

Family Hubs in Derbyshire

Family Hubs - background

In November 21 the Government announced of £500 million towards families and early years services, in line with their 2019 manifesto promises.

£83 million of this was been specifically allocated for Family Hubs to support the government's commitment to supporting families and providing the right help at the right time.

Funding was made available which is to help to open family hubs in new and existing areas by supporting the practical implementation of family hubs in good and outstanding LA's. Family hubs hope to improve the accessibility of support services for vulnerable families affected by the pandemic.

The DFE provided funding for LAs (up to **£40k**) to complete a 'Feasibility or Impact Assessment' to begin the change process. This included undertaking system mapping of local services, with an additional focus on bringing SEND, Child Disability and Early Help services within the family hub model.

Family Hubs Approach

A Family Hub is a system-wide model of providing high-quality, joined-up, whole-family support services. Hubs will deliver these services from conception, through a child's early years until they reach the age of 19 (or 25 for young people with special educational needs and disabilities).

Family Hubs aim is to make a positive difference to parents, carers and their children by providing a mix of physical and virtual spaces, as well as outreach, where families can easily access non-judgmental support for the challenges they may be facing.

Family Hubs will provide a universal 'front door' to families, offering a 'one-stop shop' of family support services across their social care, education, mental health and physical health needs, with a comprehensive [Best Start for Life](#) offer for parents and babies at its core.

Family Hubs can support all families, particularly in the **first 1,001 days**, but they are designed to be particularly accessible to families from lower socio-economic groups, families who have special education needs or a disability, or those from minority or hard to reach groups who are experiencing exclusion.

More information about the Family Hubs model: [National Centre for Family Hubs](#)

Key Principles

Each Family Hub will be bespoke to the local community it serves but there are three key [delivery principles](#) that will underlie all Family Hubs:

1.ACCESS

- There is a clear and simple way for families with children of all ages to access help and support through a Family Hub building and a Family Hub approach.

2.CONNECTION

- Services work together for families, with a universal 'front door', shared outcomes and effective governance.
- Professionals work together through co-location, data-sharing and a common approach to their work. Families only have to tell their story once, the service is more efficient, and families receive more effective support.
- Statutory services and voluntary and community sector (VCS) partners work together to get families the help they need.

3.RELATIONSHIPS

- The Family Hub prioritizes strengthening relationships and builds on family strengths.
- Relationships are at the heart of everything that is delivered in Family Hubs

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- Didn't receive funding in the first round
- Looking at a pilot in Gamesley – part of Early Help strategy
- Build on current Children's Centre and Early Help offer
- Support from the Early Help Development Team
- Key feature of Early Intervention and Prevention Strategy