



Working as a Team to support Drug Using Parents and their children

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Extremely Topical

- Hidden Harm & the response
- Every Child Matters
- Children's NSF
- Recent comments by Professor Neil McKeganey



The situation in North East Lincolnshire PCT

Why & How we developed a Team
to support families affected by
drugs/ alcohol



Why ?

- An increasing awareness in North East Lincolnshire that Substance Misuse affected the family, not just the user
- Several High Profile Part 8 Reviews
- Need for an integrated approach
- I was appointed as the Specialist HV

What I found as I began my role was



- If effective care was to be given to these families, a holistic team approach was required



The Team includes the following members

- Specialist HV
- Nurse Practitioner
- Child & Family Support Worker
- General Support Worker
- Children's Practitioner
- Carer Support Worker
- Accommodation Link Worker



What are we trying to Achieve ?

- We are trying to met the needs of both parents and Children
- We assess the individual needs of each family and put in a package of support to try to meet their needs
- Encourage families to integrate into mainstream services
- Build resilience in children



Who do we work with ?

- Primary Care
- The Junction
- Drug Intervention Programme
- Social Services
- The Roundabout
- But we take referrals from any agency including an increasing number of self referrals



Not Rocket Science

- Much of our work is very much at a ground level
- Parental understanding
- Child's understanding
- Safety
- Routines
- Integration – Including Treatment



Does it work ?

- Integrated & flexible packages of care do work for many families
- We have worked with families who initially had high statutory agency involvement, and are now functioning well requiring very little intervention
- Not always – Some families do break down, despite what we do, But we can continue to support the child, Parent and Carer



Any Questions ?
