working on providing these for you.

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