

## Information Update 12/9/24

**We are delighted to say a massive congratulations to Charlene on the birth of her beautiful baby girl ROSIE**



**DIANE FORSYTHE MLA & CARA HUNTER MLA, ALONG WITH**

**Belfast Area**  
Domestic & Sexual Violence and Abuse Partnership

**REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY FOR THE LAUNCH OF**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ABUSE: LEGAL REMEDIES GUIDANCE**

Information about the criminal and civil law surrounding domestic violence and abuse in Northern Ireland

**Monday 14th October 2024**  
10am to 11.30am  
Long Gallery, Parliament Buildings Belfast

Tea and coffee available on arrival from 9.30am. Spaces are limited so please RSVP by email at your earliest convenience to [dvpevents@belfastwomensaid.org.uk](mailto:dvpevents@belfastwomensaid.org.uk) noting any dietary or access requirements. Please present your invite on entry to Parliament Buildings.

Event kindly sponsored by Diane Forsythe MLA & Cara Hunter MLA  
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**Belfast Area**  
Domestic & Sexual Violence and Abuse Partnership

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**DOMESTIC ABUSE AND THE IMPACT ON CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

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<b>City Centre</b>	Wednesday 19th March 2025	10am to 1pm	City Centre, venue TBC

We will have contributions from our partner agencies including:

**Believe in children** Barnardos  
**Women's Aid** WORKING TO END DOMESTIC ABUSE  
**NSPCC**  
**Francis Hanna SOLICITORS** LEGAL EXCELLENCE SINCE 1928

Places must be booked in advance. To register, please contact [dvpevents@belfastwomensaid.org.uk](mailto:dvpevents@belfastwomensaid.org.uk) noting any specific dietary or access requirements. Registration from 9.30am. Lunch will be provided. Please note West Belfast session took place March 2024.

**Public Health Dietitian's Group**  
HSC Public Health Agency  
Project supported by the PHA

**Tutor training dates Sept - Nov 2024**

**Food & Health Essentials**  
Wednesday 9 October 9.30am - 4.30pm

**Cook it!**  
fun, fast food for less  
Thursday 26 September and Wednesday 16 October 9.30am - 4pm

**I can Cook it!**  
fun, fast food for less  
Thursday 26 September and Wednesday 16 October 9.30am - 4pm

**Making the most of your slow cooker**  
Friday 25 October (Online) and Thursday 7 November (Online) 10am-12pm

**Nutrition Awareness**  
Tuesday 19 November 1pm-3pm

**Food Values**  
Wednesday 2 October and Thursday 21 November 9.30am - 4pm

**Please note!**  
You must have completed Food & Health Essentials training before you can proceed to book any other session dates

Tel: 028 9615 2450  
Email: [PHDietitians@belfasttrust.hscni.net](mailto:PHDietitians@belfasttrust.hscni.net)

# Summerhill Programme

**PARENTING FOCUS**  
summerhill foundation

## 4 week programme for parents

Week 1 Nutrition and Healthy Eating  
Week 2 Taking Care of the Pennies  
Week 3 Making ends Meet  
Week 4 Wellbeing

**THURSDAY'S**  
26th Sept 2024  
7pm-9pm  
4 Weeks via Zoom

**FRIDAY'S**  
4th Oct 2024  
10am-12noon  
4 Weeks via Zoom

- Meet and discuss family life in a safe environment
- Pick up tips on how to become more confident in handling the daily pressures parents face

**It is our hope that this programme will allow families a happier home life and children will feel more secure as they are given the support and love to enable them to reach their full potential in life.**

To book a place, on either programme, please telephone the Parenting Focus Support Line:  
**0808 8010 722**

# ODYSSEY PARENTING YOUR TEEN PROGRAMME

**I HATE THIS HOUSE!**  
**You do my head in!**  
**Get out of my room!**  
**I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT. LEAVE ME ALONE!**

**SOUND FAMILIAR?**  
Helping you deal with the reality of living with teenagers

**Call to register:**  
**0808 8010 722**  
Mon-Thurs 9.30am-3.30pm  
Fri 9.30am - 12.30pm

**Belfast Trust**  
Wed 2nd Oct  
Wed 20th Nov 2024  
Join us online every Wednesday for 8 weeks  
7.00pm - 9.00pm

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**NSPCC**

## Listen up speak up

### Free training to help keep children safe

**Sign up now and learn how to play your part**  
It's up to all of us to keep children safe. That's why we're encouraging every adult in the UK to Listen up, Speak up. When we all listen up and speak up for the people around us, we can make sure that children always come first. It might mean stepping in to help juggle childcare, providing a listening ear to a struggling teen, or calling the NSPCC Helpline if you think a child is at risk.

**Our Listen up, Speak up training will show:**

- the signs a child might be at risk, and steps you can take to help
- how to approach difficult conversations to help keep children safe
- who you can contact if you're ever concerned about a child or their family.

**There are two ways to get involved:**

- 1. Host a workshop**  
We can deliver an hour-long workshop at your workplaces, school, club or community group. These are completely free of charge and will be delivered from February 2024 onwards. Anyone aged 18+ is welcome to attend.  
To book a workshop, please contact [northernirelandcampaigns@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:northernirelandcampaigns@nspcc.org.uk)
- 2. Sign up to our 10-minute digital training**  
Visit our Listen up, Speak up page to find out more: [nspcc.org.uk/speakup](https://nspcc.org.uk/speakup)

Parenting Focus have organised some opportunities that might be of interest to your families. You are very welcome to share as appropriate and any parents that are interested just need to call our support line on 0808 8010 722 to book their space (posters attached). Many thanks in advance, Kelly

### Odyssey Parenting Your Teen

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 7-9pm x 8 weeks via zoom

### Summerhill Cost of Living programme

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 7-9pm x 4 weeks via zoom

**OR** Friday 4th October, 10am – 12noon x 4 weeks via zoom

**Listen up Speak up** is an NSPCC campaign aimed at empowering people to know what to do if they're ever worried about a child or family.

We are offering free face-to-face and virtual workshops to community groups, businesses, schools, and any organisations wanting to learn how we can all keep children safe.

There are more details in the attached flyer, and we would be more than happy to speak to you if you have any queries. We are starting to book in workshops now, for delivery from October onwards so please let me know if you would like to book a workshop and we can put a date in the diary.

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## Credit Insights Await: Don't Miss Our October Event! Money Guiders Northern Ireland Network - September 2024 Newsletter

- [About - Money Guiders - Knowledge Hub \(khub.net\)](#)
- [Pension Credit is now key to keeping your Winter Fuel Payment | MoneyHelper](#)

Blessed Trinity College is running their annual 'Supporting Our Teens' Event on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 7-8.30pm and are inviting Hub members to host a stall.

This event is extremely popular with their students and their parents and allows Blessed Trinity College to showcase all the supports that are available in our locality.

If you wish to attend, please email Colin McAllister  
[cmcallister833@trinitycollege.belfast.ni.sch.uk](mailto:cmcallister833@trinitycollege.belfast.ni.sch.uk)

Today, Action for Children launch a report across the UK called "A Place to Call Home". The reports, including one specific to the NI context are all available here: [www.actionforchildren.uk/APlaceToCallHomeReport](http://www.actionforchildren.uk/APlaceToCallHomeReport)

We believe **every child in the care system deserves a safe, loving home. They should receive the highest quality care, in a home that is well-matched to their individual needs, so that they can thrive.**

But it's widely recognised that care systems across the UK are failing to deliver good experiences and outcomes for every child in care.

Currently there aren't enough of the right types of home - foster or residential - in the right parts of the country, to meet children's needs. Too many children are in inappropriate homes, without the right support, without stability, and without the ability to nurture key relationships.

In NI, many also face multiple additional barriers linked to other policy areas outside of Health and Social Care. To name a few examples revealed in this report, housing allocations take no account of whether an 18-year-old has care-experience, and Universal Credit offers insufficient amounts to provide stability for more challenging transitions into adulthood in the absence of wider family or community support structures. I've attached Paddy's story- shared with permission- to highlight how this impacts his life, and too many others within the care system.

We hope you might be interested in the [NI research](#), which has recommendations specific to our local context as well as the wider picture in the UK. If you have any queries or would like to talk further, please don't hesitate to contact us.



## Belfast Family Support Hub Network Training

### Supporting Trauma-Informed Assessments - The MACE Toolkit

This training will explore:

- The concept of being trauma-informed during assessments and related work
- Helpful and unhelpful practitioner behaviours during assessments/related work
- Potential sources and signs of exposure to childhood trauma
- Protective factors and how they interact with risk factors to influence positive outcomes/resilience
- Appropriate interventions to support families affected by trauma
- The process of support pathway planning and review
- How to use the MACE Trauma-Informed Practitioner's Toolkit during your assessments/related work

**Date:** Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Time:** 9.30am – 1.00pm (Registration from 9.00am – 9.30am)

**Venue:** Whiterock Daycentre  
6 Whiterock Drive  
Belfast  
BT12 7RQ

**Facilitator:** Elena Brewer (ASCERT)

Booking of places is on a first come basis. If oversubscribed, places will be limited to one person per organisation.

To book a place on this training session, please email [jennifer.heverin@belfasttrust.hscni.net](mailto:jennifer.heverin@belfasttrust.hscni.net) by 10<sup>th</sup> October, including your name and organisation, noting your organisation's membership of relevant Family Support Hub(s).

Children in Northern Ireland (CiNI) is conducting research and gathering evidence on behalf of its members to understand and analyse the current funding environment for organisations delivering services and support to children, young people and families in 2024/25.

As a Member of CiNI, we need your response to our Funding Survey, which closes on 4th October: <https://forms.office.com/e/Rafr4aDPrZ>

This should take around 10 minutes of your time, and the information that you provide will remain confidential. We intend to share the key findings with important stakeholders such as the NI Executive and government departments as part of our efforts to advocate for improvement in children's services, address current funding challenges, and upholding children's rights.

We would also really appreciate any support with sharing/reposting the social media content relating to the Funding Survey and forwarding this email to relevant colleagues who deliver support/services for children. We are hoping to reach a wide range of organisations across various sectors.

If you have any questions regarding this survey, or would like to find out more, please contact: [ernest@ci-ni.org.uk](mailto:ernest@ci-ni.org.uk).

I have been working as an associate with Contact UK as part of a NI Dormant Accounts Funded project over the past 12 months, supporting families and practitioners caring for children with additional needs across Northern Ireland.

The project is coming to an end and Contact is in a position to offer 2 online, CPD accredited practitioner workshops to colleagues in health and social care in Northern Ireland at a heavily discounted rate.

Workshop 1 on is focused on Toilet Training for Children with Additional Needs and Workshop 2 is focused on Supporting Parent Carers caring for Children with Additional Needs, both delivered within the latest evidence base.

Each workshop is facilitated by a trained Family Support Consultant and is available for up to 30 participants for a total cost of £695. CPD Certification will be provided following the workshop.

If you would like more information about the workshop content and booking arrangements, please let me know. Please also share this information with relevant contacts if you can.

**Catherine Murnin**  
**The Wellbeing Pathway**  
**email:** [catherine@thewellbeingpathway.com](mailto:catherine@thewellbeingpathway.com)  
**phone:** 07538 646 745  
**web:** <https://thewellbeingpathway.com>

## 1. Introduction

The North Belfast Partnership Board ceased trading in February 2018 since then North Belfast has missed opportunities regarding funding, capital builds, strategic partnerships.

The Department for Communities are currently undertaking review of Neighbourhood Renewal and the direction of travel seems to be that any new programme in Belfast will be based around area plans, and managed through area partnerships.

To address both of these realities the four Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships (Ballysillan and Upper Ardoyne, Crumlin /Ardoyne, Inner North and Ligoniel) have been working with stakeholders from the community, statutory, voluntary and political sectors to develop a cohesive North Belfast voice.

## 2. Background

Following extensive consultation and engagement a new North Belfast Community Partnership (NBCP) is currently being formed to;

- ❖ *Provide a strategic vision and context for guiding regeneration, planning and development.*
- ❖ *Identify and promote a portfolio of strategic regeneration activities.*
- ❖ *Identify investment priorities and support the sourcing of suitable financing.*
- ❖ *Provide a clear and overarching North Belfast wrap around activity plan, which incorporates and recognises the importance local neighbourhood action plans.*
- ❖ *Act as promotional champion for North Belfast.*
- ❖ *Contribute to the design, development and implementation of existing and emerging relevant policies, projects and initiatives.*

The role of the partnership is **not** to act as a delivery agent.

## 3. The Proposal

The Partnership have an agreed vision, mission, and strategic priorities (Appendix 1). The next body of work involves the development of a five- year action plan for each of the following eleven agreed thematic priorities:

- ❖ Theme 1 : Early Intervention for Children and Families
- ❖ Theme 2 : Destitution /Poverty
- ❖ Theme 3 : Inclusive Communities
- ❖ Theme 4 : Safer Communities
- ❖ Theme 5 : Cultural , Arts ,Sport and Faith
- ❖ Theme 6 : Regeneration
- ❖ Theme 7 : Health and Wellbeing
- ❖ Theme 8 : Economic Prosperity
- ❖ Theme 9 : Education
- ❖ Theme 10 : Youth
- ❖ Theme 11 : Environment

The action plan for each of the eleven themes will be developed over a six- month period (October 2024- March 2025) , by stakeholders from the community, statutory, voluntary, and private sectors with a North Belfast specific interest in each of the thematic areas.

Please find attached the expression of interest for the roles of chairperson in each of the eleven thematic working groups of the North Belfast Community Partnership pilot .

The time scale of the appointment process is :

- ❖ 04-09-2024 - Expressions of Interests issued.
- ❖ 13-09-2024 – Expressions of interest returned .
- ❖ 16-09-2024 – If more than one expression of interest has been received, they will be issued to members of the relevant thematic groups who will then vote for their preference.
- ❖ 20-09-2024 – Votes from thematic Sub Groups returned.
- ❖ 23-09- 2024 – Thematic Working chairs appointed for the duration of the pilot.



Microsoft Word  
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# Ligoniel Community Centre

**Information  
Morning:**

**Helping  
Your Child  
with ASD**

Fri, 20 Sept.  
10am—12

**AUTISM PLAY  
THERAPIST  
BELFAST**



For more information, please contact the Centre at  
T: 02890 719337 or email [ligonielcc@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:ligonielcc@belfastcity.gov.uk)



# Concorde Community Centre

**Information  
Morning:**

**Helping  
Your Child  
with ASD**

Fri, 25 October  
10am—12

**AUTISM PLAY  
THERAPIST  
BELFAST**



For more information, please contact the Centre at  
T: 02890 712450 or email [concordecc@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:concordecc@belfastcity.gov.uk)



## Fire Marshal/Warden Training

Monday 30th September  
9am-12pm



GRACE

### 6 Places available

- ✔ Expertise and Training
- ✔ All businesses are required to have designated staff, trained as Fire Wardens or Marshals
- ✔ The training meets the requirements under the Fire Safety Legislation (NI) 2010



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Contact Us ↓

 (028) 90743536





# WOMEN'S TEC NEWSLETTER

## Special Job Edition!

### Securitas Jobs Alert!

Interested in a career with Securitas or fancy an exciting new career in Security? Our Employment and Support Officer, Emma, will be hosting a drop-in advice/recruitment session on Monday, 16th September on these exciting careers! Come along to meet the team and learn more about the available roles! Plus, Securitas can put you through your SIA license application!

 Date: Monday, 16th September

 Time: 1pm - 2pm

If you're interested, contact Emma on 07936983269,  
[Emma.McDonald@womenstec.org](mailto:Emma.McDonald@womenstec.org) and check out the job below links for more information!



Securitas

If you have any information you would like to share across our Locality Planning Group members in Belfast please email to:

[LocalityPlanning@belfasttrust.hscni.net](mailto:LocalityPlanning@belfasttrust.hscni.net)