

Example of external partners supporting early help

What was the concern

C is 3 year old and there was concern for him and his twin around his father who was at the end of his life and receiving palliative care. Mother was the main carer for father and also caring for the boys. The Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner made the referral for support as the family were struggling.

Early Help team decided Welcare who are a children centre and charity would be well placed to provide support intervention to the family.

What happened

Services were coordinated around the family with a meeting bringing key services together with the mother including the health visitor, portage, Welcare, Homestart and the nursery

The Outreach Worker at Welcare visits the family twice a week and has the support of mother in co-coordinating her support.

What were the outcomes

1. The intervention helped identify C's speech and language delays and appropriate services are now in place to help him improve through East Surrey Hospital.
2. C is now attending pre-school as he is funded by FEET and attending Speech and Language therapy.
3. Mother is attending Parenting Puzzle and C is cared for by the crèche at Welcare.
4. Mother is booked on a course on behaviour strategies to support autism.
5. Mothers isolation is reduced by attendance to sessions at Welcare
6. Mother isolation is reduced by Homestart supporting her at home and providing opportunities to visit local places e.g. parks.
7. Mother is being supported to manage her finances.
8. Mother is engaging with and taking advice for professionals.

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