



Changing childhoods.
Changing lives.

Tackling Neglect in the Early Years



Overview of Children's Centre services

- Early Years team
- Specialist team
- Family support team
- Administration team



St. Paul's Community
Development Trust



Working for
the Community

Wider Children's Centre Team



spurgeons
children's charity



Home
START
Support and friendship
for families

Parents
Supporting
Parents

Kids Disabled children
say we can



The Springfield Project

Startwell
Being active, eating well, achieving more.

early years alliance

NHS

Birmingham Community
Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust



What is neglect?

Physical neglect

Educational neglect

Emotional neglect

Medical neglect

Neglect is the ongoing failure to meet a child's basic needs and the most common form of child abuse



The Science of Neglect



How we tackle Neglect within the work that we do at the Children's Centre

We know that the first 1001 days in a child's life is the most critical time for their development. Evidence shows that healthy development in the early years is supported by a stable environment and nurturing relationships with parents or caregivers²

This period is a critical 'window of opportunity', when the infant brain is particularly susceptible to influences, parents are especially receptive to advice and support, and the developing child is most susceptible to harm from adverse environments.



We start by looking at each area that a child needs to have the best start in life

Developmental care



Developmental care is an early interventional approach to enhance the infant's development, enhance parent-infant relationship, and reduce the risks of developing insecure attachment.

Physical Care

Physical care is supporting a child's positive sense of self and wellbeing through focused interaction and attentive care, building secure, trusting, relationships. This includes providing quality nutrition, appropriate clothing, a stimulating and safe environment for children to feel confident to explore and play and ensuring children are clean and hygienic assisting in the prevention of developing ailments.



Safety

Safety – This is ensuring a child is safe from daily risks, making sure the care giver reacts when a child is exposed to danger, that they prioritises their child’s safety around the home, out and about and in others’ care.



Case study – Referral received at the Children’s Centre

Family background & Needs

Mother and children are subject to CIN plan due to emotional neglect.

Mom has mental health needs that had not been addressed.

The family lack in essential understanding of basic hygiene/personal care.

Mom needs support with boundaries and routines with the children along with healthy eating.

Oldest child is troubled, does not like attending school

Family needed support around begetting finances.

Thinking about the areas we have just discussed. What could you put into place to support this family?

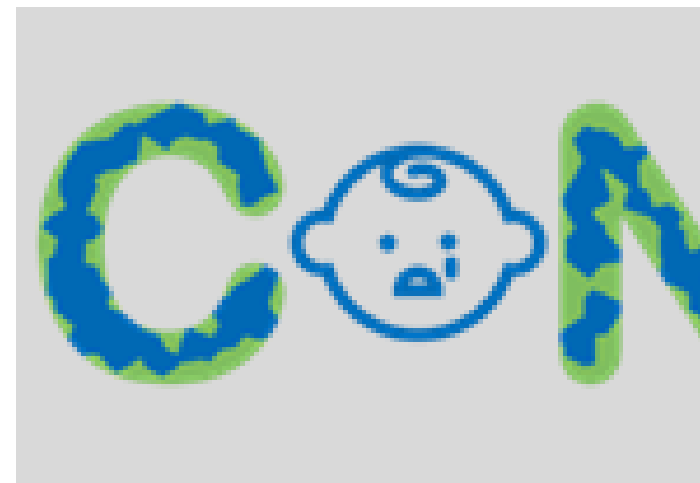
Support offered by the Children's Centre

Service Accessed	Family support, Birmingham forward steps, children's centre
What did we do?	<p>Family support have supported mom with her mental health, assisting with collecting new prescriptions and medications, been there for mom when she has had a decline with her mental health, let her talk to me letting out her worries and frustrations.</p> <p>Family support have applied for crisis fund vouchers where mom has brought food shops with this so that she is able to cook fresh meals for the family.</p> <p>Family support have also supported mom with getting one of the children's bedrooms clean and tidy with new beds gained from new starts, also new bedding and clothing has been gifted to the family, this improved mom's mental health she shared that she now feels that the children can have a good night's sleep and be able to have their friend's round.</p> <p>Family support alongside health visitor have worked together to identify the areas where the family need the extra support and understanding to improve the quality of living within the home.</p>
Who was involved & multi agency work	The children's centre, family support worker, social worker.
Crisis/Turning Point	The turning point when home conditions along with mental health was at its worse point. At the point where social service became involved with the family, mom became aggressive with not wanting to work with any professional.

Case Study - Continued

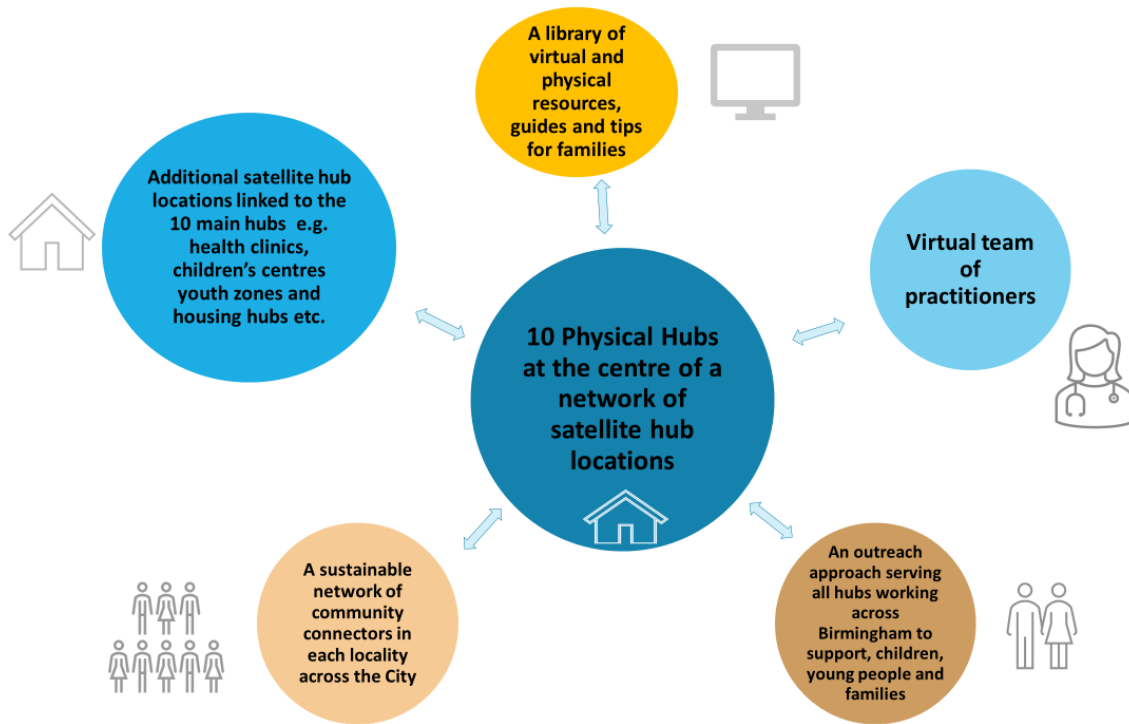
What is happening now?	Mom is now engaging with professionals and is accepting the help and support that is been offered to the family. Taking the correct steps advised by family support, health visitor and social worker.
Improved outcomes	How is the situation better now? Family support has improved mine and my family's life, have been supported in the understanding of my mental health and how I need to improve on this, to be able to notice when I can feel a decline then to contact the appropriate people, by doing this is I am improving with keeping me home, clean, providing clean clothing for my children. Family support have helped me get new items for my children e.g. beds, this has helped take pressure off me so that I have been able to provide meals for the children.
Reflections	On reflection family support has made such a difference to my life I can now see clearly on how to make positive changes moving forward.
Child/parent voice/comments	<p>Parents voice- I am liking how things are turning around now, happy for the support in helping with showing me where and how I need to get the home looking like a home and a safe place for the children.</p> <p>Child's voice- We love our mommy very much, and when she is better, we can play and go out to the park, mommy is the best for doing our room.</p>

Resources on offer



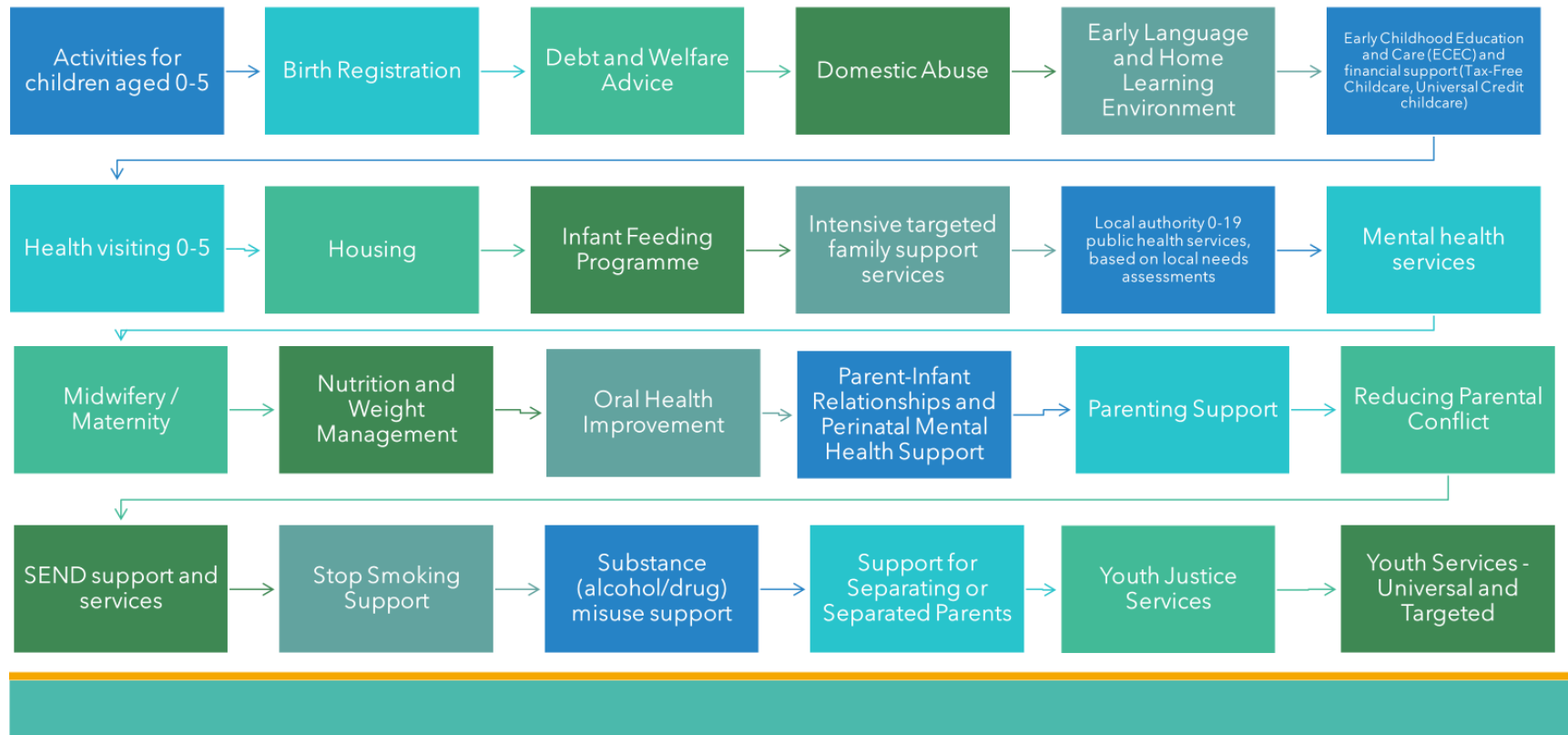
FAMILY HUBS - model

Locality Family Hubs Network



Family Hub Offer

24 areas of help



Any Questions



Thank you for listening
and your contribution.
Together we can change
lives and provide
children with the best
possible start in life.