

# Launch of The Fermanagh Early Intervention Family Support Hub

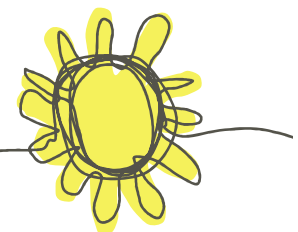


14<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Presented by Seána Connor

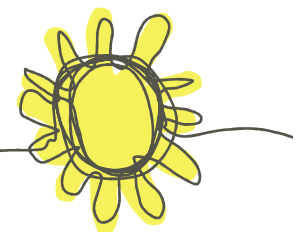
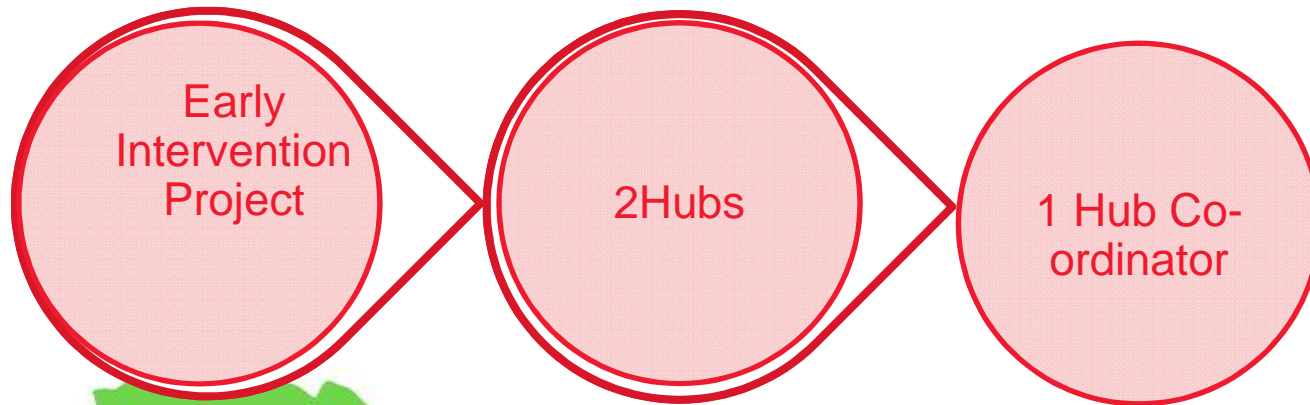
Hub Co-ordinator

Action for Children



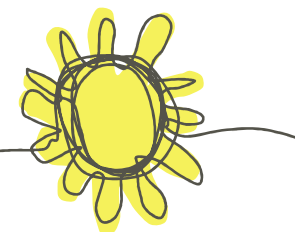
# Fermanagh HUB

Current operational position within AFC



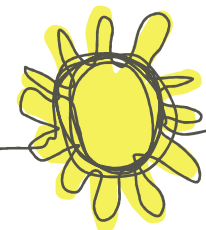
# Fermanagh Hub Partner's

- Action for Children
- ADHD Support
- ARC Irvinestown consists of Solace, Sure Start and Flourishing Families.
- ASD Service
- Breakthru
- CAMHS
- Children's Disability Service
- Daisy
- Devenish Partnership
- Erne Family Centre
- Fermanagh Women's Aid
- Gateway Team
- Home Start
- Locality Planning
- Men's Action Network
- New Horizons AMH
- Oak Healthy Living Centre
- PSNI Youth Diversion
- Relate NI
- School Counselling
- Strengthening Families Project
- WELB Education Welfare Officers
- WELB Youth Service
- West Team
- Westville Family Resource Centre



## Partnerships

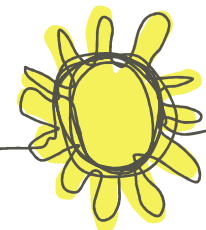
- Drug and Alcohol Forum
- Find Centre
- Locality Planning
- Children Services Panel (Trust)
- Family Support Panel (Trust)
- DSD Neighbourhood Renewal



# Core Objectives of an Early Intervention HUB.

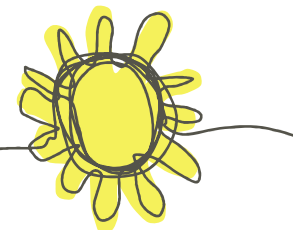


*“...is to enhance awareness, communication, connectedness and, critically, the co-ordination of Family Support Services in local areas with an emphasis on **prevention** and **early intervention**.”*



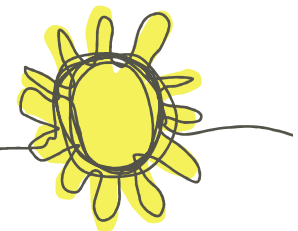
# Operation of Fermanagh Hub

- Robust referral screening for all referrals to Hub and home visits and assessment for all self referrals.
- Signpost families to service they require or if no service available or more complex take to Quorum
- Quorum meetings every month to identify and co-ordinate services to families.
- Evaluations are sent back to Hub and updates from Hub partners capturing if families needs were met.
- Unmet need captured from Hub Partners and forwarded to Locality Planning Co-ordinator
- Wider Hub meetings 2 times a year to review Hub progress.
- Continue to network with agencies promoting Hub and continue ongoing development of Hub
- Hub attends Family Support Panels weekly and monthly
- Hub attends Drug and Alcohol Forum.

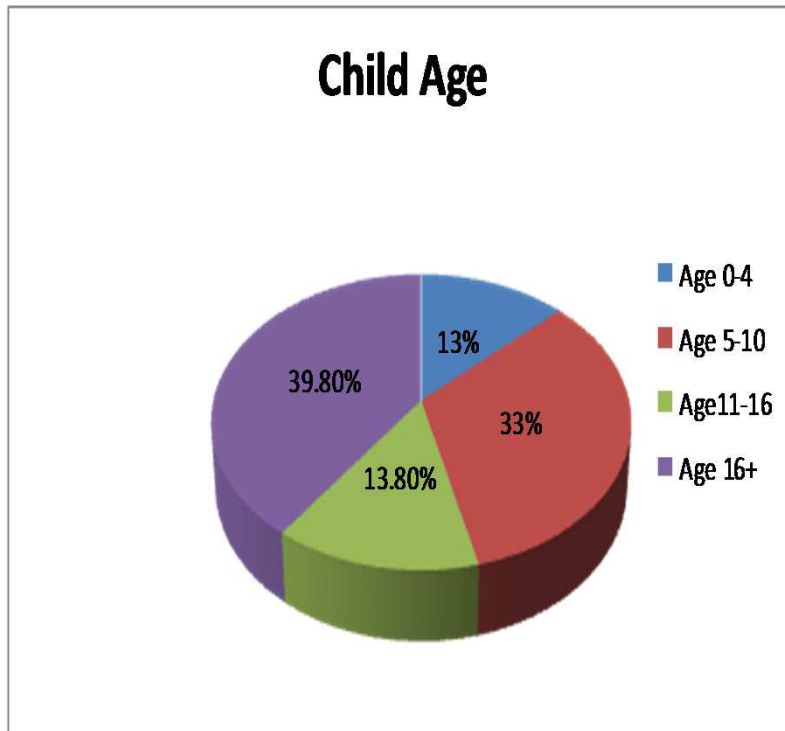


# What have we achieved so far?

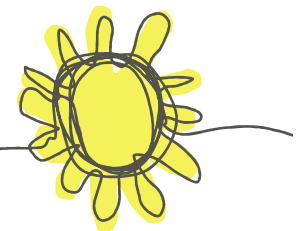
- 138 referrals received since Hub went live on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2013
- Last year (May 2013 – December 2013) – 74 referrals
- This year (January to date 2014) – 63 referrals
- Making better use of one another resources and signposting families to parenting programs
- Reducing waiting lists for families at early intervention and being more creative
- Improved partnership working
- Shared learning and good practise at Quorums
- Collating and evidencing the unmet need and waiting lists in Fermanagh and forwarding to Locality Planning to share with commissioners.



# Referral breakdown of ages May 2013- March 2014

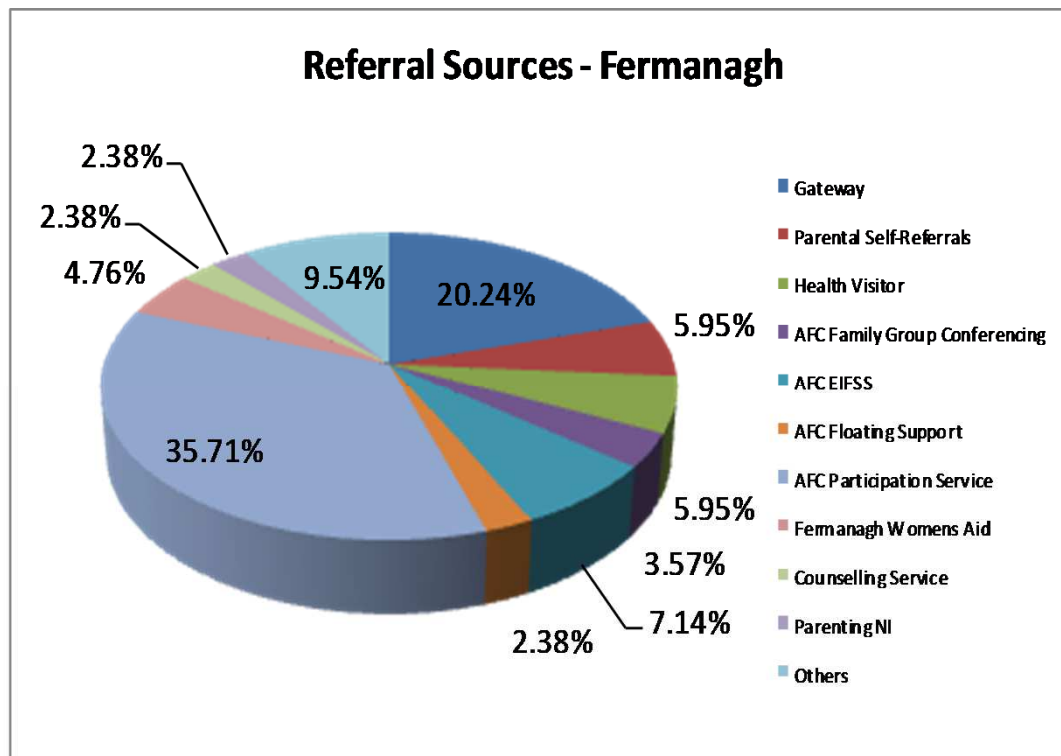


16 Years and older dominated with  
5-10 year olds





## Referrals by referring agent May 13- March 14



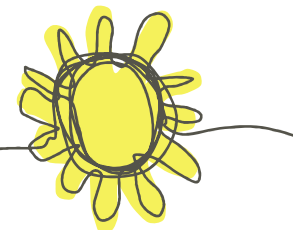
The majority of our referrals continue to come from Gateway

Increase in self referrals in recent times



## Main Issues presenting to Hub

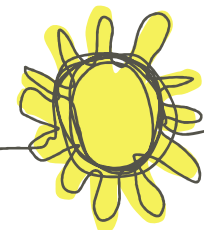
- ❑ **Parents experiencing difficulties in dealing with behaviours in children** – disrespect, challenging behaviour, non-compliance, attention, listening,
- ❑ **Compromised parenting** – parental mental health needs, economic/social difficulties, previous domestic violence, difficult separation
- ❑ **Loss** – bereavement, changes in family life, parental separation
- ❑ **Special needs** – pre diagnosis and initial diagnosis ASD, ADHD, SEN
- ❑ **Poverty** – access to social outlets for kids, food hampers etc



# Continuing to Develop



- Increasing staff capacity
- Supporting families to support themselves
- Identifying unmet needs/gaps and addressing these needs through locality planning
- Making better use of one another resources with parenting programmes
- Maintain and strengthen Partnership working within schools, community, voluntary and statutory sector
- Access to money for children for social outlets affected by poverty at tier 1 and 2
- Raising awareness of Hub and promote it



## Thank you

- Thanks for taking time to listen to me today.
- Cut the Cake and enjoy our celebration!
- Any questions?

