

# Implementing Family Hubs

**Date: 2 November 2021**

[The National Centre for Family Hubs \(NCFH\)](#) is hosting a virtual conference on Implementing Family Hubs. The event will launch the pilot of the Family Hubs Implementation Toolkit: a collection of coproduced resources aimed to support Local Authorities, Health, Education and VCS teams to implement Family Hubs in their local area.

Participants will hear from the practitioners, evidence experts, parents, young people, and Local Authority leaders who have helped to shape this toolkit through a range of plenaries and workshops. The aim is for participants to explore the key themes covered by the modules in the pilot Implementation Toolkit, looking at the evidence, examples of good practice, and how to use the elements of the toolkit to implement Family Hubs.

With the toolkit in pilot phase and at the start of an iterative, coproduced development schedule, we want to use this event to hear feedback from participants on what is helpful, what is missing, and what needs to change to enable effective implementation of Family Hubs in local areas.

## Agenda

<p><b>09:30-09:40 Welcome</b></p> <p>Professor Fonagy will set out the work and offer of the National Centre for Family Hubs and how this is being shaped by the wider Anna Freud Centre’s approach which focuses on relationships, family wellbeing, inclusion and evidence and research around families.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Professor Peter Fonagy, Chief Executive, Anna Freud Centre for Children and Families</li> </ul>
<p><b>09:40-09:55 Opening Address</b></p> <p>Will Quince, recently appointed Minister for Children and Families joins the event to explain the policy principles of family hubs and how the National Centre for Family Hubs’ programme sits into the cross-government focus on family hubs and the Department for Education’s wider plans.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Will Quince, Minister for Children and Families, Department for Education</li> </ul>
<p><b>09:55-10:40 Plenary 1 – Why Family Hubs, Q&amp;A</b></p>	

<p>Dr Camilla Rosan, will speak with Local Authorities who are already implementing Family Hubs in their regions. The plenary will address the reasons for family hubs and why they are the solution.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr Camilla Rosan, Strategic Lead for the National Centre of Family Hubs / Head of Early Years at Anna Freud Centre</li> <li>○ Claire Steen, Children’s Service Manager, IOW Family Centres &amp; Community Early Help, Barnardos</li> <li>○ Laura Groves, Barnardos</li> </ul>
<p><b>10:40-10:55 Break</b></p>	
<p><b>10:55-11:45 Plenary 2 – The Implementation Toolkit in Practice, Q&amp;A</b></p> <p>This presentation introduces the Implementation Toolkit: its different modules and explaining the process behind the development of it. This will be an opportunity for delegates to hear from different contributors to the toolkit from the National Centre for Family Hubs, our evidence partner EIF and Cornwall council.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Claudia Coussins, Senior Programme Manager, National Centre for Family Hubs</li> <li>○ Ben Lewing, Assistant Director, Policy and Practice, Early Intervention Foundation</li> <li>○ Rebecca Sargent, Head of Children and Families Services East Cornwall, Together for Families, Cornwall Council</li> <li>○ Amanda Smith, Cornwall Council</li> <li>○ Helena Webb, Cornwall Council</li> <li>○ Helen Salmon, Cornwall Council</li> </ul>
<p><b>11:45-12:00 Break</b></p>	
<p><b>12:00-12:50 Module Workshops</b></p> <p>This is an opportunity for delegates to attend one of the four parallel workshops in this section of the day. Each workshop will provide a deeper insight into a selection of modules, draw on good practice as well as the opportunity for delegates to share feedback on what they see as helpful, what is missing and what needs to change to enable effective implementation of Family Hubs.</p>	<p><b>1.Coproduction – NCFH Parent Participation</b>  Advisor Dina Koschorreck; Valdeep Gill, Senior Research Manager of Ecorys UK and Harry Angus, Programme Support Manager of Bristol City Council will be sharing good practice around coproduction, in particular around multi-agency integrated services and family hubs. They will consider what joint delivery looks like and how we are bringing together the perspectives</p>

	<p>of families, Local Authority and Anna Freud Centre.  <b>Julie Greer</b></p> <p><b>2.Integration</b> – Dr Camilla Rosan will be joined by Steve Bywater of Children’s Services in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Westminster and Peter Watt, Deputy Head of Church Street Family Hub. Sharing examples of good practice, this session will explore how family hubs can build on existing multi-agency working and which elements of integration should be emphasised for effective implementation.  <b>Julia</b></p> <p><b>3.Relational Practice</b> – Peter Fuggle, Clinical Director of Anna Freud Centre for Children and Families and Lyndsey Mortimer, Service Delivery Manager of Families First Leeds will look at a whole approach to relational practice– from planning, to governance, to commissioning, to management, to frontline practice. They will also discuss the multi layers of relational practice: between teams’ organisations as well as the work with families and individuals.  <b>Paul</b></p> <p><b>4.Evaluation</b> – Convening this session is Laurie Day, Director – Children, Young People and Families of Ecorys UK, Julia Haig, Head of Service - Early Help at Suffolk County Council and Max Stanford, Head of Early Childhood and Care, Early Intervention Foundation (EIF).  <b>Bronia</b></p>
<p><b>12:50-13:40 Lunch</b></p>	
<p><b>13:40-13:45 Youth perspective on Family Hubs</b></p> <p>To start our afternoon, we will hear from Nasreen, a Youth Participation Worker of National Centre for Family Hubs who will share a youth perspective on the role of family hubs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nasreen Siddique, Youth Participation Worker, National Centre for Family Hubs</li> </ul>

<p><b>13:45-14:00 Best Start for Life</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rt Hon. Dame Andrea Leadsom DBE MP</li> </ul>
<p><b>14:00-14:50 Plenary Panel - Family Hubs: From Vision to Impact</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dina Koschorreck, NCFH Parent Participation Advisor (<b>Chair</b>)</li> <li>○ Marc Rooney, Deputy Director for Family Hubs and Early Years Targeted Interventions, Department for Education</li> <li>○ Denise Beavers, Service Manager, Doncaster Local Authority</li> <li>○ Michael Coldwell, Professor of Education and Head of Research and Innovation, Sheffield Institute of Education</li> <li>○ Donna Molloy, Director of Policy &amp; Practice, Early Intervention Foundation</li> <li>○ Andrea King, Clinical Director, Anna Freud Centre for Children and Families</li> </ul>
<p><b>14:50-15:00 Closing &amp; next steps</b></p> <p>Dr Camilla Rosan will close the event and give delegates information about how they can continue their involvement with the National Centre for Family Hubs and what to expect from us in the coming months.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr Camilla Rosan, Head of Early Years, Anna Freud Centre for Children and Families</li> </ul>