

Newsletter issue 6 – 19th April 2022

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

South East Communities of Practice workshops:

The next workshop takes place on Tuesday the 3rd of May at 9.30am, with a theme of the ‘digital offer’. We are very grateful to the 3 LAs that have offered to share their work at the session, it is bound to be useful to all attendees. We will open the meetings from 9.20am to allow for warm introductions, as this worked well at the first workshop. The workshop invites will be amended to reflect this slightly earlier, optional start time, with the workshop starting promptly at 9.30am.

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. If you have colleagues 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.

A community of practice can work in a variety of ways, but an effective CoP will always engage participants in developing their own thinking alongside those with a shared interest. We want to encourage those working on Family Hub development in the South East to build knowledge; share best practice; explore the evidence base behind established programmes to support families; and promote innovative ideas that could start to make a difference.

Theme of Workshop	Date	Time
Digital offer	Tuesday 3 rd May	9.20-11.30am
SEND	Tuesday 14 th June	9.20-11.30am
Governance & Commissioning	Tuesday 19 th July	9.20-11.30am
Youth	Tuesday 13 th September	9.20-11.30am

Funding announcement

As you will be aware by now, the DfE have announced the 75 upper tier local authorities who are eligible to receive funding to ‘transform Start for Life and Family Hub services’, www.gov.uk/government/publications/family-hubs-and-start-for-life-package-methodology-for-pre-selecting-local-authorities

With only 30% of LAs in the South East selected, the majority of LAs in the region will be deciding what this means for their family hub development. We already know that many LAs are committed to transforming the way they meet local need and the integration of services is part of this approach. For others, lessons learnt during Lockdowns in the pandemic, have given opportunities to widen virtual and digital options, for example. There is also scope for wider regional collaboration and sharing ways of effective working are all part of this. Whilst some of you are still waiting on the DfE's announcement of the Transformation Bid, we wanted you to know that Carly and Julie are here to support all our LAs, regardless of funding status and we really appreciate lots of you being in touch over the last couple of weeks.

Family Hub blog:

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? Do you have a burning issue that might challenge other people's thinking? We would really like to encourage you to contribute a short blog of between 100-300 words that might help to shape our thinking about Family Hubs and how to implement them in the South East so do let us know if you have something to share. You can let us know if you would like your blog to be anonymised or if you would like to have your name published with your work.

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

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/ 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, or NCFH enquiries@annafreud.org if you would like a particular focus on training, or would like to share good practice in your area.

NCFH SEND update:

The latest module in the implementation toolkit is now online, [Putting Families with children with special educational needs and disabilities at the heart of family hub planning](#).

We would welcome any feedback on the module and will be regularly reviewing our toolkit to make sure the information is useful to you. This module has been written in co-production with parents, carers and young people with expertise from experience and those who have expertise by profession, from education and health.

We hope lots of you were able to join the SEND webinar on Tuesday 29th March, on the same day that the government's [Green Paper](#); **SEND Review, Right Support**,

Right Place, Right Time was launched. Do take the opportunity to make a response to the consultation and where you can, think from a family hub perspective when you are drafting your answers. There are lots of questions in the SEND module to help shape your thinking.

If you would like to be part of the national SEND community of practice, please email enquiries

Upcoming NCFH training:

Bite-sized training session for anyone developing, or working in family hubs, on AMBIT, Adaptive Mentalization Based Integrative Treatment, and whole family working.	Thursday 19 th May 12-1pm Live via Zoom
National Conference: Co-Producing Accessible and Inclusive Family Hubs	Thursday 7 th July 9.30 – 3.30 Live via Zoom

This conference is suitable for those leading in the development of Family Hub models. It aims to promote the importance of meaningful co-production and inclusion of those whose views and ideas have not previously been heard or those for whom services are not easily accessible.

If you would like to find out more or book a place, please go to;
www.annafreud.org/training/national-centre-for-family-hubs/

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 going to;

[Previous events and training - National Centre for Family Hubs](#)

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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