

Colin Early Intervention update for SEOG meeting on 20/09/2021

Colin Early Intervention Community is continuing to deliver its Primary Schools Counselling Service across all six local primary schools, and will be providing one-to-one counselling to over 50 children this year, as well as support to their parents/carers and teachers. Resilience training for teachers and parents across the schools has also been completed through the BOUNCE programme we commissioned from Barnardo's, which resulted in over 1,000 local KS2 children receiving classroom resilience workshops.

Over 90 children in P1 and P2 are receiving Speech & Language Therapy in the school setting through Colin Early Intervention's SALT service.

A core group of 20 vulnerable mums and babies are supported through the Colin Early Parenting Programme. In addition, the project's two Early Intervention Support Workers have been providing home-based support to parents including behaviour support, sleep support, baby massage and baby yoga. Outdoor group activities have resumed recently with Walkie-Talkie and Tree Baby programmes being held for parent and baby in Colin Glen Forest Park.

Delivery of our ADHD Changing Lives programme ended in March after delivering training and support to 1,111 families across Belfast and Lisburn and to 607 health and education professionals. We are continuing to receive high levels of request for support from social workers and child psychologists. Although our EU funding ended, the four partners North and South have recently received funding from the All-Island Community Fund to maintain the partnership and attempt to secure further funding to resume the programme.