

Addressing Childhood Adversity

A Perspective from Northern Ireland

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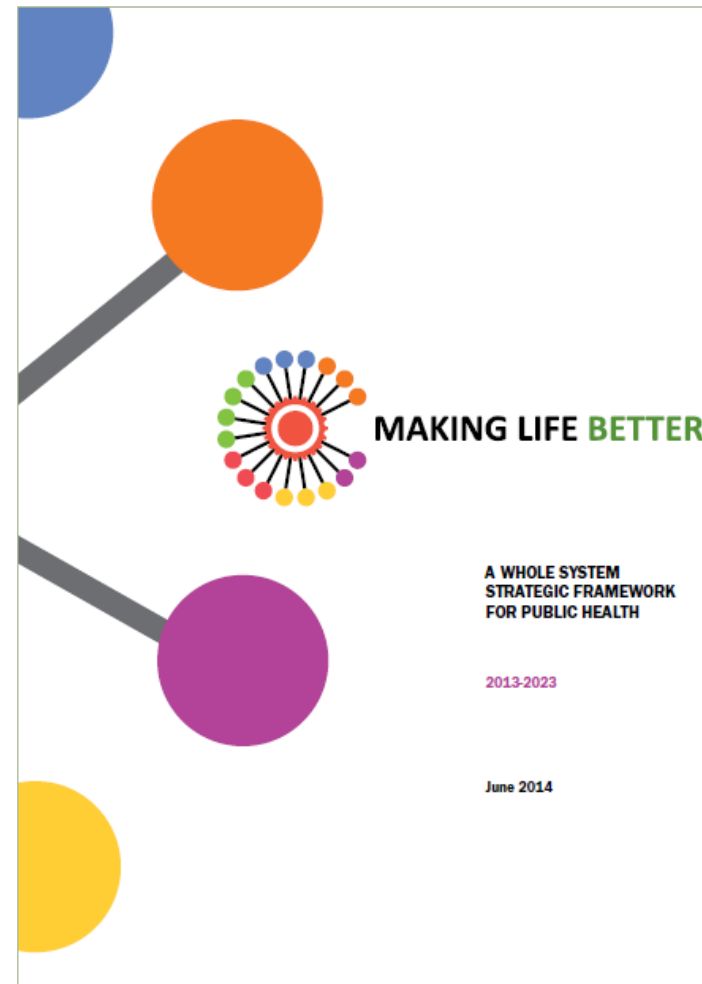
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Public Health Framework

Vision

All people are enabled and supported in achieving their full health and wellbeing potential



Making Life Better Themes

1. *Give Every Child the Best Start*
2. *Equipped Throughout Life*
3. *Empowering Healthy Living*
4. *Creating the conditions*
5. *Empowering Communities*
6. *Developing Collaboration*



Adverse Childhood Episodes



Child Development Board

PHA Child Development Project Board

5 Trusts

HSCB

Academic
(QUB)

Key Sectoral
Specialists

Infant
Mental Health
Training
& Plan

Evidence
Based
Parenting
Programmes

Healthy
Child
Healthy
Future

Family
Nurse
Partnerships

Social
Complexity
Proposal

Breastfeeding
Strategy &
Action Plan

Research
& Evaluation



Public Health
Agency

Improving Your Health and Wellbeing

Early Years Intervention Model



Delivering Social Change across Northern Ireland

Intervention across the life course

Programmes include:



Delivering Social Change

Delivering Social Change Programme Board – Ministerial Sub-group-Chaired by First and Deputy First Minister

DSC / AP Projects (£65M) (EITP (£35M)/ Dementia / Shared Education)

EITP Programme Board-Justice, Health, Education, OFMDFM, Employment and Learning and

WS 1: Equipping parents with the skills to give their child best start in life

WS 2: Supporting families locally when problems arise at an early stage

WS 3: Changing outcomes for children facing particular adversity

Early Intervention Transformation – Workstream I

Equipping parents to give their children the best start in life

Getting Ready for Baby

Getting Ready for Toddler

Getting Ready to Learn



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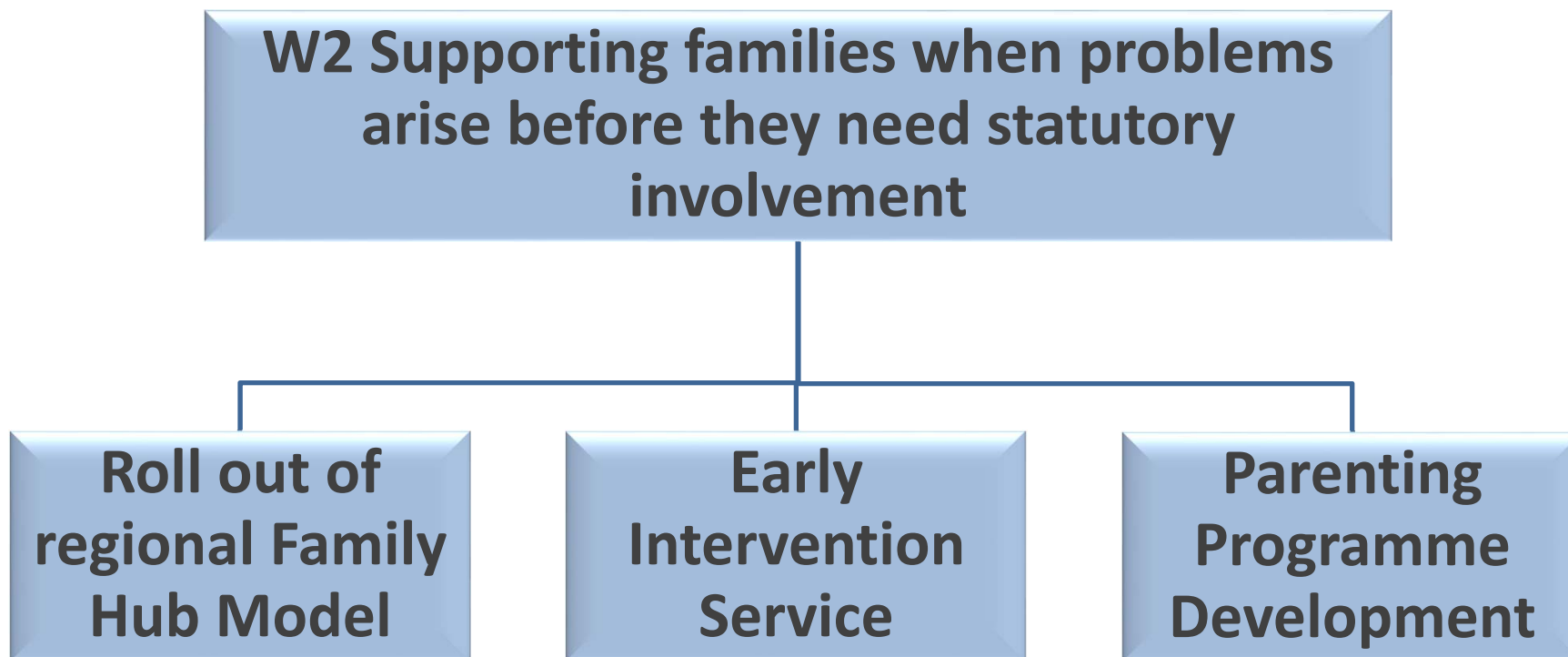


Early Intervention
Transformation Programme

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Early Intervention Transformation – Workstream 2



Early Intervention Transformation – Workstream 3

**Positively address the
impact of adversity on
children**

**Building
Better
Futures**

**Belfast
Intensive
Family
Support
Programme**

**Home on
Time**

Edges

**Families
Inside Out**



Barriers

- Treatment largely based on extent of diagnosed illness that manifests in later adolescence/early adulthood rather than addressing prevention/early intervention
- Absence of a working adversity matrix/assessment and intervention framework/pathway for children experiencing multiple adverse experiences
- Complexity of ‘what works’ and application of interventions that both fit and whose implementation is robustly tested.
- Influencing others-Education, Councils, Justice, Urban Regeneration, Community and Voluntary Sector.

Tackling ACEs as a priority

- Making 0-3 years ‘everyone’s business’ and increasing awareness of impacts of significant adversity, particularly in early life
- CAMHS and Adult Mental Health having an integrated focus on younger children and adversity assessment and interventions
- Improving the peri-natal mental health pathway
- Integrated Infant Mental Health Plans
- Working Adversity Matrix Assessment and intervention pathway Models