

On 26th March 2015 we saw the launch of the Omagh Early Intervention Family Support Hub. The event took place in the Tara Centre, Omagh and saw over 100 people from agencies such as schools, health visitors, nurses and social workers. Speakers on the day included, Mr Pat Armstrong, Western Trust Head of Service for Adoption, Fostering, Family Support and Early Years, Tom Cassidy, Assistant Director of Women and Children's Services at the Western Trust, Neville Armstrong, Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal, Helen Dunn Regional Coordinator, Priscilla Magee Locality Planning Coordinator at Action for Children and the new Omagh Hub Coordinator Olive Roe.

At the event, delegates learned about the development of Family Support Hubs and were provided with positive feedback from families who had been through the hub process. Olive Roe detailed the geography of the Omagh hub highlighting all areas covered and how agencies, individuals or parents themselves can access the hub and the service offered through each agency. There was also the opportunity for agencies to present more information regarding their services with 14 agencies attending with pop-up stands.

Each delegate received a copy of the new Omagh Family Support booklet which is a valuable resource for families and anyone working with families.

The launch was a huge success and people left with increased knowledge of services available in the area and where and how to access services.