

Supporting the Implementation of Think Family through the Champions Model

What is the role of a Champion within Adult Mental Health and Children's Services?

- To take a lead role within a team regarding the interface between Mental Health and childcare
- To create a greater awareness of the impact of Mental Health issues on parents and childhood experiences.

The Champions Model was initially developed by the Northern Trust in 2009 and has been identified as a model of good practice. The Regional Think Family sub group has identified this as a key area of work that each interface group in the five Health and Social Care Trusts will progress throughout 2015.

Their tasks:

- To become lead "champion" within own team
- To raise the issues at team discussions
- To share learning with team members
- To provide advice to team members
- To promote joint working
- To contribute to local training initiatives
- To identify obstacles to better co-operation.