



Western Health
and Social Care Trust



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Your FYI is a monthly round up of all things family support and early intervention / prevention across the Western trust and beyond.

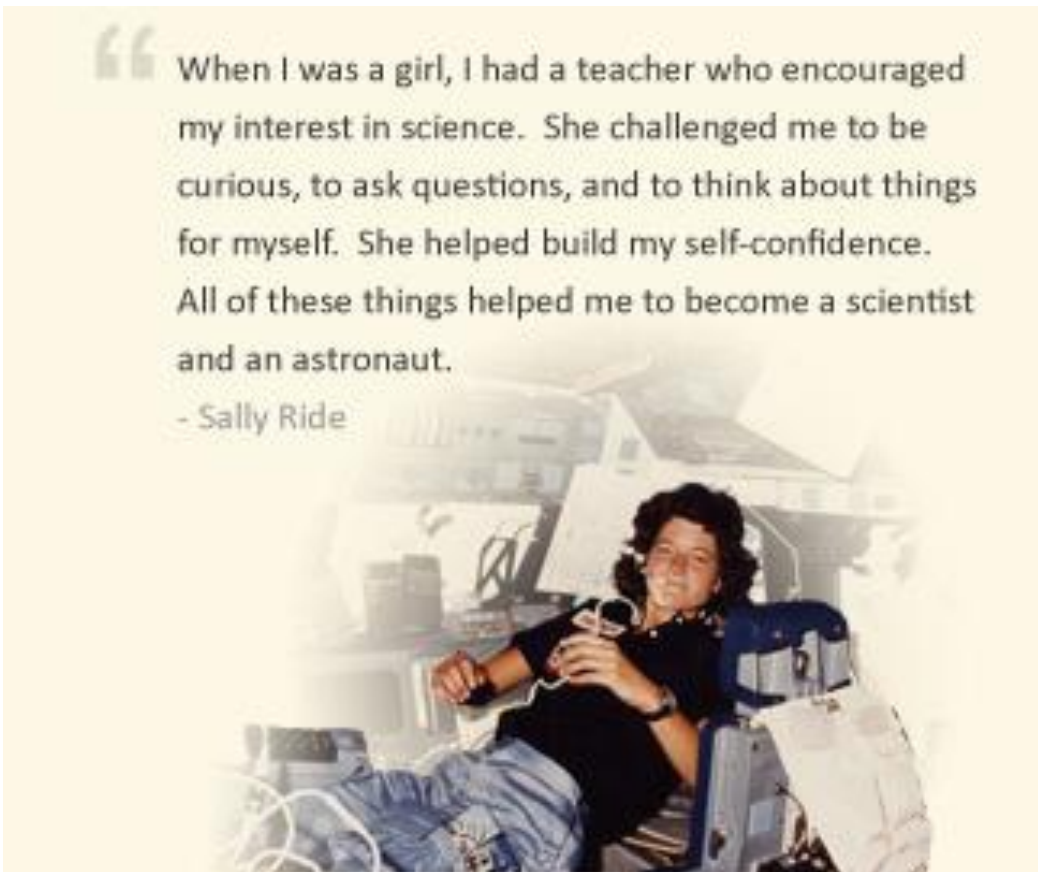
If you would like to contribute upcoming consultations, training, articles, or events that practitioners from the community, voluntary or statutory sectors within the Western Trust will find useful please contact:

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Inspirational Monthly Message

“ When I was a girl, I had a teacher who encouraged my interest in science. She challenged me to be curious, to ask questions, and to think about things for myself. She helped build my self-confidence. All of these things helped me to become a scientist and an astronaut.

- Sally Ride



What is Locality Planning?

The 25 Locality Planning Groups (LPG) at a geography that works best for planning of local services is an integral part of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) infrastructure. Across Northern Ireland, there are approximately 1,532 members of LPG representing 600 different organisations. The strategic expectation is that these multi-agency groups of frontline leaders contribute to strategic planning through working closely with Outcomes Groups and Family Support Hubs.

If you wish to become a member of one of the Western LPGs, please contact:



Dr Priscilla Magee

LPG Meeting Schedule

Fermanagh LPG : 11.00am - 1.00pm – 26th May, 2026. Online.

Limavady LPG : 11am -1.00pm – 29th May, 2026, Online.

Omagh LPG : 11.00pm - 1.00pm – 2nd June, 2026, Online.

Cityside LPG : 11.00 am – 1.00pm – 4th June, 2026, Online.

Waterside LPG : 11.00am – 1.00pm – 12th June, 2026, Online.

Strabane LPG: 2.00pm - 4.00pm – 10th June, 2026, Online.

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Salad Fest 2026



Who doesn't love a salad in the springtime? We've got a one-off session coming up with Acorn Farm that's all about great salads. Join us to...

- Celebrate amazing fresh local produce
- Learn more about eating healthily and sustainably
- Share stories and recipes

Time: 10.30am-12noon

Date: Friday 8th May 2026

Venue: Old Library Trust (Cafe)

Contact Natasha to book 02871 373870 or email familyfirsthub@olt.ie

Section 1: Family Support Available Northern & Southern Sectors peaceofmind@inspirewellbeing.org

PEACE of Mind

empowering young minds, building resilience

A FREE, cross-community wellbeing and personal development programme for young people aged 11–25 in Northern Ireland and the border counties.

For more than six decades, **Inspire** has supported people across our communities with person-centred mental health services.

That experience sits at the core of PEACE of Mind, shaping a programme designed to meet young people where they are and respond to the challenges they face today.

Our commitment to supporting people and their wellbeing guides every element of the programme. We understand that young people need spaces that feel safe, welcoming and genuinely supportive.

PEACE of Mind gives young people the opportunity to build confidence, strengthen their emotional resilience and develop practical strategies they can use in everyday life. Through group discussions, guided activities and meaningful conversations, participants learn tools that help them navigate pressures, relationships and personal challenges in a healthier, more grounded way.

At its heart, PEACE of Mind is about empowering young people to feel seen, supported and capable and giving them the skills to move through the world with greater confidence and connection.

Click the bullet points below to learn more about the elements that make up PEACE of Mind.

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- [Programme Overview](#)
 - [Bespoke Programme Options](#)
 - [Peer Facilitation](#)
 - [Building Resilient Young People](#)
 - [Participant Testimonials](#)

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PEACE of Mind Programme Overview

We support young people aged 11-25 across Northern Ireland and the border counties of the Republic of Ireland to build resilience, confidence and emotional wellbeing.

We provide a safe, inclusive, welcoming and accessible space where young people can access professional guidance on a wide range of topics and challenges, including:

Strengthening coping skills

Navigating challenges

Personal development

Increasing personal awareness

Building emotional resilience

Developing healthy relationships

Social media behaviour

Improving overall wellbeing

How it works

PEACE of Mind is delivered through six in-person sessions, each 1-2 hours, facilitated by trained mental-health and youth-work professionals. Sessions combine guided discussion, practical skill-building and reflective activities that help young people understand themselves, develop coping strategies, build resilience, strengthen relationships and navigate online spaces safely.

Groups are capped at 10 to maintain a supportive environment, and the youth-led approach ensures the content is relevant and engaging while your organisation benefits from a structured, professionally managed wellbeing programme that complements existing support.

Ready to Create Something Meaningful for Your Young People?

Bringing PEACE of Mind to your setting is more than just running a programme, it's investing in a space where young people feel seen, supported and empowered to grow.

Our team is ready to work alongside you to create sessions that genuinely speak to the needs of your group, strengthen your existing provision and offer something meaningful for the young people you care about.

If you're ready to take the next step, we'd love to hear from you!

Let's start a conversation about how we can shape PEACE of Mind together and create a positive impact that lasts long after the sessions end.

Get in touch with our team to register your interest

Freephone - 0808 189 0036

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PEACEPLUS
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PEACE of Mind
empowering young minds,
building resilience.



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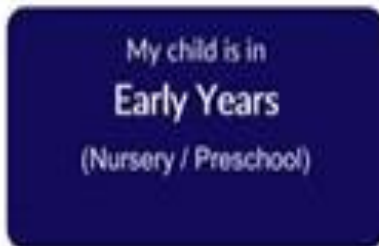
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Welcome to RISE NI Parent Website Homepage



I'd like advice, training and ideas to help my child



RISE NI is a regional early intervention service which supports children in mainstream pre-school educational and mainstream Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 primary school settings.

RISE NI team consists of occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech and language therapists, social emotional and behavioural practitioners, and support workers.

Please find information of resources for parents and professionals on their website. It can be translated in 9 different languages.

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A course for:
parents/guardians of young children (2-5years) who are on an Autism journey and have concerns about language delay.

The course is very practical and is suitable for parents of children:

Already diagnosed with Autism

Awaiting Autism assessment

Professional/parental concerns which indicate that a referral for Autism assessment may be beneficial.



The Incredible Years®

Building Brighter Futures

Autism Spectrum & Language Delays Parenting Program



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Course Aims:

To support parents to play with their child in a way that promotes:

- ✓ Language skills
- ✓ Social skills and emotions
- ✓ Empathy

To develop support systems for parents that will enhance their understanding of the important role they play in their child's development

To obtain peer support from other parents who have similar experiences

To increase parental understanding of Autism.

Course Details



LAST SureStart
Gortin Road Omagh



Session time
9:30am - 11:30am



- Thursday 30th April
- Thursday 7th May
- Thursday 14th May
- Thursday 21st May
- Thursday 28th May
- Thursday 4th June
- Thursday 11th June

This module consists of 7 two hour group sessions with contact from the facilitator between sessions.

There is the option of a further module of 7 more sessions later in the year if attendees are interested.

Tea/coffee and light refreshments will be available each week. Please inform your course Tutors of any dietary requirements.



The Incredible Years®

Building Brighter Futures

If you would like to find out more, please do not hesitate to contact:



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Speech and Language Therapist
Tel: 0746 8711 334

Lisa Storey
Child Development Interventions Coordinator
Health Improvement, Equality & Involvement Department
Western Health and Social Care Trust

Course Funded by the WHSCT Health Improvement, Equality & Involvement Dept. Delivered in partnership with the WHSCT Health Improvement, Equality & Involvement Dept and LAST SureStart.

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Parent Feedback



"The group meeting each week was a very helpful tool, it is great to be with like-minded people who understand while learning at the same time"

"Support from the group and leader's understanding was amazing, just nice for other people to understand what your child and family is going through"

"I enjoyed the course and content, however I took an awful lot from meeting up with other parents"

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The screenshot shows a webpage header with the HSC logo and 'Health and Social Care' text. A green banner contains icons for a house, a tangled knot, and a speech bubble, with the text 'Support Resources'. Below this is an illustration of a man with glasses and a blue shirt holding a clipboard. The main title is 'The Practitioner's Toolkit' with a subtitle 'Mental Health and Ethnic Minority Groups'. At the bottom, there are four blue buttons: 'Introduction', 'Quick Tips', 'Barriers to Accessing Services', and 'Accessing the Appropriate Support - List of Resources'.

The Practitioner's Toolkit: Mental Health and Ethnic Minority Groups is now available!

This toolkit considers how mental health is viewed in different cultures, barriers to accessing services, cultural competences in mental health, 'dos and don'ts' quick reference guide

There is also information on interpreting and translation services as well as other support organisations that practitioners can refer clients to

Download the toolkit [HERE](#)

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What's On In May 2026

Libraries in Causeway Coast & Glens



01 - 31
May

'The History of Kilrea Library' Local Exhibition Project

Kilrea Library invites you to come along and learn more about the library services history in the village, starting from the 1960s until the present day. Find out more on how the provision has evolved with a collection of information locally provided and artefacts from Libraries NI on display to view. Available to view during opening hours.

02
May

North West 200 'Lego Racers' Challenge

Portstewart Library invites children aged 4-10 years to come along and take part in our 'Lego Racers' Challenge. Join our library staff and create your own Lego Racer using our Lego resources, ready to challenge staff to a lap of the racetrack! Booking Essential. 10:30am - 12:00 Noon. Telephone 028 7083 2712 for more details.

07
May

'North West 200 'Design Your Own Motorbike Helmet' Craft

Ballymoney Library invites children aged 4-10 years to come along and celebrate one of the town's most iconic events 'North West 200', as you join our friendly staff, and design your very own Motorbike Helmet, using our selection of craft resources available. 3:00pm - 3:30pm. Telephone 028 2766 3589 for more details.

12
May

Mental Health Awareness Week 'Feelings Art Project'

Cushendall Library invites all the family to come along and take part in our 'Feelings Art Project'. Join our friendly staff as we express our feelings through the use of a variety of art resources, which staff will then display into a collage in the library. Booking Advisable. 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Telephone 028 2177 1297 for more details.

13
May

Mental Health Awareness Week 'De-stress with Watercolours' Session

Dungiven Library invites you to come along and enjoy a relaxing 'Watercolours' session, led by our staff and using our watercolour paint resources. Whether you are a beginner or experienced painter, join us for this calming creative outlet. Booking Advisable. 4:00pm - 5:00pm Telephone 028 7774 1475 for more details.

14
May

Mental Health Awareness Week 'Rock Painting' Adult Craft

Limavady Library invites you to come along and enjoy an afternoon of 'Rock Painting'. Using the rocks we provide and our selection of paints, embrace the therapeutic properties of painting in the comfort and relaxation of your local library. Booking Advisable. 2:00pm - 3:00pm. Telephone 028 7776 2540 for more details and to book a place.

This is just a sample of the events that will be taking place in libraries during the month. If you would like to know more please visit our website or follow us on social media.



www.librariesni.org.uk

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Safe and happy childhood

Action for Children protects and supports children and young people, providing practical and emotional care and support, ensuring their voices are heard, and campaigning to bring lasting improvements to their lives.

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We can support you if you are:

- Homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- Aged 16 to 25 years old.
- Living in the Fermanagh or Omagh area.

Please get in touch with us if you are:

- Homeless.
- Having regular arguments at home.
- Feeling unsafe in your home.
- Sleeping on a friends sofa or moving from place to place.
- Living in rented property and at risk of eviction.
- Struggling to pay rent and bills.
- Finding it hard to manage your finances and benefits.
- Having problems with neighbours or unwanted visitors.

Your dedicated floating support worker can help you:

Sort out any difficulties with family or carers.
Deal with your landlord whether NIHE or private.
Manage your:

- Home and personal safety.
- Appointments.
- Bills and finances.
- Relationships.
- Free time.
- Physical and mental health and well-being.
- Education and employment.

Sperrin & Lakeland Floating Support Service



Safe as Houses

Action for children's floating support service works alongside young people to tackle the underlying issues that can lead to homelessness

We provide a flexible, individual approach enabling young people to feel safe and secure wherever they live.

Our commitment to you:

- We listen.
- We make plans with you.
- We meet at a time and place that suits you.
- We work closely with the people who are important to you.



More about the service

In addition to your dedicated floating support worker, we offer a range of practical support including:

- A mobile service that comes to you.
- Access to computer.
- Flexible working hours to meet your needs.
- 24 hour on-call service and flexible working hours.
- Evening and weekend support.
- Help with childcare and transport.
- Training and volunteering opportunities.
- Fun activities either one to one or in a small group.
- Assistance with moving home.


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Get Support

Family Support

An opportunity to talk one-to-one or as a group in a safe, non-judgmental environment.



On this page

How we can help	What to expect	Video - The Journey
Available programmes	Helpful Resources	Video - The Learnings

Call our Cancer Nurseline
0800 783 3339

Available Monday, Wednesday, Friday, (9am to 1pm)

Make a Referral

How we can help

When an adult is diagnosed with cancer it affects the entire family. It can be a distressing, isolating and frightening time. Sometimes, it can be hard for an individual or whole family to openly talk about exactly how it feels to go through a cancer journey.

For children and young people, it can bring unwanted and dramatic changes to their lives and can affect their experience of school, relationships, and ongoing development. Family Support is one way for children, parents, and guardians to express their emotions. An opportunity to talk one-to-one or as a group in a safe, non-judgmental environment.



[Make a Referral](#) [Watch Video](#)

Available programmes

The service is for children/young people and their families when a significant adult has been diagnosed with cancer. The adult might be a parent, grandparent, or carer.

Sometimes an individual member of the family might benefit from one-to-one support or the entire family can have a space to be together and share their feelings.

This service is delivered across Northern Ireland and is run by experienced Family Support Workers.

- Family Bereavement
- Writing for the Future and Memory Work
- One to One Support for a Child/Young Person
- Dads Bereavement Socials
- Parents Sessions
- Teenage Support
- Children's Group Work
- Individual Family Support

What to expect

A designated Family Support Worker will discuss a family's individual needs and will arrange suitable support.

- Helps families, children and young people untangle complicated emotions and fears
- Provide a support service tailored to meet the needs of each family
- Offer constructive practical and emotional support when life feels difficult
- Help your family find the language to speak to each other about cancer
- Provide opportunities for children/young people to meet others in a similar situation
- Provide opportunities for parents to share experiences and feelings
- Support the family to have some fun together and enable them to continue family life

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We are so excited to share an excellent calendar of events and support coming up across April to May for families across Northern Ireland with children and young people aged 0 – 25 with a vision impairment.

- Check out our website for more events: [Events](#)
- Follow our Facebook page: [Angel Eyes NI | Belfast | Facebook](#)



Apr 20
Employers for Childcare benefits and financial advice

Information 20/4/26



Apr 29
Parents Committee Meeting

Information 29/4/26



May 02
Armagh Planetarium Visit

Activity 2/5/26



May 12
Exam Tips and Self Care Workshop

Information 12/5/26



May 16
Saturday Club

Activity 16/5/26



Jun 03
My Care App Workshop

Information 3/6/26



Jun 20
Saturday Club

Activity 20/6/26

Community Stakeholder Training Did you know Angel Eyes NI provide exclusive Empatheyeyes Immersive CPD Training Session? The training is designed to enhance your understanding of vision impairment and how you can better support children and young people in our community. This free training, delivered by an experienced Eye Clinician and Support Coordinator, uses our innovative Empatheyeyes Virtual Reality software to give you first-hand insight into the impact of living with vision impairment. It's a great opportunity to gain practical knowledge and skills in an immersive way.

Angel Eyes NI works hard to secure funding to offer this at no cost to our partners and have limited space available. Each organisation may register up to two attendees, and a waiting list will be in place. Contact: Lisa Allen to secure your place.

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<https://www.dryarchcentre.org/referral-for-family-support/>



DART
Domestic Abuse Recovering Together

A supportive programme for mothers and one child (age 7 - 14 years) affected by domestic abuse.



Confidential and Caring
Contact with us will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and care. Take the first step today to help recover and heal together.

— Delivered in partnership with —



THE DRY ARCH
CHILDREN'S CENTRES
'it takes a whole village to raise a child'

NSPCC
Contact 028 777 42904 or
email Nicola.Spence@dryarchcentre.co.uk

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Do you run a Parent and Toddler group in Northern Ireland?
We are updating the information we hold on **FamilySupportNI.gov.uk**
Check if your group is listed and if your information is correct:
Search Results in Parent & Toddler Category
Get in touch with us to publicise your group today!
E-mail: info@familysupportni.gov.uk

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Women Centre Derry

Since 1985, Women Centre Derry has provided a safe, supportive, and empowering environment where women can learn, grow, and access the services they need to reach their full potential.

We work collaboratively with individuals, communities, and partner organisations to promote women's empowerment, equality, education, and wellbeing.

Our Programmes:



RECOVER, REBUILD, RENEW. (RRR)

Supporting families with young children impacted by COVID-19. RRR offers play-based activities, parental support, and wellbeing services designed to boost child development and strengthen confidence at home.

MAS

Mental health and advocacy support for expectant and new mothers with children aged 0-3. MAS provides a space for women to share their healthcare experiences and works to improve maternity services across Northern Ireland.



SUCCESS NORTH WEST

Delivered in partnership with community hubs across the Derry & Strabane area, this programme improves employability, skills, and confidence for women furthest from the labour market, particularly those affected by long-term unemployment or poverty.



CONNECT

A community-led project celebrating cultural diversity across the city. CONNECT brings women from different ethnic and religious backgrounds together through shared activities, dialogue, and community events, building understanding, peace, and stronger neighbourhoods.



YODA

Advocacy, integration support, and activities for children and young people from ethnic minority communities.



English Speakers of other languages (ESOL)

Accredited language classes helping women build confidence in English, improve communication skills, and access further education and employment opportunities.



Womens Regional Consortium

Representing the voices of disadvantaged and rurally isolated women across Northern Ireland. The Consortium responds to government consultations, carries out research, and influences policy to ensure women's needs are heard.

Support Services

Free Onsite Crèche (8 weeks, 4 years)
Our crèche enables women to participate fully in learning, training, and support programmes by providing free, high-quality childcare on site.

Wrap-Around Support

Women Centre Derry provides one-to-one counselling, advocacy, guidance, and referrals to ensure every woman receives holistic, person-centred support.



Women's Centre Derry
ACCESS & EMPOWERMENT

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What is Dads Talk?

Dads Talk is an established online peer support group for separated fathers.

Hosted by Parentline NI, the virtual group sessions run twice monthly via zoom.
(Thursday evenings from 7pm-8.30pm).

Dads Talk offers a regular space for separating/separated dads to get together.
This valuable group provides dads with the opportunity to share experiences,
discover positive coping strategies and find emotional support.

The group is led by peer facilitators, dads who have been involved
over time with the group, firstly as members of Dads Talk
and then as experienced co-facilitators.

The group runs with a flexible, less structured approach
and is based on the model of peer support.

Some dads attend regularly for the whole session, some attend
less regularly or only for a part of the session.

The number of dads attending is usually around 10-15.

A designated Parentline NI staff member is responsible for assisting
the facilitators and providing administrative support such as processing self-referrals to the group
and ensuring consent for registration and contact details to be shared with the Dads Talk Whatsapp
group.

Next steps...could Dads Talk be for you?

It is easy to get involved with Dads Talk. Please just phone our Parentline Team.

We are here anytime to advise, support or simply listen and we can
email you the short self-referral form for Dads talk.

Parentline Helpline **0808 8020 400**

(9am to 9pm Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm on Fridays & every Saturday from 9am to 1pm)
or email parentline@ci-ni.org.uk

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At Foyle Network Foundation we have a range of services to support those struggling financially. We work with a wide range of partners who can make a referral (list available on our website) or get in touch with us directly through any of our contact methods below.

SERVICES INCLUDE:

Short- and long-term support of food/toiletries/household items through our shop or pre prepared packages

Membership at The Network, which allows members to avail of food/toiletries/household items once a week at our shop on the Strand Road. Members will be able to purchase items at up to 50% less than recommended retail prices

Financial advice which includes access to specialist benefit and debt advice services, advice and support on money management & budgeting, savings, lifestyle budgeting and energy advice

Baby Hubs at Skoega Community Hub and Irish Street Community Centre - for those living in the Ballyarnett and Waterside areas with a child aged 0-3 years and struggling financially. Members avail of family toiletries including nappies for a £5 fee

Foyle Network Foundation provides confidential support. We do this by working with other organisations who can support with health and wellbeing, addiction, family issues, finances and many more.

GET IN TOUCH WITH US

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- ✉ info@foyle.foodbank.org.uk
- ☎ 028 71 263699

FIND US ON   



**JOIN US IN CHANGING LIVES -
YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**

At Foyle Network Foundation, we believe that small actions create big impact. Every day, families in our community struggle to afford basic necessities—food, housing, and essential care. At Foyle Network Foundation we work tirelessly to support local people who are struggling, ensuring that hope, opportunity, and dignity remain within reach. But we can't do it alone. Your support makes all the difference.

WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

- Donate today** - Every £ helps us provide essential household items and support services
- One-off donations** can be made at our Office in Springtown Industrial Estate Monday to Thursday 9am - 5pm and Friday 9am - 3pm
- Or you can make your donate through our official website:**
<https://foyle.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/> or scan to donate:



Give Regularly
Become a monthly donor sign up through our website <https://foyle.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/> or email info@foyle.foodbank.org.uk

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR HELP WITH DONATING

- Contact our Fundraiser Patricia:
- ✉ patriciaodonnell@foyle.foodbank.org.uk
- ☎ 077 0497 5901 (text or whatsapp)

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The **National Deaf Children's Society** and **Family Fund** have partnered to deliver a new UK-wide funding programme for families raising deaf children aged 0 to 11

The programme helps families access assistive technology, specialist equipment, and British Sign Language (BSL) learning, supporting children to communicate, learn and take part fully in everyday life

What Funding Is Available?

You can apply for funding towards:

- Assistive technology for hearing, communication or learning
- BSL learning for children and families
- Computers or tablets to support communication and learning

Who Can Apply?

You may be eligible if:

- You are the main carer of a deaf child aged 0–11 (or still in primary education)
- Your child has any level of hearing loss, including temporary or hearing loss in one ear
- You live anywhere in the UK

There is no income threshold

This programme has its own eligibility criteria, and you can apply even if you've had a Family Fund grant before

How To Apply

Apply directly through Family Fund - Check eligibility and apply online via the Family Fund Website [HERE](#)

Delivered by Family Fund in partnership with the National Deaf Children's Society

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Waiting on NHS Treatment?

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SUPPORT WHILE YOU WAIT

You don't have to wait alone

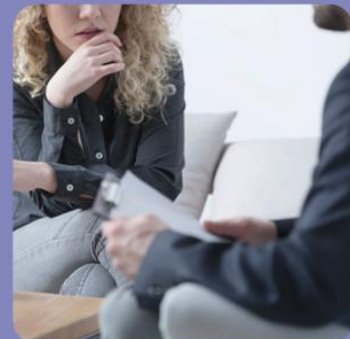


We are here to support you while you wait.

Offering you a 12 week programme providing practical, emotional and well being focused support to help you feel connected to make informed choices and take back control.

What we offer

- Guided well being sessions
- Helpful tools and resources you can use at home
- A safe space to talk, share and feel heard
- Personalised guidance that fits your situation
- Creative arts
- Pain management
- Stress management/mindfulness
- Coping strategies/sleeping patterns



Register your interest:

028 7137 3502 or foyle@amh.org.uk

Action Mental Health Foyle

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Health

An Roinn Sláinte

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www.health-ni.gov.uk

This Programme is funded by The Department of Health in partnership with Action Mental Health

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EVAWG- News – Fermanagh & Omagh District Council EVAWG Toolkit

“**Be The Change**” Toolkit created by Fermanagh and Omagh Women’s Aid. The toolkit provides information on how to respond to inappropriate behaviours, policies and procedures and evidence based ways to support change. The Toolkit is designed to increase users’ awareness and understanding of primary prevention and to help readers develop their vital role in tackling gender inequality and VAWG.



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Respectful Relationships

Free 4- week programme available to Community Groups across NI

The programme, for participants aged 16+, promotes respectful relationships and an understanding of the differences between challenging relationships and those rooted in harms. It reduces barriers by creating a supportive group where participants focus on developing self-worth and confidence building in relationships to ensure women & girls feel safe everywhere.

**To book the programme, email office@relateni.org
or call us on 028 9032 3454**

Relate NI  Northern Ireland Executive
www.northernireland.gov.uk



END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS

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Translations – Children and Young People’s Strategic Partnership (CYPSP)

Welcome to the Translation Hub

This page is best viewed with the ReachDeck (Browsealoud) application open, click on the  icon in the top right corner and select the language of your choice by clicking  on the toolbar above.

Welcome to the CYPSP Translation Hub providing you with important information on Health, COVID-19, Education, Housing, Employment, Contacts for support and much more.

To help promote this page [click Here](#) to download translated leaflets.

Please feel free to bring to our attention any amendments, comments or if you would like to suggest more content or include your contact details email cypsp@hscni.net




Health



Family Support

SureStart

SureStart



Carers



Cost of Living Crisis



Education



Housing



Employment



Safety / Community



Youth Justice Agency




Police/Crime




Money/Grant Advice




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Ukraine Advice



Sign Language




How to remain in the UK after Brexit

EU Settlement/Migration



Youth Wellness Web



Contacts

Section 1: Family Support Available Northern & Southern Sectors

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SEND CENTRAL

Opening Hours:
Monday to Friday
9am to 4:30pm.

Which option do I select?

PRESS 1 If you need advice specific to a child or young person who is currently undergoing Stage 3 statutory assessment or already has a Statement of SEN.

PRESS 2 If you need wider advice about Special Educational Needs in general (i.e. not specific to a particular child).

PRESS 3 If you need to speak to one of our specific SEND Support Services:

- Autism Advisory Intervention
- Primary Behaviour Support
- Post-Primary Behaviour Support
- Educational Psychology
- Language and Communication
- Literacy Service
- Medical Needs
- Moderate Learning Difficulties
- SEN Early Years
- Severe Learning Difficulties
- Vision Impairment & Deafness
- Getting Ready to Learn

SEND Central
028 9031 7777

Special Educational Needs (SEN) Helpdesk

SEND Central

Access SEN Support Services via one single telephone number at 028 9031 7777

When you call 028 9031 7777, you will be asked to select from 1 of 3 options.

✓ Which option do I select?

➡ Press Option 1 – if you require advice or information specific to a child or young person who is currently undergoing Stage 3 statutory assessment, or already has a Statement of SEN.

➡ Press Option 2 – if you require wider advice or information relating to Special Educational Needs in general (not relating to a specific child or young person).

➡ Press Option 3 – if you require advice or information from one of our specific SEND Support Services.

The list of services within this area, can be found on

our website [🔗 https://send.eani.org.uk/contact-us](https://send.eani.org.uk/contact-us) (at eani.org.uk)

Section 1: Family Support Available Northern & Southern Sectors



We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded a grant from the The National Lottery for our Community Information Service

This means we can continue to support and advise parents and professionals on how to access education support for children with additional needs and SEND

If you would like more information about our free workshops on How the SEN System Works email info@senac.co.uk

Workshops include information about Statutory Assessments, Statements of SEN, Learning Plans, appealing decisions & changes to the system

www.senac.co.uk



Section 2: Youth Support

Home - Sexual Health NI



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Enter your search here 🔍

Home | Sex and wellbeing | Contraception | Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) | Urgent information and care | Events and campaigns

From 1 August 2025, Meningococcal B vaccine to protect against the risk of gonorrhoea infection will be available and administered by local Health and Social Care (HSC) trusts in Northern Ireland through GUM clinics as part of a world-first gonorrhoea vaccination programme.

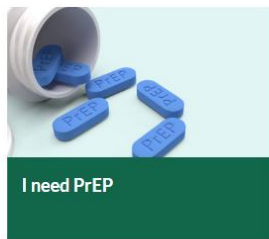


Sexual health – who do you listen to?

#WhoDoYouListenTo
#SexualHealthWeekNI2026



sexualhealthni.info



Genitourinary medicine (GUM) clinic – a step by step guide

The following video shows what happens if you go for an appointment at a GUM clinic. A GUM clinic is a place where sexual health is confidentially assessed and you can be tested and treated for STIs. There are GUM clinics across Northern Ireland.

You do not need to be referred by another doctor. In most cases, you will need to make an appointment. If you are worried that you have an STI, you can get tested at your nearest clinic.



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Sexual and Reproductive Health Services | Western Health & Social Care Trust

Sexual and Reproductive Health Clinics

Clinic	Location	Day(s)	Time	Booking
Brae Clinic	Waterside Health Centre	Monday - Friday	9.00am-1.00pm and 2.00pm-5.00pm	Appointment only
Omagh	Omagh Hospital and Primary Care Complex	Monday and Thursday	9.00am-1.00pm and 2.00pm-5.00pm	Appointment only
		Tuesday	9.00am - 1.00pm	Telephone enquires
Enniskillen	South West Acute Hospital	Wednesday	2.00pm - 5.00pm	Appointment only
South West College	Erne Campus	Wednesday	9.00am - 12.30pm	Mob: 07920154737
Limavady (Under 25s)	Limavady Health Centre	1st and 3rd Thursday of every month (starting 3rd October 2024)	2.00pm - 4.30pm	Appointment only
Strabane (Under 25s)	Strabane Health Centre	2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month (starting 25th September 2024)	2.30pm - 4.30pm	Appointment only

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Contacts

Brae Clinic

Waterside Health Centre Level 2
127-147 Spencer Road
BT47 6AH

 02871321758

South West College

1 Cornagrade Road
Enniskillen
BT74 6DU

 02866382693

Sexual Assault Referral Centre

 08003894424

Omagh Hospital and Primary Care Complex

7 Donaghane Road
Omagh
BT79 0NR

 02882835536

GUM Clinic and HIV Service

Altnagelvin Hospital

 02871611269

South West Acute Hospital

124 Irvinestown Road
Enniskillen
BT74 6DN

 02866382693

Abortion Service Northern Ireland

 03453650534

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Project supported by the PHA



HIV STIs & Contraception OCN Level 2 Course

ACET have been funded by the PHA to provide the online
HIV STIs and Contraception OCN L2 Training course:
There are 2 course date options:

COURSE 1 DATES:

Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st **MAY** 2025 from 10.00-11.30am each day

Apply here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1043601559357?aff=oddtcreator>

COURSE 2 DATES:

Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th, Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th **JUNE** 2025 from 10.00-11.30am each day

Apply here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1303975177859?aff=oddtcreator>

The course will be delivered entirely online via **4 live Zoom sessions** and will cover:

- Sexually Transmitted Infections
- Blood-borne viruses : HIV and Hepatitis C
 - Contraception
 - Prevention
 - Condom Use
- Local Sexual Health Services

It will be suitable for anyone working or volunteering with either young people or adults in Northern Ireland who would like to improve their understanding of sexual health.

If interested, register using the links above or contact Nigel@acet-ni.com

Section 1: Youth Support Available Northern & Southern Sectors

Digital Detox Workshops

Youth, Environment, Sport
**Aimed at anyone working with children and
young people**



01/05
TOLLYMORE FOREST PARK 10AM - 2PM

08/05
BALLINTOY HARBOUR 11AM - 3PM

15/05
GLENVEAGH NATIONAL PARK 11AM - 3PM

22/05
FERMANAGH, TBC 10AM - 2PM

Guided nature immersion
Campfire connection & storytelling
Mindfulness & wellbeing activities
Digital disconnection practices

ASABIR@COOPERATIONIRELAND.ORG

Section 2: Youth Support Available Northern & Southern Sectors Our Generation – Youth Work 8 Years – 24 Years

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OUR GENERATION LEARNING LAB



22/04 10AM-12PM	Drug Misuse Training ONLINE
22/04 2-3PM	Childhood Bereavement Training ONLINE
24/04 12-12:30PM	Tea with OG (Information Session) ONLINE
29/04 10AM-12PM	Building resilience with Children & Young People (Foster Services) ONLINE
7&8/5 THU DAY TRAINING	MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING IN PERSON LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

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OUR GENERATION LEARNING LAB



SERIES OF DIGITAL DETOX WORKSHOPS

24/04 10AM-2PM	DIGITAL DETOX OUTDOOR WORKSHOP BELFAST LOCATION TBC
01/05 10AM-2PM	DIGITAL DETOX OUTDOOR WORKSHOP TOLLYMORE FOREST PARK, NEWCASTLE
08/05 11AM-3PM	DIGITAL DETOX OUTDOOR WORKSHOP BALLINVOY HARBOUR
15/05 11AM-3PM	DIGITAL DETOX OUTDOOR WORKSHOP OLENVEACH NATIONAL PARK, DONEGAL

★ APRIL - JUNE 2026

OUR GENERATION LEARNING LAB



13/05 10-11:30AM	Managing Exam Stress ONLINE
28/05 12-12:30PM	Tea with OG (Information Session) ONLINE
05/06 10AM-5PM	LEGO Therapy IN PERSON BELFAST
12/06 10AM-5PM	LEGO Therapy IN PERSON MONAGHAN
26/06 12-12:30PM	Tea with OG (Information Session) ONLINE

What trainings would benefit your work with children & young people?

Let us know via this short survey. Follow the link or scan the QR code below!

<https://forms.gle/mfMMx4PPHk67p4b9>



 www.eventbrite.com/our-generation

 <https://docs.google.com/forms>

Section 2: Youth Support Available Northern & Southern Sectors



Special Focus – Children's Mental Health

This #childrensmentalhealthweek2025 Visit NIs central online emotional, mental health & wellbeing resource designed by young people for young people (Parents & Teachers too) updated regularly with loads of advice, info & signposting, videos & free MH training <https://cypsp.hscni.net/youth-wellness-web/>

CYPSP
Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership

Youth Wellness Web

A place where everyone deserves to be helped at any time, no matter how big or small the problem is!

If you're struggling, it's okay to reach out:

Visit
cypsp.hscni.net/youth-wellness-web/

Call Childline on:
0800 1111

Call LIFELINE on:
0808 808 8000

Text Shout:
852558

Deaf & hard of hearing
textphone users:
18001 0808 808 8000

SCHOOL BULLYING WELLBEING BEREAVEMENT MENTAL HEALTH

Scan QR code

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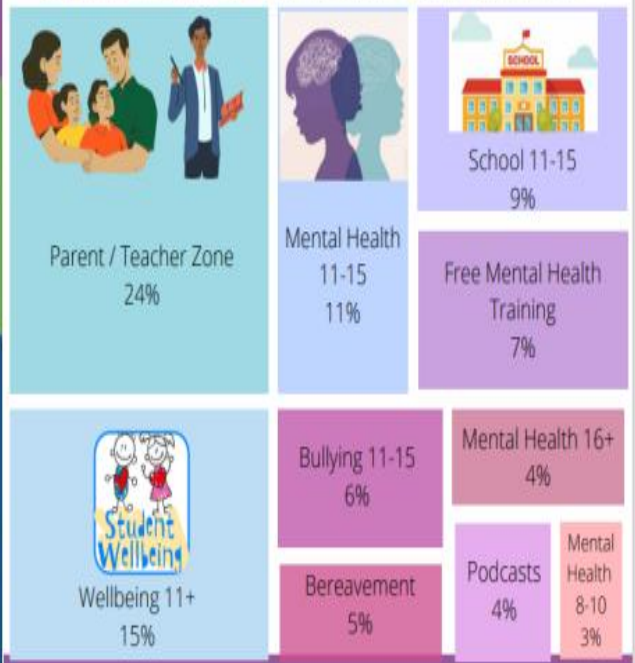
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Top 10 most visited sections on Youth Wellness Web



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**YOUTH
WELLNESS
WEB**

Feeling overwhelmed?
Anxious? Or just need
some tips to stay well?

YOU are not alone.

The Youth Wellness Web
is here for YOU –
anytime, anywhere.

No matter how big or
small it feels, it's okay to
reach out.

[HTTPS://CYPSP.HSCNI.NET/YOUTH-WELLNESS-WEB/](https://cypsp.hscni.net/youth-wellness-web/)

Working in Partnership since 2011

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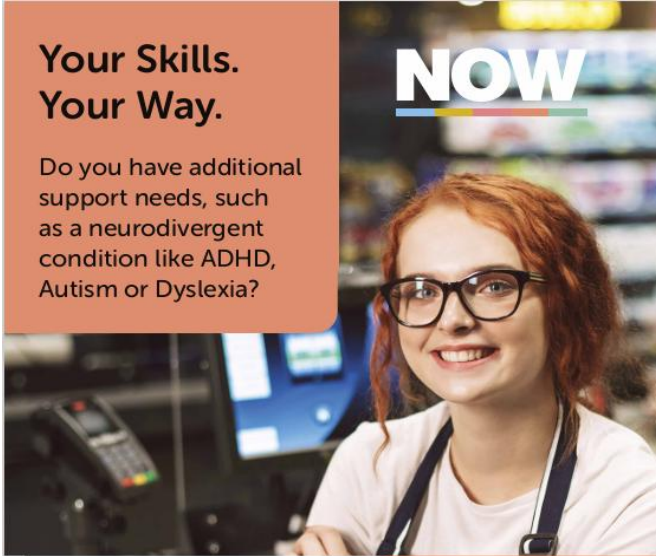


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Your Skills. Your Way.

Do you have additional support needs, such as a neurodivergent condition like ADHD, Autism or Dyslexia?

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Over the last 3 years we have supported

4,384

Qualifications achieved

813

People into paid jobs



Scan the QR code or visit our website to start your journey

www.nowgroup.org

Registration subject to eligibility.



Section 2: Youth Support Available Northern & Southern Sectors

Relate- Ed | Relate NI Relationships and Sexuality Education NI



Age appropriate, inclusive and evidence based Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) for young people.

Relate- Ed Workshops can Include:

Real Growth: Changes to body & mind in puberty.

Relatable relationships: Building strong, respectful, and loving relationships.

Real Talk: Making informed choices around healthy relationships and pornography
(Aged 13+)

Relatable choices: Sexual Health (Aged 13+)

Real Respect: Mutual respect and consent in every interaction.

Really creative: Positive relationships and boundaries through ART and Play.

Real support: Teacher tools & support

Really savvy: Staying safe online

For more information on booking the workshops, contact:

Office@relateni.org

028 9032 3454

Relate NI



**Northern Ireland
Executive**

www.northernireland.gov.uk

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& GIRLS

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How to protect your finances during uncertain times | MoneyHelper

How to protect your finances during uncertain times



Last updated:
07 April 2026

You might already be feeling the financial effects of recent global events when you're at the petrol pump, looking at your investments or applying for a mortgage. Find out about the help that's available and what to do next.

Petrol prices

There have been big increases in the cost of petrol and diesel over the last couple of weeks.

If you need to fill up, you can [compare fuel prices on sites like Confused.com](#), [PetrolPrices](#) and the [Consumer Council Fuel price checker](#) in Northern Ireland by entering your postcode.

Using public transport is a good way to reduce the amount of fuel you use. If you are disabled or over 60 in Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales or over 66 in England you might be able to get a [free bus pass](#) or [Freedom Pass in London](#) to travel for free.

Energy rates

People who get their gas and electricity from a domestic energy supplier and who aren't on a fixed deal are protected by the Ofgem price cap.

The Ofgem price cap is now £1,641 a year. This will change again on 1 July 2026 but we don't know how much it will be yet.

The energy price cap is a limit on the amount it costs per unit of gas or electricity when you're on your supplier's standard variable tariff. The yearly figure above is based on what an average household uses.

If you're on a default tariff for your energy, then your bills should remain stable until July. The next price cap is likely to be significantly higher.

The government has announced some support with energy bills that should be available in the autumn. This is likely to be targeted at lower income households.

There aren't many fixed deals available for lower than the price cap, but you might still choose to fix your contract to help you know what your bills will be for the next year.

Read more in our guide [What to do if your energy bill is high](#)

Heating oil, LPG and off-grid fuels

The price of heating oil has gone up by 30% in the past year, and if it's time to refill your tank, you might be worried about how you'll afford it.

There is now extra help available through the Crisis and Resilience Fund, which you can access by [contacting your local council](#)

Read more about [how to save money on heating oil and liquefied petroleum gas \(LPG\)](#)

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[Budget planner](#) | [Free online budget planning tool](#) | [MoneyHelper](#)



Home > Everyday money > Budgeting

Budget planner

Our free online tool helps you keep track of your money and suggests ways to improve your finances.

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You'll get a **£10 voucher** and help shape how millions of people plan for their future.

[Sign up today](#)

What do I need to fill out the Budget planner?

You'll need to work out your income and spending across a few different categories. To help you, it's a good idea to have these to hand:

- payslips
- bank statements
- bills
- your banking app.

If you need some help working out your take home pay, you can also [use MoneyHelper's Salary calculator, it will show you how much you have left after tax](#), student loans and other deductions like National Insurance.

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How does the Budget planner work?

The Budget planner adds up all your income and outgoings, and then shows you what's left over. It breaks down where you're spending your money, giving you an idea of where you might be able to make savings and cut costs.

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<https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/money-troubles/cost-of-living>



Home > Money troubles

Help with the cost of living

The cost of everyday essentials has been rising for the last few years. From supermarket basics to monthly bills, your money is likely not stretching as far as it used to.

If you're behind on your bills or going into debt to pay them, the best thing you can do is take action now. There are places to turn to if you have money troubles or if you need help with bills urgently. You might be able to claim extra benefits to help you increase your income, such as Universal Credit. You can also ask your local council for help, for example from the Crisis Resilience Fund in England, the Welfare Fund in Scotland, the Discretionary Assistance Fund in Wales and the Social Fund in Northern Ireland.

Whether you're worried about everyday money, the bills you have to pay, rising rents, or tackling debt, we've brought together our most useful tools, calculators and guides to help you keep on top of your money.

[Explore our cost of living guides](#) ↓

[Use our cost of living tools](#) ↓



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Cost of living help – Fermanagh & Omagh District Council

Home » Services » Community » Community Help Support

Cost of living help



Help with benefits, debt and money management >

Help with fuel and energy costs >

Help with increased food costs >

Help with employment and training >

Help with your physical wellbeing >

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Help for families >

Help with transport >

Help with housing >



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Cost of living help – Fermanagh & Omagh District Council

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Step 3: Where can I get help?

Each of these services offer free and confidential advice

Omagh Independent Advice Service

Free, confidential & independent advice on benefits, employment, housing, debt and more
028 8224 3252 | info@oias.co.uk | www.oias.co.uk

Help with options: **1 2 3 4 5 6**

Community Advice Fermanagh

Free, confidential & independent advice on benefits, employment, housing, debt and more
028 6632 4334 | www.communityadvicefermanagh.com
browntree@communityadvicefermanagh.com

Help with options: **1 2 3 4 5 6**

Advice NI

Providing free, confidential & independent advice on benefits, personal/business debt, EU Settlement Scheme and more
0800 915 4604 | advice@adviceni.net
www.adviceni.net

Help with options: **1 2 3 4 5 6**

Christians Against Poverty

Debt counselling charity
0800 328 0006 | jonhayward@capuk.org
www.capuk.org

Help with option: **3**

Make the Call

Benefits advice line for Northern Ireland
0800 232 1271 | makethecall@dfcnl.gov.uk
Text ADVICE to 07984 405 248
www.nidirect.gov.uk/make-call-service

Department for Communities Finance Support Service

Supports people who live in Northern Ireland and need short-term financial help
0800 587 2750
www.nidirect.gov.uk/finance-support



Interactive version:
www.worryingaboutmoney.co.uk/fermanagh-and-omagh

Other Support

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council – Cost of Living Support
Information and guidance about local and regional services and supports

www.fermanaghomagh.com/costofliving
costoflivinghelp@fermanaghomagh.com

Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Information and support for housing, homelessness, National Energy Action and the NI Oil Savings Network

www.nihe.gov.uk

MoneyHelper

Support with debt, benefits, money management and pensions
0800 138 7777 | www.moneyhelper.org.uk

Action for Children Family Support Hubs

Signpost families & professionals to early intervention services within their community ensuring access to the right help at the right time

Fermanagh: 028 6632 4181

Omagh: 028 8225 9495

www.familysupportni.gov.uk

South West Age Partnership (SWAP)

A network for older people's groups and individual older people
aforbes@southwestagepartnership.co.uk
07955 787 456 | www.facebook.com/swapnetwork

Women's Aid

Information, support and accommodation for women, children and young people affected by domestic abuse

Fermanagh: 028 6632 8898

fermanaghwomenaid.com

Omagh: 028 8224 1414

www.omaghwomenaid.org

Mental Health and Money Advice
Helping you understand, manage and improve your mental health and money issues
www.mentalhealthandmoneyadvice.org/ni

NI Consumer Council

Information on your consumer rights, ways to save money, and guidance on debt support services
www.consumerCouncil.org.uk

Worrying About Money?

Financial advice and support is available if you're struggling to make ends meet

Follow these steps to find out where to get help in Fermanagh and Omagh



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Cost of living help – Fermanagh & Omagh District Council

Step 1: What's the problem?

I suddenly have no money

- Lost job/reduced hours
- Lost money/unexpected expense
- Disaster (e.g. flood or fire)
- Relationship breakdown
- Money stopped (e.g. failed a medical)
- Sanctioned - see option 5

See options **1 2 5 6**

I am waiting on a benefit payment/decision

- Made a new claim for benefit
- Benefit payment is delayed
- Waiting for a benefit decision

See options **1 4**

My money doesn't stretch far enough

- Deciding between food/fuel/mobile credit
- Low income or zero hours contract
- Statutory Sick Pay too low to cover costs
- Facing redundancy
- Not sure if eligible for support
- Change of circumstance (e.g. new baby/bereavement/illness/left partner)

See options **1 2**

I have debt

- Rent or rates arrears
- Gas or electricity
- Credit or store cards
- Personal loans and overdrafts
- Owe friends and family
- Benefit repayments

See option **3**

Step 2: What are some options?

1 Discretionary Support

You may be eligible for grants and loans including Discretionary Support, Universal Credit Contingency Fund Short-term Living Expenses Grant and Social Fund Budgeting Loan.

2 Maximise Your Income

Anyone who is struggling financially can get a benefit check and speak to an advisor for free and confidential advice.

A **benefit check** can ensure that you are receiving all the money you're entitled to, especially if your circumstances have changed recently. Speaking to an advisor could also help you manage your gas and electricity bills and **make sure you're not missing out** on things like school clothing grants or free school meals.

3 Debt Advice

Debt can happen to anyone. Free advice and support can help you find ways to manage your debts and reduce how much you pay each month.

4 Benefit Advance

If you have made a new claim for benefit and are in financial hardship while you wait for your first payment, you may be able to get an advance to afford things like rent or food. It's important to get advice before taking out an advance. Benefit advances must be paid back, and the money will be taken from your future benefit payments (a loan).

5 Hardship Payment

If you have been sanctioned, you may be able to request a hardship payment from the Jobs and Benefits Office. Hardship payments are not always paid immediately, and they're not available to everyone. Hardship payments of Universal Credit need to be paid back (a loan), but hardship payments of Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment Support Allowance do not (not a loan).

6 Challenge a Decision

You can challenge a benefit decision if your benefit has been stopped / sanctioned / reduced / refused or you have been overpaid. Most benefit decisions need to be challenged within one month.

Step 3: Where can I get help with these options?

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Make money make sense!

Do you support groups of Young Adults (16-25) or Adults (18-40)? Would they benefit from increased financial confidence? Our fully funded courses provide essential money management skills needed to navigate major life transitions, such as starting work or moving out for the first time.



Modules covered include:

- **Income:** Sources of income, employment and self-employment and employee rights
- **Deductions:** Reading a payslip, taxes, National Insurance, student loans and pension
- **Spending:** Household costs, comparing products, and ways to pay
- **Budgeting:** Planning a budget, adjusting for expenses, and saving
- **Banking:** Choosing the right accounts and understanding savings
- **Borrowing:** Credit scores, loans, debt management, and avoiding pitfalls
- **Housing & Tenancies:** Managing rent, utilities, and tenancy agreements

About the programme

Our programmes are designed to provide practical, real-world financial knowledge. Sessions are interactive, engaging, and tailored to suit the needs of each group. Participants can also earn a Level 1 Personal Money Management qualification.

"Very practical advice and clear explanations on potentially boring subject matter - my students were all engaged and interested, and the trainer was great with them. Love the variety of activities and the fast pace of the session. Thank you!"

Hayley Millar,
Inclusive Learning Co-Ordinator, NRC

"The trainer delivers sessions on what I'm sure is an uncomfortable topic for our young people in a way that is engaging and straightforward."

Matthew Sloan
Youth Development Lead, King's Trust Belfast

For more information contact:

- NorthernIreland@moneyready.org
- 07376386712

Contact Us
info@moneyready.org
020 3581 9920



"I really enjoyed the workshop as you're not taught all this important stuff in school and it's really made me open my eyes to how to manage my money" - Mary Jane, 21, Belfast

Section 4: Neurodiversity
Available Northern & Southern Sectors
Training - Middletown Centre For Autism
(middletownautism.com)

MIDDLETOWN CENTRE FOR AUTISM

UPCOMING TRAININGS

Scan the QR Code to view all of MCA's upcoming trainings suitable for both parents and professionals!

LEARN MORE

☎ 0044 (0) 28 3751 5750

📍 35 Church Street, Middletown, BT60 4HZ

✉ admin@middletownautism.com



Section 4: Neurodiversity

Middletown Early Years Resource

Available Northern & Southern Sectors

<https://early-years.middletownautism.com/>

Supporting Early Years

Search...



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Section 4: Neurodiversity

Available Northern & Southern Sectors

New dates: Free Parent/Carer Support Courses



Free parent/carers support courses available

Autism NI has released new parent/carers support courses, with topics including:

- Sleep
- Supporting your young child with a learning disability
- School-related anxiety

These courses are supported by the Public Health Agency through the CLEAR project. There are dates available in each Health Trust area across NI - please select the course date that matches your location.

Courses are delivered online via Zoom in the evenings. Sessions include the ability to interact and ask questions, so you can get the support that you need.

We also have our on-demand 'Understanding Autism' webinar that is available for you to access whenever suits your schedule!

You can find out more about the sessions and dates available, and book your place [here](#).

Book your place



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[Autism Courses for Professionals: Autism NI Training | Autism NI](#)



NEW on-demand Autism Training Webinars:

Build your professional development at a time that suits you

Understanding autism is essential for creating inclusive, empowering environments - whether you're working with children, young people, or adults. Our new on-demand training webinars are designed to help professionals like you improve your knowledge and enhance your practice, all at your own pace.

What's included:

Expert-led webinars tailored to children and young people or adults.

Practical strategies for communication, sensory needs, and inclusive support.

How to build a neurodiversity-affirming approach in your role and service.

Plus: Special introductory discounted packages available to celebrate our launch!

Why on-demand?

We know your time is valuable. These pre-recorded sessions allow you to learn in your own time and space - whether that's during a quiet moment at work, at home, or on the go. No deadlines. No pressure. Just high-quality content when it suits you.

You can now choose between our range of live courses and now our on-demand options, so you can choose the learning style that works for you.

Launch offer: Save nearly 15%

To celebrate the launch of our new on-demand autism training webinars, we're offering a special discounted price - just £25 per course for a limited time (standard price: £29). Take advantage of this offer to invest in your professional development and support autistic people with confidence.

[Browse webinars and start learning](#)

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[Autism NI Training <training@autismni.org>](mailto:training@autismni.org)

Free Parent/Carer Support Courses

We still have some places available on our upcoming FREE parent/carers support courses. These courses are supported by the Public Health Agency through the CLEAR project.

There are dates available in each Health Trust area across NI - all dates and times can be found on our website using the links below.

Courses include:

Supporting your autistic child to sleep

Explore what differences or challenges can be experienced by autistic children regarding sleep, and a range of intervention strategies that can be used to promote positive sleep hygiene and routines.



Autism and learning disability: Supporting your young child

Explore the key characteristics of autism for young children, who may also have developmental delays or a learning disability. It will explore practical ways to build communication and connection for your child and how you can tailor visual supports to meet the cognitive level of your child.

Supporting your autistic child with school-related anxiety

Explore contributing factors to school-related anxiety and minimise anxiety triggers for a young person experiencing school 'can't'. Explore strategies to help increase emotional understanding, emotional regulation and coping strategies



Courses are delivered online via Zoom in the evenings. Sessions include the ability to interact and ask questions, so you can get the support that you need. We also have our on-demand 'Understanding Autism' webinar that is available for you to access whenever suits your schedule!

Find out more about the sessions by clicking the course names above, or view all our available courses below.

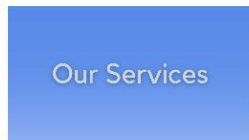
[View all upcoming parent/carers courses](#)

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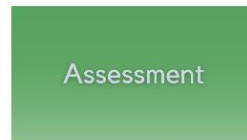
Children and Young People's Autism Service



Our Services



Early Intervention Service (Pre Assessment)



Assessment



Post Diagnostic (Confirmed Diagnosis of Autism)



Useful Links



Further Resources



Service User Feedback



Contact Us



What's On

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Outcome

Following assessment one of the following decisions will be agreed with you.

- If diagnostic criteria is not met, your child will be discharged from the Children & Young People's Autism Service. Onward referral to other agencies/services may be made as appropriate with consent.
- A period of time for a watchful wait is agreed to allow further time for a child to access intervention or further developmental maturation.
- A diagnosis is confirmed and you will be offered post diagnostic support.

Follow up supports may include:

- Information/Advice/Support
- Signposting
- Intervention Programmes
- Individual or Group intervention
- Social work assessment & Intervention



We all think differently

Who We Are

Your child was referred to this service as they were presenting with characteristics that may be associated with Autism.

The Autism Service is made up of a range of professionals who are here to help and support you and your family through this journey. The service has been developed to offer early intervention as a first step in the process.

Who you might meet in the service:

The multi-disciplinary team consists of a range of professionals including; Community Paediatricians, Speech & Language Therapists, Psychologists, Occupational Therapists, Autism Practitioners, Social workers and Family Support workers.

Support networks you can access now:

- Education Authority Autism Advisory & Intervention Service (AAIS)
- RISE NI
- Family Support Hubs
- Middletown Centre of Autism
- National Autistic Society (NAS)
- Autism NI
- Autism Initiatives

See enclosed directory for additional support

Contacts Details:

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Tyrone and Fermanagh Hospital
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Tel: 028 8283 5983



Lilac Villa
Gransha Park
L' Derry, BT47 6TG
Tel: 028 7130 8313



Children's Centre
South West Acute Hospital
Enniskillen, BT74 6DN
028 66382103



For further information go to:

[Children and Young People's Autism Service | Western Health & Social Care Trust \(hscni.net\)](http://ChildrenandYoungPeoplesAutismService.WesternHealthandSocialCareTrust.hscni.net)

HSC Western Health
and Social Care Trust

Welcome to the



Your Journey Starts here ...

This leaflet was co-produced by
Parent/Carers and Autism Service staff

Early Intervention

The Early Intervention Service is the crucial first step in your journey within our team. We aim to provide support, advice and intervention to you and your family in a timely fashion while recognising your child's individual strengths.

What Now

You are **required to book** onto the first information session at your earliest opportunity. This session will last approximately 1 hour and will focus on: what your journey through this service may look like, information on what is available to you now, how we can help you support your child and links to external supports and agencies.

Please contact your local office to book your place (see overleaf).

Following this session you will have the opportunity to avail of a wide range of other specialist supports.

What we can offer:

- Group intervention
- Family intervention
- Training
- Advice, support and signposting
- Useful resources

Assessment

This is the next step in your child's journey. This process is tailored to the individual needs of each child and their family and involves multi-professional specialist assessment.

This process may occur over a period of time and typically includes:-

- Completion of a neuro-developmental history if this has not been provided by the referrer or by another service which your child is known to.
- Assessments with your child to observe their social interaction, communication and behaviour.
- Liaison with or referral to other professionals or agencies involved with your child.
- School and/or Home observations.
- In some cases a meeting will be arranged for all professionals who are involved in your child's care to share information as part of the assessment process.



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[Autism Advisory & Intervention Service \(AAIS\) | Education Authority Northern Ireland \(eani.org.uk\)](#)

The screenshot shows the top of the AAIS website. It features the 'ea Education Authority' logo on the left, navigation links for 'Parents', 'Schools', and 'Services', and a 'Find a School' button. Below the navigation is a search bar. The main heading is 'Autism Advisory & Intervention Service (AAIS)', followed by a brief description: 'The Autism Advisory and Intervention Service (AAIS) is a regional service that provides advice and support for pupils with Autism Spectrum Disorder.'



Referrals to AAIS are made by the school's Educational Psychologist.

Contact Us

AAIS can be contacted Monday – Friday, 9am – 4:30pm using the telephone number below.
Tel: 028 9031 7777 and select option 3.

Celebrating Me Series

Supporting a Pupil's Understanding and Acceptance of an Autistic Spectrum Disorder Diagnosis.



- Celebrating Me Videos
- Celebrating Me - Adult Guidance Booklet
PDF 371.74 KB
- Celebrating Me - Pupil Booklet
PDF 2.24 MB

Guidance and Resources for Children with Autism

Sensory Bytes Series

- AAIS The Nervous System
- AAIS Quick Fixes
- AAIS Dots and Squeezes
- AAIS Exercise Bounce
- AAIS Time Out
- AAIS Chewies
- AAIS Fidgets
- AAIS Essential Oils

Section 5: Infant Mental Health / Breastfeeding Available Northern & Southern Sectors

[Getting support when you breastfeed | Breastfed Babies](#)

Breastfeeding Support



There are breastfeeding support groups available right across NI.

These groups provide a great opportunity to find out more about breastfeeding, meet with other breastfeeding mums and get any questions you may have answered.

Find Support Near You : Breastfedbabies.org website

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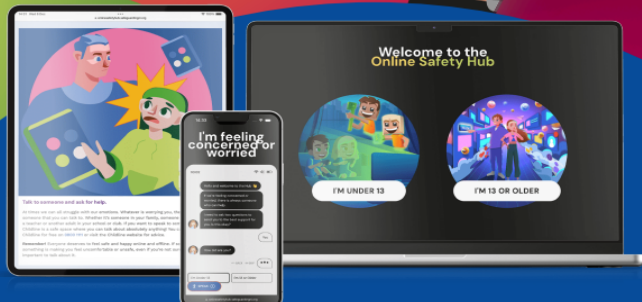
Online Safety Hub - Safeguarding Board for Northern

Welcome to the Online Safety Hub

*Education and support to
keep children safe online*



Scan this
code to visit
the site!



The Hub features online safety advice, resources and support from a range of organisations so that young people, families and professionals can easily access information all in one central place. From screen time, social media or knowing where to turn when something doesn't feel right, the Hub provides practical tips and tools to improve child safety online.



OnlineSafetyHub.SafeguardingNI.org

<https://ableframework.blob.core.windows.net/online-safety-hub/hub-highlights/the-online-safety-hub-highlights-march-2026.html>



Compiled by: Orla O'Hara

Welcome to the SBNI Online Safety Hub Highlights

The Online Safety Hub is a central place where young people, parents, carers, and professionals can find practical advice about child safety online, all in one easy-to-use site. It's updated regularly with resources from trusted organisations as part of the Northern Ireland Executive's [Keeping children and young people safe: an Online Safety Strategy for Northern Ireland](#).

Inside the Hub, you'll find an [adult section](#) with core messaging and signposting on key online safety topics, a library of [resources](#), [sample policy templates](#), and a [research and evidence bank](#) to keep you informed. There's also a [Young Person's Hub](#) offering supportive, non-judgemental guidance for under-13s and teens to help them manage their online lives safely and confidently. To make it even easier to explore, the Hub offers new video tours for [adults](#) and [young people](#) that guide you through its features.

The Hub is designed for sharing. Feel free to take, use, and share the resources widely within your networks. You can also help us grow by submitting your organisation's content using the details below.

[Submit Content to help us grow the Hub](#)

[Watch the Promo Video](#)

[Visit the Young Person's Hub](#)

[Promote the Hub](#)

[Contact the Hub](#)

[About the Hub](#)

Concerned about a child or young person?

- [Learn about reporting pathways for adults](#)
- [Learn about reporting pathways for young people](#)

Tell us what you think

- [Complete the survey for young people](#)
- [Complete the survey for adults](#)

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Promote the Hub - Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland



Poster

Print these off and pin them on your noticeboard to share the Online Safety Hub with your Community

[Click here to download the A4 Poster \(PDF\)](#)

[Click here to download the A3 Poster \(PDF\)](#)

[Click here to download the A4 Poster in Irish \(PDF\)](#)

[Click here to download the A3 Poster in Irish \(PDF\)](#)



Promotional Video

[Click here to download the Landscape video, Thumbnail and Captions file](#)

[Click here to download the Square video, Thumbnail and Captions file](#)



Find out how to use the Hub (Adult Site)

[Click here to download the Landscape video and Thumbnail \(Adults Site\)](#)

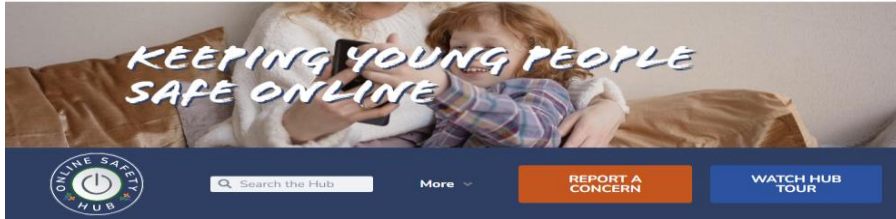


Find out how to use the Hub (Children and Young People Site)

[Click here to download the Landscape video and Thumbnail \(Children and Young Peoples Site\)](#)

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Online Safety Hub - Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland



Topics

Choose from a range of topics you would like to know more about with lots of helpful advice and resources to keep you and the young people in your care safer online.

 <p>Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies ></p>	 <p>Digital Wellbeing ></p>
 <p>Gaming ></p>	 <p>Harmful or Inappropriate Content ></p>
 <p>Healthy Relationships ></p>	 <p>Misinformation and Online Scams ></p>
 <p>Online Blackmail ></p>	 <p>Online Bullying ></p>
 <p>Online Grooming ></p>	 <p>Pornography ></p>
 <p>Privacy and Safety Settings ></p>	 <p>Screen Time ></p>
 <p>Setting Up A New Device ></p>	 <p>Sharing Nudes and Semi-Nudes ></p>
 <p>Social Media and Apps ></p>	 <p>Video and Livestreaming ></p>

Section 6: Digital Safeguarding Available Northern & Southern Sectors



[Home](#)

Switched on to privacy campaign toolkit

This toolkit contains ready-to-use communications content that partner organisations can copy and paste directly into their own channels.

Campaign overview

About the campaign

Switched on to privacy is a campaign from the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to help parents and carers of 4-11-year-olds talk to their children about online privacy.

Just as parents would talk with their children about road safety or speaking with strangers, online privacy is another life skill children need as they grow up. Small, regular conversations can help children understand what personal information is, how it's used, and how to make safer choices online.

Children are spending more time online, often using apps, games and services that quietly collect and share their personal information. At the same time, parents and carers tell us:

- they feel unsure where to start conversations about online privacy;
- they worry about getting things "wrong" or sounding too technical; and
- they are juggling a lot, and need simple, realistic advice.

Online privacy can feel invisible compared to other online harms, but it shapes children's digital footprint from a very young age. Helping families talk about privacy early can make it easier for children to make informed choices later on.

What the data tells us

Research and insight behind the campaign shows that:

- 17% of 3-5 year olds own a smartphone and the majority of children (79%) own a smartphone by age 12.¹
- There's an estimated 4.1m UK households with at least one child aged 4-11-year-old.²
- Online safety conversations begin early, 59% 3-5 year olds have discussed staying safe online with their parents or carers. This presents a strong opportunity to include online privacy.³
- Three quarters of parents (75%) are concerned about their child's ability to make safe choices about online privacy, yet one in five (21%) have never talked to their child about it.⁴
- We found that most parents – even those who feel confident and informed – have significant gaps in their knowledge when it comes to online privacy. They may chat about harmful content, but they're not aware about the need to have conversations about privacy settings, location sharing, age settings, and other ways we share personal information online.⁵

How to use this toolkit

This toolkit contains ready-to-use resources to help you support the campaign quickly and confidently. You can:

- copy and paste approved messages;
- choose assets that fit your channels;
- tailor copy using the optional local lines provided; and
- share at a pace that works for you.

If you use the toolkit, we'd really value your feedback. Please use the short reporting form to let us know how we can improve our support.

Contact us

If you have questions, need support, or want to talk about how to use these resources in your setting, please email switchedontoprivacy@ico.org.uk

Campaign resources for schools, early years settings and education organisations →

Campaign resources for charities, community groups and family-facing organisations →

Section 7: Addiction

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www.start360.org



WHAT IS DAISY?

Drug Alcohol Intervention Service for Youth

- Youth Treatment Service delivered in partnership between ASCERT and Start360
- Funded by the Public Health Agency
- Provides person-centred programmes for young people and young adults to help reduce the harm caused by their substance use
- Offers direct work with the young person through therapeutic mentoring, individual counselling, therapeutic group work and therapeutic family interventions

CRITERIA FOR REFERRAL

- Young people and young adults aged 11-25 years
- Young people whose substance use is impacting them, their families and communities and who are willing to seek support
- The Service operates in the Belfast, South Eastern, Northern and Western Health and Social Care Trust areas
- We accept referrals from young people, their families or friends and a range of professionals
- Referral forms can be downloaded at www.ascert.biz or www.start360.org

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We work with children and young people (7yrs -18yrs) affected by parental drug and/or alcohol misuse. We work directly with the child or young person through therapeutic mentoring, individual counselling, creative play-work and family support. We also offer telephone and online support via ZOOM and WhatsApp. In addition we support the substance misusing adult with brief one-to-one sessions and support to engage with local addiction specialist services.

We are funded by the Public Health Agency to cover the Western Trust Area and have an office in Derry/Londonderry. We see children/young people in appropriate venues in Omagh, Strabane, Limavady, Dungiven and Enniskillen. Referrals can be received from all professionals, and from families with Social Service Involvement. Referral forms can be downloaded at www.start360.org

Section 7: Addiction Available Southern Sector marketing@ascert.biz



 EVERY WEDNESDAY

 11AM - 12.30PM

 *Omagh Library,
1 Spillars Place, Irishtown Road, Omagh BT78 1HL*

SMART Recovery is an evidenced-informed recovery method grounded in Rational Emotive Behavioural Therapy (REBT) and Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), that supports people with substance dependencies or problem behaviours.

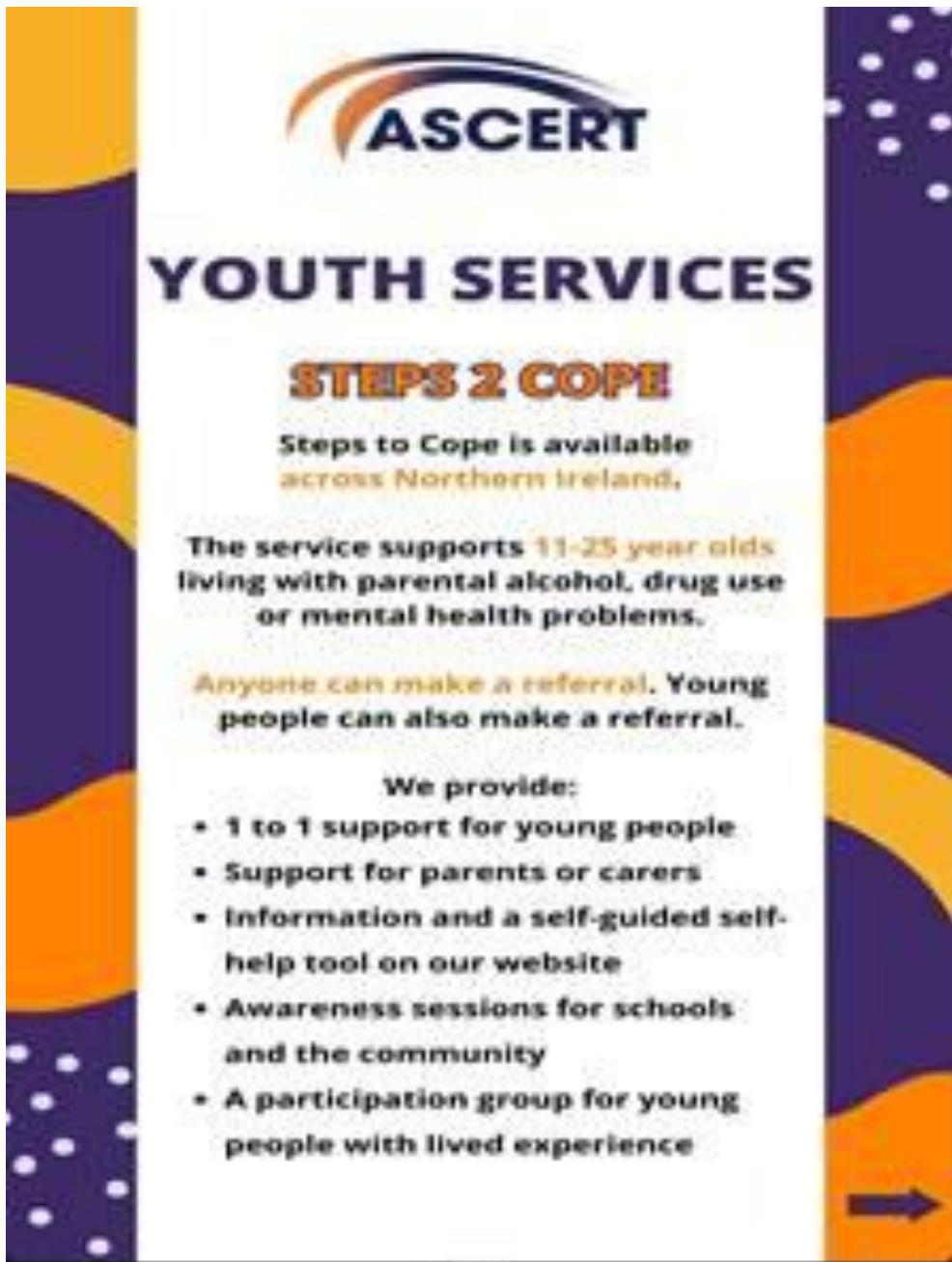
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The image shows a poster for ASCERT Youth Services. The poster has a white background with a decorative border on the left and right sides. The border consists of vertical stripes of yellow, purple, and orange, with white polka dots on the purple sections. At the top center is the ASCERT logo, which features a stylized blue and orange swoosh above the word "ASCERT" in bold blue capital letters. Below the logo, the text "YOUTH SERVICES" is written in large, bold, dark blue capital letters. Underneath that, "STEPS 2 COPE" is written in bold, orange, slightly irregular capital letters. The main text of the poster is in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. It states that "Steps to Cope is available across Northern Ireland," and that the service supports "11-25 year olds living with parental alcohol, drug use or mental health problems." It also notes that "Anyone can make a referral. Young people can also make a referral." A section titled "We provide:" is followed by a bulleted list of services. At the bottom right of the poster, there is a blue arrow pointing to the right.

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YOUTH SERVICES

STEPS 2 COPE


Steps to Cope is available across Northern Ireland.

The service supports 11-25 year olds living with parental alcohol, drug use or mental health problems.

Anyone can make a referral. Young people can also make a referral.

We provide:

- 1 to 1 support for young people
- Support for parents or carers
- Information and a self-guided self-help tool on our website
- Awareness sessions for schools and the community
- A participation group for young people with lived experience



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DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS SESSION

Would you like information
on:

- Categories and Effects of Drugs
- Prevalence of Substance Use in NI
- Understanding Alcohol Units
- Information on Vaping
- Signposting and Support

Sessions are **FREE** and last
approx 1 hour



connections@wdact.info



"Addressing drugs and alcohol together"



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[Resource Hub](#) ▾ [RETHINK YOUR DRINK](#) [Steps to Cope](#) [Login](#) [Register](#)



RESOURCE HUB: Thriving Mind



RESOURCES FOR WELLBEING

Welcome to Thriving Mind, your space for mental wellbeing. We have a collection of self-help tools designed to support you through life's challenges.

Whether you're managing anxiety, stress, low mood, or simply seeking ways to build emotional resilience, these resources are here to help—at your pace, in your own time. Every tool is evidence-informed and created with care to promote reflection, balance, and personal growth.

You're not alone, and support is always within reach. Explore, try what feels right, and take steps toward a healthier, more grounded you.



Practicing self compassion

We don't always show the same empathy to ourselves as we offer to others. Here we have a workbook and a series of video clips that will help you practice self compassion.

[Take me there](#)

Section 1: Family Support Available Northern & Southern Sectors

Training and resources with Ed Sipler from the South Eastern Trust – May 2026

Stress levels across our workforce, families and communities has not let up as we get through winter. How can we respond to that as spring approaches?

The theme for Mental Health Awareness Week (MHAW) 2026, from May 11-17, is "Action," focusing on how small steps for ourselves, others, and communities can build better mental well-being and create real change,

What can contribute to that?

The tools and resources on our Thriving Mind platform (try the QR code) holds short clips for relaxed breathing, an introduction to mindfulness, calming skills, the revised Dealing with Worry Booklet, and four online interventions including Self-compassion and Bend Don't Break and more.

An update session on making use of what is in Thriving Mind and workshops are planned for May 2026 to explore the four on-line resources people can use for their own well-being or with their service users. These workshops are free.

All workshops run from 10 am to 1 pm on zoom. Sign up to any of the workshops is through the Western Trust's Training Brochure. Go to the link here to register.

<https://westerntrust.pagetiger.com/HIEITB2026/hiei-training-brochure-april-september-2026> Click on the link for training on emotional health and well-being

It is strongly recommended that practitioners complete the on-line work for themselves to become familiar with the content. This is a suggestion, not a requirement.

An evaluation link on the appropriate platform to will help gauge impact.

By attending any training, you are agreeing to provide a short evaluation after the training to give feedback of the impact of this training.

Training sessions include:

- Making use of the Thriving Mind resources May 5th 2026
- Using Self-compassion to improve well – May 12th 2026
- Using low intensity CBT based tools to build resilience (revised Bend Don't Break) – May 13th 2026
- Building emotional regulation in children with parents using *Building our Children's Developing Brain* – May 14th 2026
- Making Our Nervous System Work For Us- Using the Polyvagal Theory to Improve Well-Being – May 19th 2026

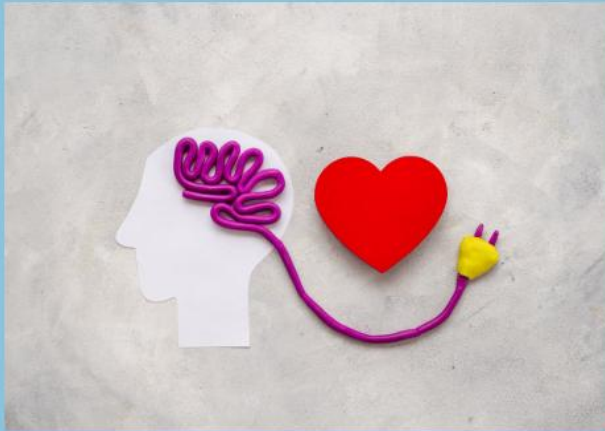


The resources for thriving Mind can also be found at [Thriving Mind | ASCERT](#)

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Thriving Mind | ASCERT



Making our nervous system work for us: Using the Polyvagal Theory to improve well-being.

Do you ever feel anxious, stressed or, find it hard to keep your emotions under control? We all do. Understanding how your brain works and techniques to regulate your emotions will help regulate your emotions and improve your well-being.

Here you will find self-help resources and video tutorials that you can use to support your wellbeing.

[Take me there](#)



Building our Children's Developing Brain

As rewarding being a parent is, it can also be stressful. How children behave and communicate is linked to how their brain is developing. Understanding how this works can be useful for parents of children of all ages.

Here there are a series of webinars you can watch and booklets for parents to use to support your child's development.

[Take me there](#)

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mindset

Mindset is funded by the Public Health Agency and will run continuously throughout the year. Programmes will be delivered in all youth and community settings across Western, Northern, Belfast and South Eastern Trust areas for groups of 8 – 20 people.

Aims

- Raise awareness and increase knowledge and understanding of Mental and Emotional Health and Wellbeing
- Raise awareness of signs and symptoms of mental ill health
- Promote self-help/resilience techniques and how to maintain a safe level of positive mental and emotional health and wellbeing
- Promote self-care
- Information and/or resources on mental health support organisations available (locally and regionally)

Facilitators
AMH MensSana Project Workers

Duration
3 Hour Programme (can be delivered over 1-2 sessions)

Delivery Options
In person or online via Zoom

Course Content
AMH MensSana Project Workers will provide and deliver a high quality, evidence based programme which is responsive to the needs of groups in the four HSC Trust areas.

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New Service Announcement

Friday Night Crisis Helpline

(Please note: This is exclusively a telephone crisis service - not walk in.)

Starting Friday 27th June 2025

**Friday Night 9pm –
10am Saturday Morning**

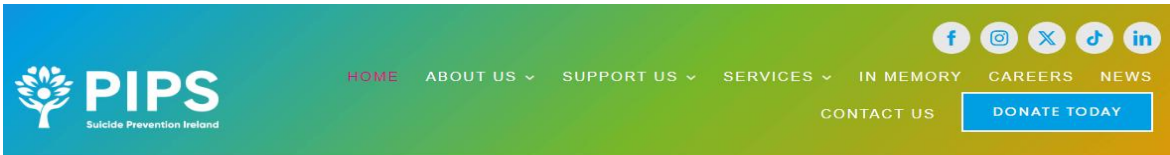


028 9080 5850

Freephone 0800 088 6042

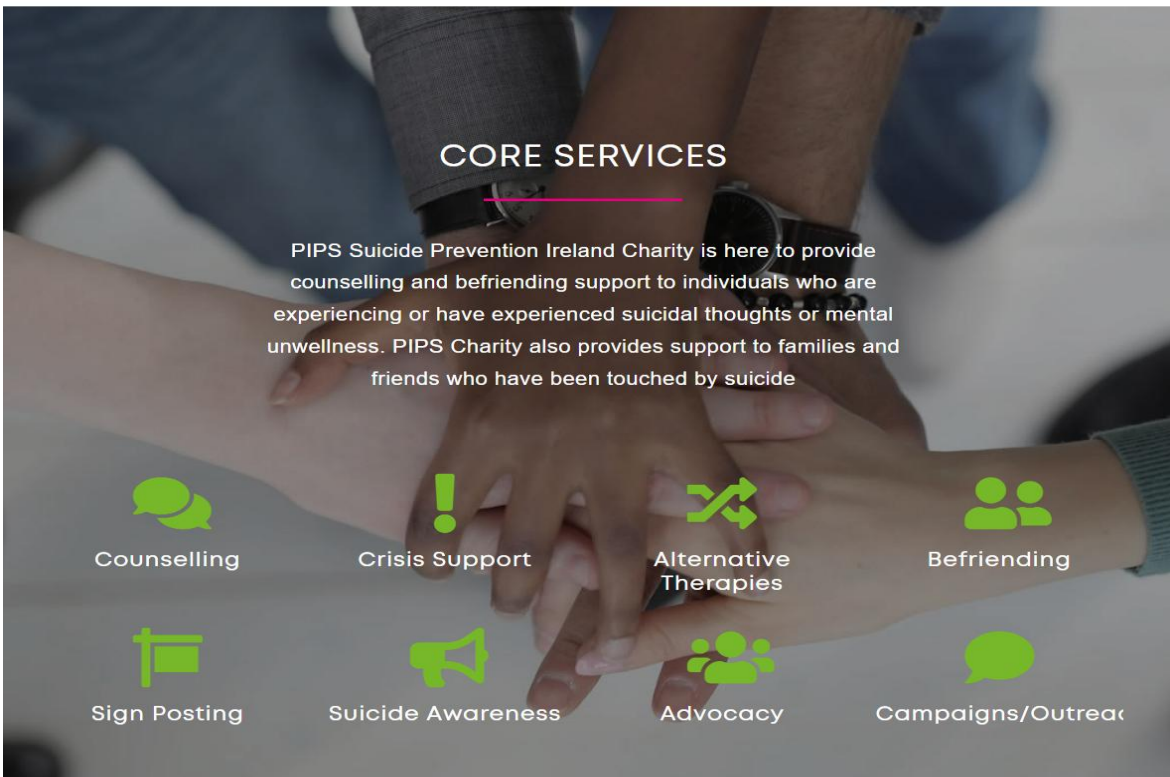
PIPS Suicide Prevention Charity is launching a Friday Night Crisis Helpline to provide support when other services are unavailable. This service ensures no one faces distress alone during challenging times. We offer compassionate listening and hope when it's needed most.

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We help individuals, families and organisations who have been affected by suicide or mental unwellness

- 
Crisis Walk-in Service
- 
Free Counselling Services
- 
One to One Continuous Care
- 
Family & Friends Support
- 
Home Visits
- 
Sign Posting
- 
Befriending Service
- 
Alternative Therapies
- 
Children & Young People Services



CORE SERVICES

PIPS Suicide Prevention Ireland Charity is here to provide counselling and befriending support to individuals who are experiencing or have experienced suicidal thoughts or mental unwellness. PIPS Charity also provides support to families and friends who have been touched by suicide

- 
Counselling
- 
Crisis Support
- 
Alternative Therapies
- 
Befriending
- 
Sign Posting
- 
Suicide Awareness
- 
Advocacy
- 
Campaigns/Outreach

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Mood Matters Parent and Baby ©

This is delivered to expectant mothers and parents of babies under 3 years of age . It has similar content to the Mood Matters Adult programme but focuses very much on the issues affecting this particular target group. There is a strong emphasis on looking after the mental health of both the parent and the child.

The programme features videos of parents discussing their experience of depression during and after pregnancy, including the help they got and what they do now to look after their mental health.

It also features information from professionals about recognising the signs and symptoms of a mental health problem or mental illness, where to get help and simple

self-help strategies to maintain good mental health or recover from illness.

There is also a practical demonstration of how simple mindfulness meditation can help parents feel more relaxed and better equipped to enjoy parenthood.

Programme content includes:

What is Mental Health?	Things that affect mental health
Mental health problems and mental illness – during and after pregnancy	Signs and symptoms of stress
Signs and symptoms of depression including depression relating to pregnancy	Looking after you and your baby's Mental Health
Where to get help if you need it	How AWARE can help

How to Apply

To apply for a place on our next Mood Matters course, please click on the link below and fill in your details for the course which suits you best. If no location suits you or there are no locations listed, you can register your details and someone will be in touch with you.

[APPLY NOW](#)

- [CLICK HERE TO READ THE MOOD MATTERS PARENT AND BABY INFORMATION SHEET](#)
- [CLICK HERE TO READ OUR LOOKING AFTER THE MENTAL HEALTH OF YOU AND YOUR BABY BOOKLET](#)
- [CLICK HERE TO READ MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POSTNATAL DEPRESSION](#)

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Available Southern Sector

[HOPELINE247](#) | [Papyrus](#)

Contact HOPELINE247

If you are having thoughts of suicide or are concerned for a young person who might be you can contact HOPELINE247 for confidential support and practical advice.

Call: [0800 068 4141](tel:08000684141)

Text: [88247](sms:88247)

Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org

Opening hours:

Lines are open 24 hours every day of the year (Weekends and Bank Holidays included)

Our suicide prevention advisers are ready to support you.

The screenshot shows the HOPELINE247 website interface. At the top, the logo 'HOPELINE247' is displayed in white on a purple background. Below the logo is a search bar. To the right, there is a 'Head Office' contact box with the following details: Bankside 2, Crosfield Street, Warrington, Cheshire, WA1 1UP; Tel: 01925 572 444; Email: admin@papyrus-uk.org. Below this box are two buttons: 'Thinking of suicide?' (orange) and 'Fundraising' (teal). The main content area contains text about the service's purpose and target audience, followed by sections for 'Young people', 'Concerned others', and 'Contact HOPELINE247'. At the bottom, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, About, Help and advice, Fundraising, Education and training, News and campaigns, Get involved, Contact us, and Shop. A footer message states 'suicide prevention advisers are ready to support you.' and a 'Sign Up' button is visible.

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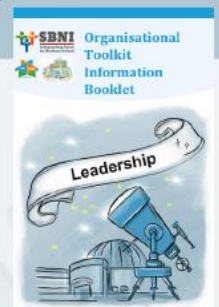
Embedding Trauma-Informed Leadership Across Our System

The Leadership Information Booklet, designed to complement the Organisational Toolkit, reinforces a clear message: leadership is central to embedding, sustaining and modelling a trauma-informed approach. Evidence shows that becoming a trauma-informed organisation requires strong governance, meaningful collaboration and alignment between values and practice.

Leaders shape psychologically safe environments where staff can speak up, reflect and learn without fear. Modelling warmth, reliability and humility supports stability for staff and service users alike. Leaders who are self-aware can regulate themselves, pause intentionally and provide the calm, predictable presence that trauma-informed systems rely on, supporting their own wellbeing while creating safety for teams.

Such self-awareness is a cornerstone of trauma-informed leadership, influencing relational stability and organisational culture. Leaders also shape culture through their language, tone and commitment to listening with openness and curiosity. The booklet emphasises the importance of “modelling the model” to foster continuous improvement, reflective practice and collaborative problem-solving.

These principles underpin our ‘Leading with a Trauma-Informed Lens’ leadership programme. With 32 participants and demand exceeding capacity, interest highlights what the QUB research makes clear: leaders want support and space to lead differently. By the time you read this, our cohort will have completed two in-person sessions and a reflective practice session, exploring trauma-informed leadership both conceptually and experientially. We look forward to continuing the journey with our inaugural cohort and building trauma responsive leadership capacity across sectors in the months ahead.



[Click here to access the Information Booklet](#)

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Trauma Informed Toolkit



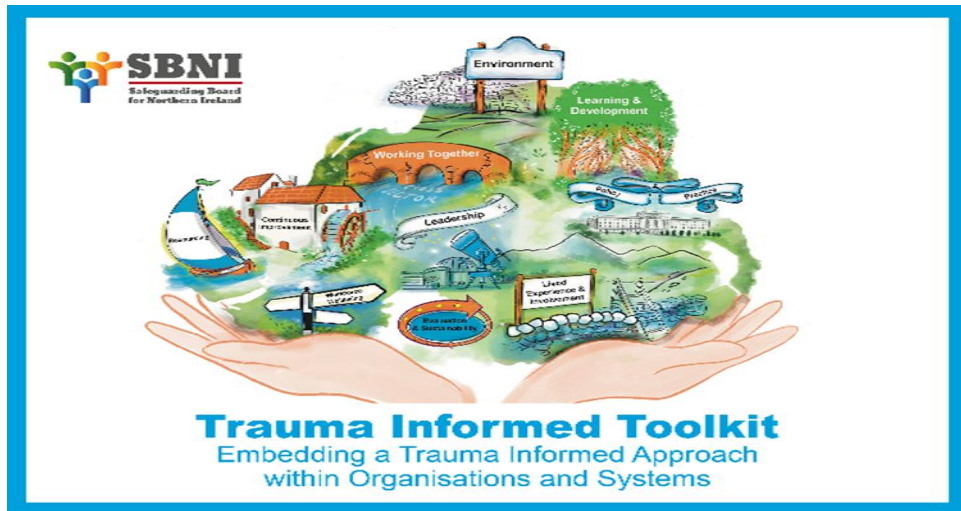
An implementation resource to embed a trauma-informed approach within organisations and systems.

To register for an in person toolkit implementation workshop in your area or to access the dates and venue options please [click here](#).

This toolkit is designed to help leaders, workforces, services and organisations on their journey to implement a trauma informed approach across policy and practice. Based on local and international evidence, it offers in-depth insights from those with lived experience. It is infused with cross sector examples and local research, and it provides a checklist for organisations to measure progress. It aims to complement existing organisational priorities, driving improvement, innovation and sustainable change.

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Trauma Informed Toolkit



The online toolkit is divided into six sections

Section 1 – Setting the scene

An overview of the context and how to use the toolkit

Section 2 – Key concepts

A definition of trauma, trauma informed organisations and approaches

Section 3 – Six principles

A summary of the **six trauma informed principles** (safety, trustworthiness, choice, collaboration, empowerment and inclusion)

Section 4 – Evidence & examples

A summary of international and local evidence, including case studies and examples of trauma informed approaches across a range of organisations

Section 5 – Organisational checklist

A summary and organisational checklist, based on **ten organisational focus areas**

Section 6 – Library

A suite of resources to help you on your journey, including references

The toolkit is free to download below and the checklist can be used as an interactive workbook to chart developments. Interactive links are embedded into this toolkit, so it is best viewed on a large screen device e.g. PC or laptop rather than a mobile device. As this toolkit will have periodic updates, the current version will always be available via this link. We ask all organisations to share and download the resource from this website only.

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Keeping Trauma 'Informed'

LEADING WITH A TRAUMA INFORMED LENS



A leadership development programme designed for leaders who want to deepen their understanding of trauma-informed principles and their impact on organisational culture

This fully funded programme supports leaders to build practical skills, reflect on their experiences, and connect with others

Participants will:

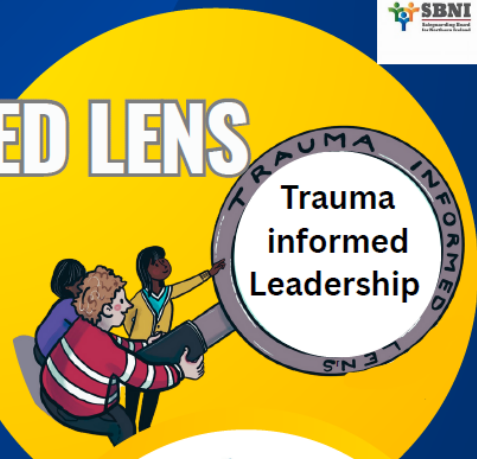
- ✓ Understand trauma-informed leadership and know how its principles influence organisational culture
- ✓ Recognise signs of organisational trauma and its effects on individuals and teams
- ✓ Understand how psychological safety can create safe team environments
- ✓ Reflect on their leadership journey to promote self awareness and regulation of self and others
- ✓ Leave with practical tools, strategies, and a clear action plan for implementation

In Person Dates & Locations

- 22nd Jan 2026 – Lisburn 9:30am 4:00pm
- 26th March 2026 – Omagh 9:30am 4:00pm
- 4th June 2026 – Antrim 9:30am-4:00pm

Online Reflective Learning Sessions

- 2hr session February
- 2hr session May



For cross sector middle to senior managers committed to embedding trauma-informed leadership in their organisation



To register your interest please [Click here](#)

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Welcome to the first 2026 edition of the Health Improvement, Equality and Involvement (HIEI) Department Training Brochure, April to September 2026.



<https://westerntrust.pagetiger.com/HIEITB2026/hiei-training-brochure-april-september-2026>

The HIEI works in partnership with other statutory, community and voluntary organisations to address health inequalities and help improve the health and wellbeing of people who live and work in the Western Health & Social Care Trust (WHSCT) area. We aim to build on the skills and capacity of people to deliver quality, effective health improvement programmes, co-ordinate and facilitate health improvement activities and provide health and wellbeing information and advice.

To register: on each course there is a 'click here to register icon' that directs you a Microsoft form where you can register for the course and date. Please be aware that you are registering your interest, by completing the Microsoft form it does not mean you are guaranteed a place. If you need an alternative method of registering, please feel free to contact us using one of the methods below. If you have any issues applying for courses or accessing our training online, please contact us on the details below.

Phone: 02871 865 127
health.improvement@westerntrust.hscni.net

Email:

If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please click on the link:
<https://forms.office.com/e/KWvz3hzVfL>

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health.improvement@westerntrust.hscni.net



The Health Improvement, Equality and Involvement Department aims to improve the health and wellbeing of all people in the Western Trust area. We provide a range of services, including training, project development and a wide variety of health information and resources.

For all our services please click on the tiles below.

Contact Details

Phone us on: 028 7186 5127

health.improvement@westerntrust.hscni.net

Or write to us at:

Health Improvement Department
Maple Villa B
Gransha Park
Derry/Londonderry
BT47 6WJ



Training Brochure

Health Improvement training courses available across the Western Trust area



Leaflet and Resources

View and order leaflets and resources available from the HIEI Department



Action E-zine

Read the HIEI Department's latest Newsletter



Children and Families

Early years and child development interventions



Community Development

Information on Neighbourhood Renewal, Involvement and Traveller Health



Digital Safeguarding

Information on staying safe online



Emotional Health and Wellbeing

Information on Mental Health and Wellbeing, Suicide Prevention and Lifeline



Equality

Information on equal access to health and social care services



Healthy Lifestyles

Information on Alcohol and Drugs, Cancer Prevention, Diabetes Prevention Programme, Men's Health (coming soon), Nutrition, Physical Activity, Sexual Health, Smoking Cessation and Sleep



Later Years

Information on Older People and Falls Prevention



Personal and Public Involvement (PPI)

Involvement of service users, carers and the public in health and social services



Staff Wellbeing

Information on Western Trust staff wellbeing initiatives

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Home > Health and Wellbeing > Health Improvement Leaflet Catalogue

Health Improvement Leaflet Catalogue

If you would like to order leaflets, please complete the leaflet order form and submit to health.improvement@westerntrust.hscni.net

Health Improvement Leaflet Order Form

Name *

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Date

Phone *

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Organisation

Address *

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

ZIP / Postal Code

State / Province / Region

Country

Leaflet Title *

Please write the title of the leaflet you wish to order

Number of Leaflets Required *

Please indicate the number of copies you require

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Nutrition	+
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Mental Health	+
Sexual Health	+
Pregnancy and Childbirth	+
Immunisation	+
Infant Feeding	+
Cancer	+
Alcohol	+
Smoking	+
Drugs	+
Antibiotics	+
Stroke	+

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PIPS HOPE AND SUPPORT

Training and Workshops for Your Organisation

Contact us for any enquiries on 028 30266195 or email training@pipshopeandsupport.org

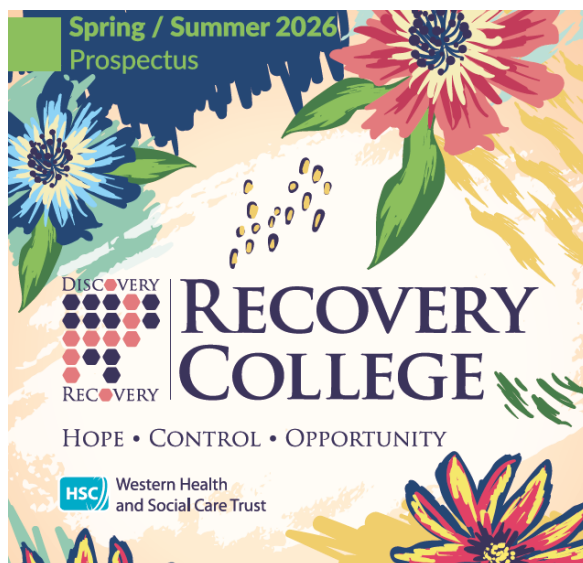
<p>Take5 Duration: 1 - 1.5 Hrs Participant Number: up to 35</p> <p>Learn how to maintain and improve your mental wellbeing with five simple ways: Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning, Give.</p>	<p>safeTALK Duration: 3-3.5 Hrs Participant Number: minimum of 19 /maximum of 30</p> <p>This workshop is designed to help build the skills and confidence necessary to recognise individuals with thoughts of suicide and direct them to someone who can keep them safe.</p> <p>Key Themes: Suicide alertness; Signposting. (Participants must be 15yrs and over)</p>	<p>ASIST Duration: 16 Hrs (delivered over 2 days) Participant Number: minimum of 10 /maximum of 24</p> <p>A workshop designed to increase a person's willingness, confidence, and capacity to provide suicide first aid.</p> <p>Key Themes: Personal and community attitudes towards suicide; Suicide awareness and intervention skills; Developing a safety plan with the person to connect them to further support. (Participants must be 18yrs and over)</p>
<p>GIMME 5 A fun filled activity-based workshop designed for children.</p> <p>Duration: 1 - 1.5 Hrs Participant Number: up to 35</p> <p>Created by the SHGCT, this workshop introduces children to the concept of the 5 ways to wellbeing.</p> <p>Key Theme: Introducing the concept of wellbeing.</p>	<p>Shoulder to Shoulder Duration: Option 1 (condensed) 1.5 - 2 Hrs Option 2: QCN Level 2 certificate 6 - 8 Hrs Participant Number: up to 35</p> <p>This is a suicide awareness workshop.</p> <p>Key Themes: Exploring attitudes; Suicide awareness; Signposting; Self-care. (Participants must be 15yrs and over)</p>	<p>Mental Health First Aid Duration: 16 Hrs (delivered over 2 days) Participant Number: minimum of 10 /maximum of 24</p> <p>This course is designed to increase a person's willingness, confidence, and capacity to provide help to a person who is developing a mental health problem or who is currently in a mental health crisis, until professional help is available or until the crisis resolves.</p> <p>Key Themes: Recognising the symptoms of mental health problems; Providing initial help; Guiding a person towards appropriate professional help. (Participants must be 16 yrs and over)</p>
<p>Be ALERT MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS Duration: 1.5 - 2 hrs Participant Number: up to 35</p> <p>The aim of this course is to provide an understanding around mental health, versus mental ill health, and how to take steps towards helping yourself or someone else you are concerned about.</p> <p>Key Theme: Recognition, Awareness, Signposting, Self-care</p>	<p>BUILDING PERSONAL RESILIENCE or BUILDING PERSONAL RESILIENCE IN THE WORKPLACE or BUILDING THE RESILIENT STUDENT Duration: 1 - 1.5 Hrs Participant Number: up to 35</p> <p>Group and individual learning on how to develop the skills needed to cope, survive, and thrive in challenging circumstances. This course can be adapted to suit adults, students, or younger age groups.</p> <p>Key themes: what is resilience; resilient thinking and mindset; stress management; self-awareness; self-care.</p>	<p>B+POSITIVE Duration: 2.5 - 3 Hrs Participant Number: up to 35</p> <p>This workshop helps to provide an understanding of the issues affecting our mental health and promoting positive mental health through group discussion and activities.</p> <p>Key Themes: Developing self-care plans; Breaking the stigma cycle. (Participants should be 11 yrs and over)</p>



training@pipshopeandsupport.org

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<https://westerntrust.hscni.net/download/441/recovery-college/24734/rcprospectus2026-spring-summer-final.pdf>



Western Health and Social Care Trust Recovery College Spring / Summer 2026 Prospectus.

We have some exciting workshops coming this term across our 5 locations. If you are interested in attending any workshops please enrol by either;

- completing our enrolment form in the back of the prospectus
- emailing us on recoverycollege@westerntrust.hscni.net
- phoning us on 028 8225 2079 or
- completing our online enrolment form which can be found in the prospectus or at the following link <https://forms.office.com/e/RKy3i6khzX>

We are looking forward to seeing you this term. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us by phone on 028 8225 2079, email recoverycollege@westerntrust.hscni.net or dropping into our office at Lisnamallard, 5b Woodside Avenue, Omagh BT79 9BP

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A Trauma Informed Approach: A Workforce Development Training Manual

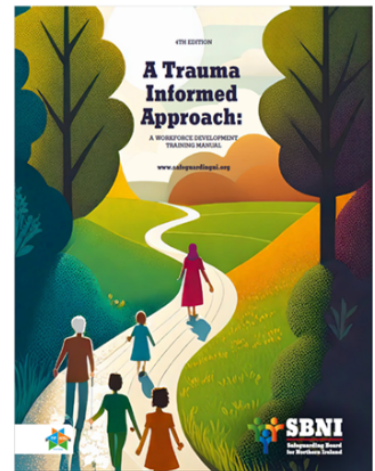
The Trauma Informed Awareness Training Manual and online modules have now been revised and updated, reflecting our commitment to continuous improvement and ensuring that our resources remain current, relevant, and effective.

The updated materials include the integration of new research and statistics from Dr. Colm Walsh and his team's Adverse Childhood Experience prevalence study in Northern Ireland. It also reflects a shift in language and focus, placing greater emphasis on the role of positive childhood experiences and nurturing relationships in building resilience and supporting recovery. This strengths-based approach highlights healing and hope, aligning with emerging evidence in the field.

(Click on this image to access this research)

150 TIP trainers have now attended update sessions and received their new manual.

The updated online modules are now available on the Trauma Informed Approach section of the SBNI website or by clicking on the front cover image on this page.



TIP Alerts and Updates



Online Solihull Modules

The licence for the online Solihull modules on the SBNI website will expire on **31 October 2025**.

Please register before this date to enable **ongoing** access to content. The 'Understanding Your Own Trauma' module will still be available after this date.

Peer Learning Network

On 15 January 2026 we will be hosting a morning workshop, in a central location, aimed at facilitating organisations to establish a

'Trauma Informed Approach Peer Learning Network'

This session will bring together professionals from across sectors to connect and explore opportunities for collaboration. Through collective reflection and emerging insights, we aim to support organisations in laying the groundwork for an ongoing network dedicated to learning and TIA implementation.

To register your interest please click on the image of the bell!

!Attention TIP Trainers!

If you are an existing TIP trainer and have not yet been updated in the new and revised training manual, it is important that you attend an update session.

To register your interest please contact Sheina:
sheina.rigg@hscni.net

'Leading with a Trauma Informed Lens'

A new Trauma Informed Leadership course is currently being co-designed to develop the growth of trauma informed leaders across sectors.

Launching in early 2026, this course aims to empower leaders by providing a shared space for learning, cross sector networking and leadership development. The course will integrate reflective and relational approaches to support leaders to create safe, responsive, and inclusive environments.

Click on the image to register your interest.



Probation Board for Northern Ireland (PBNI) recorded an episode of their podcast, Probation Matters, on taking a trauma informed approach.

Head of Communications Gail McGreevy talks to PBNI's Trauma and Resilience Implementation Coordinator Kirsten McFarland and Safeguard Board NI's Trauma Informed Practice Implementation Manager Marian Molloy about Probation becoming a trauma informed organisation, how that can be implemented and how it is more natural to do than people think. Watch and listen to the episode by clicking on the picture!



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Training - CiNI



The poster features the Children in Northern Ireland logo (a yellow smile) and the title 'May Training'. Below the title, it states 'Open to those in voluntary/community sector'. The training events are listed in blue boxes over a background image of a person at a desk with a computer keyboard.

Children in Northern Ireland

May Training

Open to those in voluntary/community sector

- Designated Officer**
Tuesday 5 May 09:30am - 12:30pm, Online
- Risk Assessment and Risk Management**
Wednesday 6 May, 09:30am - 12:30pm, Online
- Child Protection Practice**
Monday 11 May, 6:00pm - 9:00pm, Online
- The Benefits of Outdoors for Children**
Tuesday 12 May, 10:00am - 4:00pm, In-person
- Child Protection Case Conferences**
Tuesday 21 May, 10:00am - 1:00pm, Online

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Training - CiNI



Our funding restrictions are such that funded training is only available to those who work/volunteer for a **voluntary, charitable, faith or community-based organisation**

Children in Northern Ireland **April Training**
Funded training - open to those in voluntary/community sector

- Good Practice in Recording and Reporting**
Tuesday 14 April, 09:30am - 12:30pm, Online
- Child Protection Practice**
Wednesday 15 April, 6:00pm - 9:00pm, Online
- Designated Officer**
Wednesday 22 April, 10:00am - 4:00pm, In-person
- Child Protection Practice**
Tuesday 28 April, 09:30am - 12:30pm, Online

Children in Northern Ireland **May Training**
Funded training - open to those in voluntary/community sector

- Designated Officer**
Tuesday 5 May 09:30am - 12:30pm, Online
- Risk Assessment and Risk Management**
Wednesday 6 May, 09:30am - 12:30pm, Online
- Child Protection Practice**
Monday 11 May, 6:00pm - 9:00pm, Online
- The Benefits of Outdoors for Children**
Tuesday 12 May, 10:00am - 4:00pm, In-person
- Online Safety**
Tuesday 19 May, 09:30am - 12:30pm, Online
- Child Protection Case Conferences**
Thursday 21 May, 10:00am - 1:00pm, Online

Children in Northern Ireland **June Training**
Funded training - open to those in voluntary/community sector

- Understanding Emotions and Behaviours: Early Years (0-5 Years)**
Tuesday 2 June, 10:00am - 4:00pm, In-person
- Designated Officer**
Wednesday 10 June, 10:00am - 4pm, In-person



www.ci-ni.org.uk/training

Children in Northern Ireland

April / May / June Training
Paid Courses

- Baby Massage Instructor Training**
Thursday 23 April - Friday 24 April
10:00am - 4:00pm, In-person
- Understanding Autism**
Thursday 30 April, 10:00am - 4:00pm, In-person
- Understanding ADHD: A Strengths Based Neuroaffirming Approach**
Friday 15 May, 10:00am - 1:00pm, Online
- Baby Yoga Instructor Training**
Thursday 4 June - Friday 5 June
10:00am - 4:00pm, In-person



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Cruse
Bereavement
Support

We're looking for volunteers to support bereaved children and young people in the Western Trust area - can you help?

Cruse Bereavement Support volunteers provide support to children and young people affected by the death of someone close to them. We provide group and 1-1 support to children aged 7 – 17. If you have the skills listed below, want to make a difference to bereaved children and young people and meet new people we want to hear from you.

What we're looking for:

- Passionate about supporting children and young people
- Kind and inclusive
- Great communication skills with children, young people and families
- Able to work in a team
- Able to use a computer/IT skills
- Willing to take part in training and learn new skills
- Volunteer for 6-8 hours per month for at least 2 years

There is a training course running later this year -

Saturday, 18 April 2026

Saturday, 25 April 2026

Saturday, 2 May 2026

Saturday, 9 May 2026

Saturday, 16 May 2026

Saturday, 23 May 2026

The course is online and applicants must be able to attend all training sessions. If you would like to apply for a place on this course, please fill in an application form through our website - <https://www.cruse.org.uk/volunteer-application-form/>

For further information about this volunteering role, please contact eleanor.ellerslie@cruse.org.uk

Disclaimer: Cruse is committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children and young people. Volunteers must apply for a relevant disclosure check and attend regular Cruse safeguarding training.

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Perinatal, Child, Adolescent and Family Work: a Psychoanalytic Observational Approach (M7N) L7



Perinatal, Child, Adolescent and Family Work: a Psychoanalytic Observational Approach (M7N)

Discover our flagship Master's degree in Belfast

Draw on over a century of expertise to enhance your professional practice

Suitable for professionals from various multidisciplinary backgrounds, this course offers theoretical and experiential training to professionals working with infants, children, adolescents and their families.

Under the guidance of our expert clinician-tutors, you will:

- Explore the earliest stages of life via an infant observation, honing your skills in the clinic where the method was first pioneered.
- Expand your knowledge base with the latest child development research and a range of key psychoanalytic concepts and texts.
- Critically examine the unconscious dynamics that can impact on your work through participating in regular group discussion.
- Gain a postgraduate certificate after one year of study, a postgraduate diploma after two years, or a Master's degree.

Flexibly delivered in a blended, part-time format, the course will inform your current practice, while also acting as a preparation for further, clinical training. The course is a NISCC, PIP approved programme for social workers in Northern Ireland.

There are a number of places funded by PHA at 75%. Please contact joint course lead Gertie Doonan to discuss the course and funding availability via email at gdoonan@tavi-port.nhs.uk.



Closely observing infants with their carers is a unique learning experience and highly relevant in many work settings.

Dr Deldre Meehan
Course Lead




Learn more, join an open event and start your application ▶



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 **Price**
£20 per person

 **Format**
Online

 **Duration**
1 hour



Call us: [0116 234 7246](tel:01162347246)

Email us: learning@nspcc.org.uk

Online: [Contact us](#)

On-demand training to help you recognise the signs of neglect and improve safeguarding practice

Neglect is the [most common form of abuse in the UK](#). But it can be difficult to identify the signs or know what action to take to protect children and support families.

Benefits of this masterclass

- ✓ On-demand training you can take anytime.

Understanding neglect masterclass

It covers the many ways that neglect happens, the physical and emotional signs and impact, how neglect presents and overlaps with other forms of abuse and how to identify signs and vulnerabilities.

You'll learn how the insight and recommendations from case reviews can be used to improve safeguarding, get children and families the help they need at an earlier stage and prevent similar incidents of abuse and neglect. Plus, examples from Childline and reflective activities will help you put what you learn into practice.

[Buy now](#) ➔

- ✓ CPD certified.
- ✓ Real-life insight from Childline and the NSPCC Helpline.
- ✓ Personalised downloadable certificate.
- ✓ Income generated from the sale of our training courses is reinvested back into the NSPCC to help protect children and young people.

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UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



SOLIHULL APPROACH

What is the Solihull Approach©?

The Solihull approach is an evidenced based and widely recognised treatment programme developed for practitioners who work with children and families. The Solihull approach uses already established evidenced based theories i.e., child development, psychoanalytic and behaviourism in a programme approach to develop understanding of children's brain development, interactions, and management.

The Solihull approach team have developed online mental health resources for families covering a vast area including understanding relationships, trauma and courses for teenagers.

There is no cost for these courses due to the PHA paying for the licence.

Please check these courses out and recommend to families you support



In addition to this we have new resources for schools including a new award system. This accreditation process showcases the excellent work that schools are doing to support the mental health and wellbeing of their pupils and staff

Solihull Approach accredited schools

Finally, any professional can access these advanced courses. scan QR code below and use access code **BETHECHANGENI**

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
SOLIHULL APPROACH

HSC **SBNI** **ACES** **NHS**

FREE for practitioners across Northern Ireland

Online courses:

- **Understanding Trauma** - This course covers Type 1 and Type 2 trauma, the window of tolerance, going through a traumatic experience, neurology and trauma, recognising trauma, recovery from trauma, and more...
- **Understanding Attachment** - This course is for practitioners who want to understand more about attachment and shows how containment and reciprocity underpin the quality of an attachment.
- **Understanding Brain Development** - This course is for practitioners who want introduction to brain development from antenatal period to adolescence.

Each course will take approx 3.75 hrs CPD per course

To attain Solihull Approach Advanced Trained Practitioner status, just send a copy of your certificates for the 2 Day Foundation training and three Advanced Trainings (online or face to face) to solihull.approach@uhb.nhs.uk

For technical support contact:
solihull.approach@uhb.nhs.uk
or 0121 296 4448 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm



Step 1: Create (or convert to) a professional account
Scan QR or visit www.solihullapproachparenting.com/online-courses-for-professionals/
Select 'Create account' and complete the application
OR
Go to www.inourplace.co.uk
Sign in to existing account and click 'Unlock professional courses'

Step 2: Once signed in to your professional account, enter Access Code:
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Step 3: To return to the course
Scan QR or visit www.solihullapproachparenting.com/online-courses-for-professionals/ and click 'Sign in'



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(Ruth Mulholland, Volunteer Now and Rebecca Hope, Sport NI)

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South Eastern HSC Trust T: 028 9250 1227

Belfast HSC Trust T: 028 9504 1744

Northern Trust HSC Trust T: 028 9441 3659

Western HSC Trust T: 028 7161 1366

Emergency Social Work Service (Evenings and weekends) T: 028 9504 9999

PSNI: 101 or 999 in an emergency

What We Do

Volunteer Now **promotes and supports volunteering** across Northern Ireland, connecting people with opportunities and helping organisations involve volunteers effectively.

We support **best practice in volunteer recruitment and management** through training, guidance, resources, and programmes like Investing in Volunteers and Volunteer Friendly.

Our work includes:

- Youth & employer-supported volunteering
- Research to shape policy
- Partnerships across local and global networks.

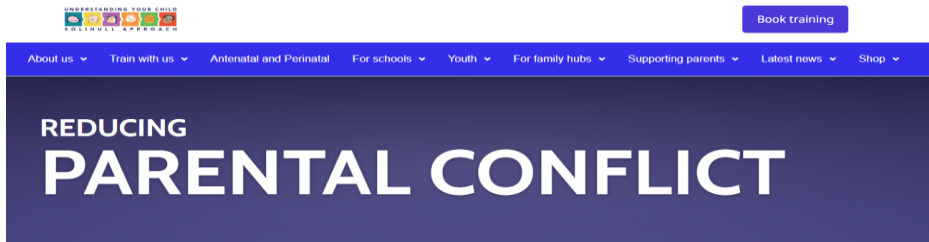
We also deliver **volunteer-led services**, and our Events Team **manages volunteers for major events**.

We support organisations with **governance and safeguarding**, backed by **30+ years' experience**, including our recent Adult Safeguarding in Sport contract with Sport NI.



Section 9: Training / Conferences

solihullapproachparenting.com/reducing-parental-conflict/?mc_cid=8a4664c081&mc_eid=b18b28ff43



The Solihull Approach to reducing parental conflict

As evidence increases to show how frequent, poorly resolved inter-parental conflict can impact children's mental health and long-term chances, support for parents must be easily accessible and non-stigmatised.

Some level of arguing and conflict between parents is often a normal part of everyday life. Indeed, resolving disagreements is an important life lesson children often learn from parents and other significant relationships.

The Solihull Approach is about understanding relationships, a central theme to all our training, courses, and resources. Supporting parents and carers from as early as pregnancy and throughout their developing journey as parents, we help people to read behaviour as communication, to understand their own feelings and wellbeing, reflect on how they express these feelings, and to learn about rupture and repair. Furthermore, the Solihull Approach is grounded in psychoanalytic theory and evidence and, therefore, teaches about the impact of ongoing intense and poorly resolved relational stress on the developing brain, supporting self-reflection through a range of learning techniques to develop conflict resolution skills.

Supporting parents

Universal parent support and education

<p>Training and resources for practitioners</p> <p>Training practitioners working with families for over 25 years, the Solihull Approach transcends professional disciplines to introduce an understanding of brain development and the importance of relationships.</p> <p>2-Day Foundation Training – for everyone who works with families</p> <p>Workshop delivery training – to run face-to-face or online programmes for parents</p> <p>www.inourplace.co.uk – parent portal for a range of online courses that can be used within 1:1 Early Help parent support work</p>	<p>Parent access</p> <p>www.inourplace.co.uk is home to a range of resources available for all parents to help understand brain development and emotional health and wellbeing throughout their parenting journey.</p> <p>Courses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding your relationships • Understanding your own trauma • Understanding your child: from toddler to teenager • Understanding your teenager's brain
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Tailored parental conflict resources

Understanding your relationships: online course

Designed to be accessible to all parents and adults to support an understanding of the mechanisms underpinning relationships, this course includes modules on a range of issues relating to inter-parental conflict resolution.

Understanding your relationships focuses on:

- Emotional intelligence and self-exploration: understanding your own needs and communication style while recognising others to build meaningful connections
- Communication and containment: understanding how to get what you need while also fostering active listening skills
- Conflict resolution: developing strategies to manage conflict and control anger or frustration and repairing when things go wrong
- Parenting and relationships: exploring parenting and childhood to understand how early experiences shape emotional health and resilience
- Practical support: ideas and approaches to help you get the best out of yourself and others

Additional supportive guidance and resources are signposted throughout to support those who may identify the need for more personalised or specialist support.

The online course is delivered through 11 modules broken down into manageable units and is designed to support a range of learning styles. Like all the courses on [inourplace](http://www.inourplace.co.uk), it is completely private, followed at the learner's own pace. It can also be used as a scaffold for 1:1 Early Help work with a practitioner or coordinated as a hybrid group that enables a small group to study privately and come together to discuss in a supportive environment.

Module titles ▼

Measuring impact and outcomes

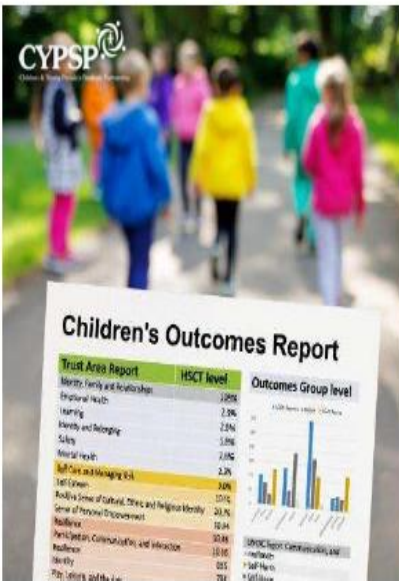
[Understanding your relationships](#) online course features embedded measures, available to sponsors of Multi-User Licences, to support impact monitoring as follows:

- Pre and post questionnaires (Relationship Satisfaction Scale)
- Additional conflict specific pre-post questionnaire item
- In-course satisfaction surveys
- NHS Family and Friends' recommendation
- Additional conflict in-course survey item
- Aggregated anonymised data reports available to sponsors of Multi-User Licences
- Pianta Child-Parent relationship scale with additional item relating to parental conflict

Section 11: Useful Links and Informative Media Resources

Available Northern & Southern Sector

Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP)



Essential reading for anyone supporting young people in NI!

The CYPSP Children's Services Planning Team has recently published updated interactive statistical reports on the CYPSP maps platform

These reports provide valuable, high-level data on children's wellbeing, drawn from the CYPSP outcomes framework

They allow for easy comparisons at regional, trust, and local levels – perfect for planning, service development, advocacy, and understanding local needs

All reports are interactive and accessible [HERE](#)

These tools can offer timely evidence to inform your day-to-day work, whether in schools, health services, youth provision, social care, or community initiatives

The reports will be updated as and when new data becomes available

Please share widely with your teams and across your networks

**Section 10: Western Area Sure Start Projects,
 Family Support Hubs and Childcare Partnerships**
Western Family Support Hubs – Children and Young People's
 Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) (hscni.net)

Contact Information	Telephone	Email
Family First – Natasha Burke, Family Support Hub Coordinator	(028) 7137 3870	Email here
Dry Arch – Donna O’Kane Family Support Hub Coordinator	(028) 7774 2904	Email here
Fermanagh – Donna Gormley, Family Support Hub Coordinator	(028) 6632 4181	Email here
Omagh – Seana Conor, Family Support Hub Coordinator	(028) 8225 9495	Email here
ETHOS – Marty Daly Family Support Hub Coordinator	(028) 7135 8787	Email here
Outer West – Cathy Sweeney, Family Support Hub Coordinator	(028) 7126 9833	Email here
Strabane – Shauna Devine Family Support Hub Coordinator	(028) 7138 2658	Email here
Waterside – Meghan Leonard Family Support Hub Coordinator	(028) 7132 9444	Email here

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Links

Cost of Living Resources Including Contact Details for Local Food Banks

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

[Cost of living help – Fermanagh & Omagh District Council \(fermanaghomagh.com\)](http://fermanaghomagh.com)

Strabane and Derry/ Londonderry District Council

[Derry City & Strabane - Help with Cost of Living \(derrystrabane.com\)](http://derrystrabane.com)

Causeway Coast and Glens Council

[Advice and Support - Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council \(causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk\)](http://causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk)

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[Do THIS Every Day to Rewire Yo... - The Mel Robbins Podcast - Apple Podcasts](#)

Do THIS Every Day to Rewire Your Brain From Stress and Anxiety

Dr. Nadine Burke Harris, MD is one of the most important voices in trauma science and public health. She is a pediatrician, who conducted pioneering research on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), the founder of the Center for Youth Wellness, and the former Surgeon General of the State of California.

What you learn today will make you forever calmer and more in control of your emotions.

If you've ever had a moment where you thought:

“Why does one email, one comment...ruin my day?”

“Why do I always get overwhelmed by the littlest things?”

“Why am I like this?”

This conversation gives you the answer.

In this episode, Dr. Burke Harris explains why so many of the patterns you hate, like being reactive, shutting down, people-pleasing, not being able to follow through, and feeling dread for no reason, are not your “personality flaws” – and give you the truth.

She is here to tell you that your body is running an overactive stress response that got wired in childhood, and never got turned off.

Dr. Burke Harris gives you research-backed tools that help your body re-regulate, calm down, and feel safe, so stress stops driving your life.

You will be able to start rewiring your nervous system today, with one powerful, 3-word sentence you can say to yourself. It takes less than a few minutes and reverses the feelings that make life harder than it should be.

Section 12: CRIS: Crisis Resources Information & Support

HSC Western Health and Social Care Trust | **CRIS** Crisis Resources Information and Support

If you are worried about your mental health, this card provides details of supports you can call on in the Omagh and Fermanagh areas. The numbers below are available 24 hrs per day (except GP Out of Hours and Papyrus). The numbers on the opposite side can be accessed during the day Mon-Fri.

999 or 112

GP Out of Hours 028 7186 5195
Monday to Friday from 6pm / 24hrs during Saturday, Sunday and public holidays

Lifeline 0808 808 8000 24 hour support if you are in distress or despair.

SAMARITANS 116 123
For a listening ear 365 days a year.

Childline: 08001111 for young people under 19

24hr Domestic and Sexual Abuse Helpline
for men and women: 08088021414 / email help@dsahelpline.org

PAPYRUS: Dedicated to preventing young suicide (under 35yo) 9am-midnight every day
Call free: 08000684141 / Free text 07860039967
email pat@papyrus-uk.org / chat: http://www.papyrus-uk.org

These services can be contacted during the day Mon-Fri

VOYPIC
Voice of Young People in Care
028 7137 8980 • info@voypic.org • www.voypic.org
Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm

Aisling Centre
Enniskillen, Counselling, Psychotherapy and Wellbeing Service
028 6632 5811 • www.theaislingcentre.com • Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

The Tara Centre
Omagh, Counselling and Therapeutic Services
028 8225 0024 • www.taraomagh.com • Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Aware NI
Support for people with depression, bipolar disorder, and anxiety
028 9035 7820 • www.aware-ni.org
Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm, Fri 9am-2pm

NEXUS NI
Support for people affected by sexual trauma
028 9032 6803 • www.nexusni.org
Monday-Wednesday 9am-9pm, Thurs 9am-5pm, Fri 9am-4pm

ASCERT
Addressing alcohol and drug-related issues
0800 254 5123 • www.ascert.biz • Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm, Fri 9am-4pm

For further information on drug and alcohol support services in your area, please go to <https://drugsandalcoholni.info/self-help-resources/> or scan this QR code and click on Western Area.



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Lifeline 0808 808 8000 24 hour support if you are in distress or despair.

Community Crisis Intervention Service (CCIS): If you feel in crisis and need support or if you have observed someone who is in distress and this comes to significant harm through self-harm and suicidal behaviour please call:

028 7126 2300

Thurs 8pm-Midnight • Fri 6pm-3am • Sat 6pm-3am • Sun 4pm-10pm

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MAN Men's Action Network
For Male Victims of Domestic, Sexual and Coercive Behaviour
028 7122 6530 • 028 7137 7777 • Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm & Fri 9am-1pm

Koram Centre
Strabane, Counselling and Psychosocial Support
028 7188 6181 • Mon, Tues, Fri 9am-5pm, Wed & Thurs 9am-9pm
Phone lines closed for lunch 1pm-2pm every day.

Derry Well Women
Health and Social Care Services to Women of All Ages
028 7136 0777 • www.derrywellwoman.org
Mon-Thurs 9am-9pm, Fri 9am-4pm. Drop-in daytime only.

For further information on drug and alcohol support services in your area, please go to <https://drugsandalcoholni.info/self-help-resources/> or scan this QR code and click on Western Area.

