

Aims of today



To understand the Early Help offer and how families can access support



To gather feedback from settings about integrated reviews and links with HCP



To gather feedback on draft Speech, Language and Communication offer in early years



To provide an opportunity for you to network with peers

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Early Help





The West Sussex approach puts the child first. We work with children, families, communities, our partners and schools in a restorative, strength based way. Strong relationships are at the heart of what we do.



CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARNING

What is the Early Help System?

The EHSG will help us integrate & transform local public services to embed whole family working & re-balance the system across Early Help & Childrens Social Care.



Early Help – Level 1 Offer

- 12 Family Hubs in areas of high need
- The Family Information Service
- Access to health services and support groups
- Information, Advice and Guidance
- Free Entitlement for 2, 3 and 4-year olds
- Crisis support
- Toy Library
- Sensory room, Magic carpet
- Community outreach offer
- Find It out in Schools
- Promoting public health messages

Level 2 offer

Enabling Families – a short focused intervention where the parent/carers can access between 1 and 5 sessions

Enabling Young People - direct work with a young person (11-19 years old).

Enabling Young parents - Working with young parents, a worker can be allocated from when you are 20 weeks pregnant. Around 5 sessions providing practical skills and information

Level 3 and level 3 plus offer

Early Help plan

Children and families with more significant complex need and who need targeted support without which they would not meet their expected potential. These children live in families where there is greater adversity and a greater degree of vulnerability. An Early Help Assessment and a Team around the Family (TAF) will be required or a targeted coordinated response from multi-agency professionals.

Level 3 Family Support Worker

Level 3 plus Family Key worker

Dedicated Schools Team

- Schools are provided with a named link worker
- Link worker will be able to respond flexibly as issues emerge, as well as regularly meeting with schools based on need and request
- We will work with schools to ensure they know what support is available
- We will work collaboratively to help families early and connect them with the right support at the right time
- We can help with threshold decisions and connections with social care
- key areas such as school attendance, transition points, supporting families, neglect, physical and mental health, emotional wellbeing and SEND
- Provide, information, advice and guidance and crisis support
- Link worker can help support with Team Around the Family meetings, professionals' meetings, provide short intervention with children, young people and parent/carers, signposting and linking to other local partners providing support, working alongside wider educational colleagues
- We will attend and support relevant meetings such as behaviour forum and pupil placement panels and support the DSL network

How to request a service for children and families in West Sussex

Integrated Front Door portal

QR CODE

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Telephone - 01403 229900



Out of Hours - 033 022 26664

Emergency duty team: 0771 1769657


Useful information

- Family hub contact details [Find a Family Hub - West Sussex County Council](#)
- Each Hub has a Facebook page – Mid Sussex Family Hub and Crawley Family Hub
- Family Information Service directory [WSCC Family Information Service - Enquiry \(westsussex.gov.uk\)](#)
- Your space [Your Space - West Sussex County Council](#)
- SPOA <https://e-wellbeing.co.uk/support/>
- Early Help strategy <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/about-the-council/policies-and-reports/corporate-policy-and-reports/early-help-strategy-2022-to-2025/>
- Continuum of need [West Sussex Continuum of Need / Threshold Guidance - West Sussex SCP](#)
- [Neglect - West Sussex SCP](#)

Early Help promotional postcards

Early Help Service  

Help for children, young people and families who need extra support.





We help children, young people and families who need extra support.

We work with families, in their own homes and in the community, helping tackle problems before they become more difficult to reverse.



We provide 12 Family Hubs across West Sussex offering:

- » drop-in services for information, advice and guidance;
- » crisis support – such as emergency access to food and utilities;
- » support and information for young people aged 11 to 25 on a range of subjects through our 'Find it Out' offer;
- » access to services provided by our partners such as health clinics and support groups;
- » social spaces to meet other families; and
- » help to access the free entitlement to childcare places.

For further information, please contact 01403 229900 or visit our website westsussex.gov.uk/familyhubs





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FindItOut

FindItOut is offered to all young people aged between 11-19 (up to 25 for young people with a disability).





Drop in or call

FindItOut support is available in Family Hubs. Young people can drop in during opening hours or call the hub direct. Locations and opening times can be found at westsussex.gov.uk/familyhubs



Support available

- » Information, advice and guidance
- » Signposting
- » 1 to 1 support

The online young people's form can be accessed by scanning the QR code below. Young people can complete this themselves or with a parent or worker.

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Sensory Toy Library

Visit our website westsussex.gov.uk/familyhubs to find your local Family Hub and visit to browse through their selection of toys and resources from the sensory toy library catalogue.

Our toys are aimed at children under the age of 5 and sensory toys or equipment for children and young people aged 0-19 with disabilities.

The toys have been carefully selected to support children's learning in a fun way.





Sensory Room

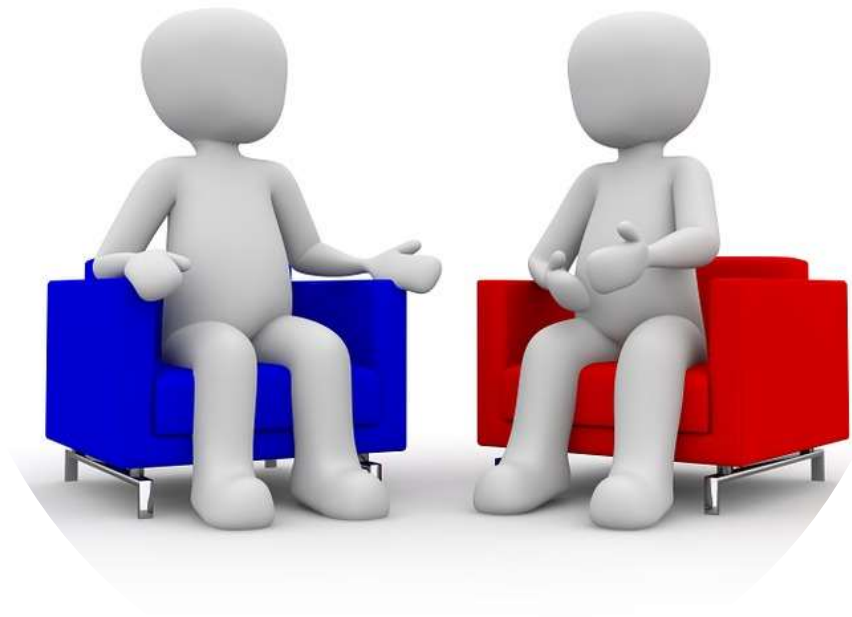
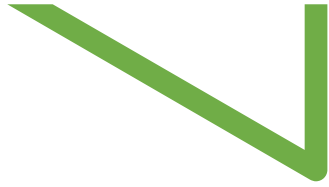
Sensory rooms provide an environment in which you can focus on senses such as touch, vision, and sound. They are available in several of our hubs.

- » Enhance sensory skills and hand-eye co-ordination
- » Reduce tension and increases relaxation
- » Improve levels of concentration, alertness and calmness
- » Assist the development of social and emotional skills

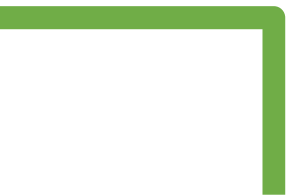
Please visit our website westsussex.gov.uk/familyhubs or scan the QR code to locate your local Family Hub

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Integrated Reviews and the Healthy Child Programme





Speech, Language and Communication offer

Plan on page - for review and comment

	Support and Information for Families	Services, Groups and Resources for Families	Support and Information for the Early Years Workforce
<p>Specialist Support – universal and targeted support plus: support for children being referred to Speech and Language Therapy and for those who have had an assessment and require additional specialist support</p>	<p>Home - Association for all Speech Impaired Children (Afacic) West Sussex Parent Carer Forum SEND IAS (information, advice and support) Portage Service Reaching Families</p>	<p>Integrated Front Door West Sussex Disability Register Short Breaks</p>	<p>If parents agree, and following appropriate intervention being consistently delivered and progress monitored over a number of weeks, limited progress is observed, consider a referral to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Speech and Language Referral ○ SEND Under 5s <p>Where specialists are involved, practitioners should work with families to understand the strategies recommended and implement in the setting.</p>
<p>Targeted Support – universal support plus: additional support for any child who may be making slower progress or show delays in their speech, language and communication development</p>	<p>Resource library for families (Speech and Language UK) Activities (Words for Life) Improve your child's learning at home (Words for Life) What To Do If Your Child is waiting for Speech and Language Therapy Talk to a speech and language therapist</p>	<p>Healthy Child Programme (HCP) SALT Early Years (West Sussex) Early Help services – targeted Understand Me - The Communication Library SEND Stay and Play Multi-Sensory Story Magic</p>	<p>Where a professional working with a child/family identifies potential communication language delay, we recommend they take the following steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk to the parents to gain their views • Access relevant health checks to eliminate other potential causes of delay eg hearing test • Develop a plan to provide additional support to the child and monitor progress • Access additional advice and guidance as required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communication and interaction Tools for schools and settings ○ Setting support phone line - WSCC ○ Request SALSS support
<p>Universal Support: information and guidance to support all children in developing their speech, language and communication skills</p>	<p>Start for Life (NHS) BBC Tiny Happy People Health for Under 5s (NHS) Key message cards (Speech and Language UK) Bookstart for families (BookTrust)</p>	<p>local Early Help Family Hub - universal Universal health reviews (HCP) Antenatal Support Childcare and early education Library Membership for Children Rhyme, Story and Toddler Times Toy Libraries and Sensory Toy Library</p>	<p>Diversity and inclusion (WSCC) Early years and childcare training and support programme (WSCC) Resource library for educators (Speech and Language UK) EYFS 'Ordinarily Available Inclusive Provision' guide Supporting parents and children through Chat, Play and Read</p>
<p>Ages and Stages of Progress</p>	<p>Ages and stages (Speech and Language UK) What to expect in the EYFS</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>WS SLC Monitoring Tool WS SLC monitoring tool guidance</p>

Childcare Expansion

How's it going so far?

- What's going well?
- Any learning to share?

What's next?

- Training offer
- Extending age range
- Challenges and opportunities

WSSCC Early Years Training and Events Team: Leaders' courses

These have been hand-picked for room leaders, managers and deputies. They are all part of our amazing 'Expansion Support Offer' whereby West Sussex County Council have subsidised a selection of courses for only **£10 per person**.

To book, search the course names on Learning Pool OR you scan the QR codes from this slide (login required first).

Leaders course: Understanding Positive, Proactive and Effective Leadership –

Tuesday 11th June – 09:30 to 12:30

Increase your professional confidence and self-awareness of leadership skills, attributes and competencies, as well as identifying strengths and ways forward for your development.



Leadership and Management: Supporting Staff Wellbeing –

Wednesday 10th July – 09:30 to 12:30

Recognise the 'Anchors of Well-being at Work' and how you can support yourself and your staff team.



Collaborative Peer Observation as a Route to Professional Development and Enhanced Practice –

Wednesday 19th June – 13:00 to 16:00

This course explores the practical challenges and benefits of peer observation. It promotes manageable and effective tools and invaluable approaches to professional development in the early years sector. A focus on sustaining a system that motivates and engages full staff involvement.

Early Years Training – Expansion Support

To support settings with the upcoming Expansion of Childcare offers being extended to children aged between 9 and 23 months old, we have created a variety of baby-focused courses that will support you and your staff. These are all part of our subsidised 'Expansion Support Offer', this means all of the below courses cost only **£10 per person**. Boost your confidence and skills when working with babies by booking on to one of these brilliant courses.

- [Developing High Quality Provision for Babies \(0-2 Years\) \(Webinar\)](#)
 - Thursday 4 July – 9.30am to 12.30pm
- [Baby Room Basics – Brilliant Baby Room Environments \(Webinar\)](#)
 - Thursday 27 June – 9.30am to 11.00am
- [Baby Room Basics – Speech and Language Development \(Webinar\)](#)
 - Tuesday 2 July – 9.30am to 11.30am
- [Baby and Toddler Basics – Schema Play in the Under 3's \(Webinar\)](#)
 - Thursday 27 June – 7.00pm to 8.30pm