Developing an Early Intervention Community in Colin, West Belfast

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Our Vision for Colin...

“Colin will be an area with a vibrant centre, where people are happy to live, work, play and study and proud to say they are from. It will be a community empowered to participate and make a difference, where local achievements are celebrated and visitors are welcomed.”
The Colin Area

- Poleglass
- Twinbrook
- Lagmore
- Kil wee

Largest deprived area in Northern Ireland with a total population of 30,000, similar size to Newry Town!!
This population falls within the 3% most deprived areas in Northern Ireland. The related health inequalities in the area are both stark and persistent:

- The Colin Neighbourhood Renewal Area has the highest percentage of under 16s, 36% compared to an average of 26% across the 36 N.R. areas.
- Has the highest percentage of lone parent households with children, 30% compared to the average of 17% across the 36 N.R. areas and 6% in non N.R. areas.
- 42% of 16-19 year olds have no educational qualifications
- 54% of those claiming Job Seekers Allowance are in the 16-36 yrs age groups.

Source: NINIS Website
Deprivation

Suicide is a particular issue within the Colin area, particularly for young people

Between 1996 and 2009 there were 57 suicides.

From March 2010 to May 2011 there have been a total of 17 deaths by suicide in the Colin Area.

The ages of the deceased ranged from 11 – 51 years old, 13 of whom were male and 4 females.
## Summary

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BUT...

Previous interventions have not fundamentally changed education, health and employment outcomes within the Colin area.

A different approach is required to break the cycle of disadvantage.

The proposed Early Intervention Strategy offers a different and innovative approach.
Early Intervention Community in Colin

What is it?

- Where community Leaders understand and lead the development/implementation of Early Intervention programmes
- Generates a positive vision for change
- Has Inter-agency support and commitment
- Reflects local need/gaps
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What will it do?

• Improve health and education outcomes in an area that needs it most.
• Be connected and Integrated, locally/strategically
• Use evidence based practice ‘on the ground’.
• Have clear Outcomes, Performance Indicators and Actions
The Principles for Services

• User Involvement
• Evidence based
• Sustainable
• Connectedness
• Evaluation, Tracking and Outcomes
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What interventions could be included?

The development of the Early Intervention Colin model will build on existing work,

- Focus on Early Intervention / Prevention, will include all families with children in the 0-18 age group.
- Some services will be universal
- Some will be focused on the most vulnerable in the Colin area.
- Focus on attachment and the early years
- Maximising ability to learn, use education
- Focus on preventing offending in adolescents and providing Family Support.
Proposal to create an Early Intervention Community in Colin

Consultation so far

- Social Investor
- Dept for Social Development
- CCMS
- Health and Social Care Board
- Colin Neighbourhood Partnership
- Footprints Women’s Centre
- Scoil Na Fuiseoige

South Eastern Trust
Dept. of Justice
SEELB
Public Health Agency
Colin Health for All
Schools
Community Organisations
Colin Early Intervention Community (Draft)

**Strategic Driver**
- Children and Young People’s Strategic Partnership
- Colin Neighbourhood Partnership Board (Annie Armstrong): Senior Responsible Owner

**Sponsoring Group and Programme Board**
- South Eastern C&YP Outcomes Board
- Colin Early Intervention Community (CNP, HSCB, PHA, Footprints, Nasoil Na Fuisoige, Atlantic Phil, SEHSCT, DSD, D of J, CCMS, SEELB)

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**Community Consultation**

**Projects**
The Leap of Faith