



# Nottinghamshire Family Hub Network Newsletter - April 2024

## Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of the Family Hub Network Newsletter for Nottinghamshire.

This newsletter is for local parents, carers and those who work with families in Nottinghamshire and aims to keep people updated with plans and activity.

This newsletter also provides us an opportunity to get your views and ideas for how you think Family Hub Networks can be rolled out.

## What are Family Hub Networks?

Family Hub Networks will offer support to children, young people, and their families and should make it easier for families to get the support they need when they need it.

Family Hub Networks will bring together local services and advice for families with babies, children, young people, and their families including specific services from pregnancy to age 4. You will see changes over the next 12 months.

For more information, please go to <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/family-hub/what-are-family-hubs>

## What services will Family Hub Networks provide?

Typically, you will be able to access a wide range of services, such as:

- support for expectant parents and new parents such as baby groups and infant feeding advice
- support for wellbeing and mental health
- helping parents and carers to be more confident with things like managing children's behaviour or help with sleep routines
- help to access to financial and debt advice
- information about local youth clubs

Each Family Hub Network will have a core team including family support workers, youth workers, early years workers, health visitors, school nurses, and community development workers. Our priority is to help you get the right support at the right time, so bringing services together will help to achieve that.

## When will Family Hubs be launched?

Family Hub Networks will be launched gradually over the next 12 months, and they

should be available by April 2025. Some areas will be launched sooner.

5. Information and support on starting nursery, school, or college

## Family Hubs Consultation Findings Autumn 2023



As Family Hub Networks are developed in, it's important that your views and ideas are gathered, so that the services provided meet your needs.

The council asked local families for their views to help develop effective Family Hub Networks. A consultation exercise ran in autumn 2023 and found that 82% of respondents agreed with the proposal for Children's Centres to become Family Hubs and create Family Hub Networks.

Here are some of the comments:

- *Sounds great to me.*
- *Brilliant Idea and overdue*
- *Very encouraging for this proposal. Families need continued help to meet the changing needs of children.*
- *A good idea, assuming the early years support continues as it was - have been invaluable for support for my youngest two*
- *I think this is a good idea as it doesn't feel like there is much support for families with children over the age of 5 or if there is it isn't very well advertised.*

The top 5 priorities families wanted the Family Hub Networks to focus on are:

1. Helping improve emotional health and wellbeing
2. Advice on managing children's behaviour
3. Crafts, play and learning activities to do in the home
4. Drop-in services for parents and carers

## What is going to happen next?

1. Increase promotion of local services and information, advice, and guidance for families.
2. Create and promote a new Virtual Family Hub to provide a range of information for local families.
3. Help frontline workers to navigate services with families - helping professionals to find the right support from the services who can help children, young people, and their families.
4. Bring services together in dedicated Family Hub buildings and create Family Hub Network Information points in places like libraries and Community Centres.
5. Work with a range of services and organisations to make sure families who need extra support receive it.
6. Work with the Voluntary and Community Sector to help promote their activities.
7. Work with local mental health services to ensure that local professionals have the skills and confidence to support children and young people as emotional health and wellbeing issues emerge; and reduce demand on specialist services.

## Approval to launch Family Hub Networks across Nottinghamshire

On 28 March 2024, Nottinghamshire County Council agreed to roll out Family Hub Networks following the recommendations from the consultation. Watch the discussion on [YouTube](#). The report and full consultation findings are available on our [website](#).

## Get Involved

### Can you help design our new images?

We have been working to produce ideas for new branding for Family Hub Networks and we want to hear about your preferences. There are 5 options to choose from.

Please [click on this link](#) to access a brief survey. The survey closes on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024.

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#### Style 4



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#### Style 5



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### Tell us what it's like living in Nottinghamshire

We were thrilled by the enthusiastic participation in our Family Hubs mini survey, which concluded on April 1st. Partners, parents/carers, and especially young people contributed valuable insights that will shape the future of our Family Hubs. We received over 800 responses and aim to share our results with you soon. A big “thank you” to you all!

### There are more opportunities to get involved

If you live or work in the Family Hub Design Site areas, contact the local Children’s Centre team to get involved in activities and events.

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Sutton in Ashfield	<a href="mailto:CC.Ashfield@nottsc.gov.uk">CC.Ashfield@nottsc.gov.uk</a>
Newark	<a href="mailto:CC.NewarkandSherwood@nottsc.gov.uk">CC.NewarkandSherwood@nottsc.gov.uk</a>
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We include more opportunities on our [Get Involved](#) webpage.

## Keeping up to date with Family Hub Network news

You can also follow the [Families Information Service](#) on social media to keep up to date on our developments.

- **Facebook** - [Nottinghamshire Families Information Service](#) or search 'Nottinghamshire Families Information Service'.
- **Instagram** - [Nottinghamshire Families Information Service \(@nottsfigis\)](#)



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