





Children Centres. More than Just the Centre

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Format

- Walk away with... There is more than the core offer lets talk
- Ormiston Children centres
- Commissioning CC

- 20 mins and counting...



Our vision

Our vision is of a society where all children and young people have **choices** to realise their full potential and to achieve happiness and fulfilment, free from prejudice, isolation and stigma

Our mission

OCFT's mission is to identify the most challenged children and young people and enable them to have **choices** to realise a happy and fulfilling future

Our Work

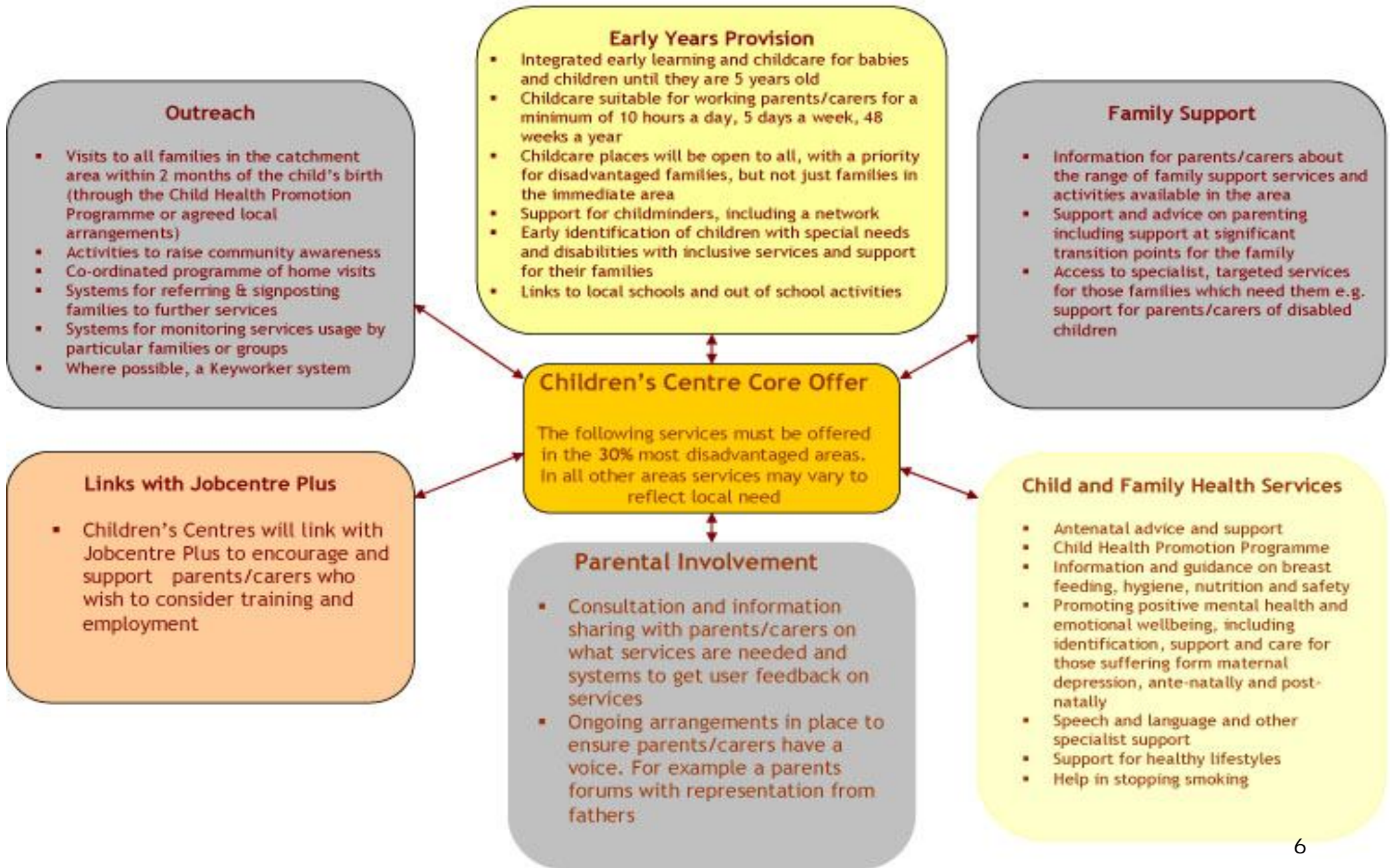
35 prison & community based services and 100+ projects across the East of England, 11 children's centres, 12 prisons
240 employees, 140 volunteers, £7M
60,000 Service users

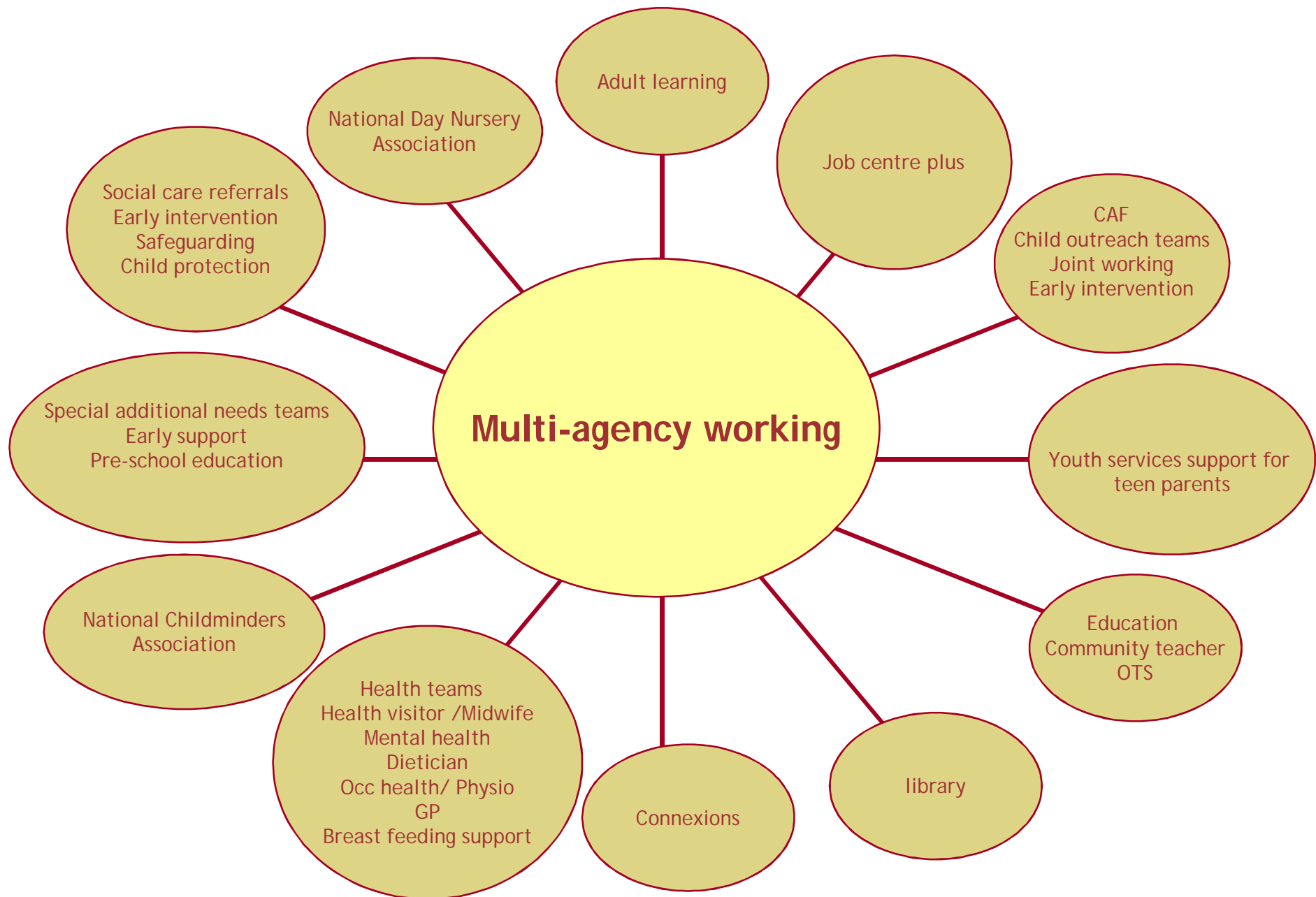


Recap

- Head Start/Sure Start/Children centres,
- Integrated hub, no stigma, universal,
- 3,500 Children centres
- ECM: Being healthy, Staying safe ,Enjoying and achieving, Economic well-being, Making a positive contribution
- What was the diagnosis again?

Children's Centre Core Offer







More than the “core offer”

- Prison links
- Research
- Freedom programme
- Child development and parenting
- Contact visits
- Families Affected by imprisonment
- Young Carers
- Toy libraries (SN)
- FIP
- Playrangers
- Teen Mums
- Young parents housing support
- Gypsy & Travellers- all minorities
- Outreach
- Unmet need
- Dads' groups
- Transition support
- ESL

➤ **Stigma free early intervention?**

➤ **Separation of core offer from other interventions?**



Commissioning 1: Strategy - lets talk...

- Why? Children centres within a plan to do what?
- EU rules vs. UK rules, grants vs.. tenders, strategic partnerships, market regulator – Provider of last resort?
- Coops, enterprise, charity, companies, inside-out, “mixed economy”
- Think Total Place. Children centres vs. Family centres vs. Extended schools. MoJ, NHS
- Value driven vs. Profit driven, Alignment of interests is possible
- Research and unmet need – e.g. rural area issues
- Shaping?





Commissioning 2: Tactics -lets talk

- Level playing field: TUPE and redundancy, qualified staff
- Localism vs Cheap
- The compact – 42K vs. 160K fair pricing?
- Service development, innovation and IP – maintaining the “edge” Who takes the risk?
- Children in care and early intervention.
- FIPs
- Local vs.. National partners?
- Pay by results, short/long contracts, grants, SIBS, personalisation, commercial relationships or partner?



Commissioning 3 Implementation - lets talk

- Time frames
- Consistency across counties and government vv local needs?
- Fairness -level playing fields
- Added value and bundling other services (FIPs, young carers etc)
- Partnership and realism?
- Rules, regulation, PQQ and Policy, detail vs.. Outcomes
- Evaluation and monitoring- Reassessment of need



Summary and Conclusion

- Children Centres – a good thing but commissioning them is not necessarily straight forward
- Third sector can offer solutions – we should talk more with commissioners and private partners
- You get a lot more with a charity!





Questions?

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