

SHARING PRACTICE AND LEARNING



Introduction

#NWGFocusonfamilies has been developed to highlight the need to be thinking about, reflecting on and building on the work that we do with parents/carers where there is extra familial harm. Services have been generous in sharing examples of the work they are doing which demonstrates practice which enhances how we can work alongside families affected by exploitation, valuing them as a key safeguarding partner and promoting how it has made an impact for families. The purpose of #NWGFocusonfamilies is to capture some of this information and share the learning for others. We hope to continually grow this as areas pilot and develop new ways of working and thinking. If you found this helpful or would like to share with other colleagues please use the hashtag #NWGFocusonfamilies.



Overview

WalkwithMeUK CIC is an award-winning, non-judgemental support and guidance community interest charity (CIC) based in Croydon, London that works Nationwide to equip parents, carers and guardians using the Non-Violent Resistance (NVR) approach. This uses tools and strategies to rebuild and strengthen family relationships to keep families connected and to reduce conflict within the home. This helps families to have their voices heard, build a network of support and manage and respond to challenges impacting on the family in a safe and enabling environment. Many of the families need support linked to child on parent abuse, children with neuro diverse disorder, school exclusion, isolation, self-harm and child criminal exploitation.

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Brief Description

WalkwithMeUK CIC provides term time group sessions, advocacy, and 1:1 support as well as signposting to other agencies. Families can either self-refer to the service or are referred in by many services such as social care, family justice centre, schools etc. Many families that attend have never had their voice heard or understood and many have unmet needs requiring an immediate response. WalkwithMeUK identifies the needs of families ensuring "no stone is left unturned" and works

in partnership with key agencies and grassroots organisations to reduce barriers and ensure a proactive planned approach is developed with the family as a key safeguarding partner. The service uses the principles of NVR which are to reduce conflict, regain love, empathy and respect and stay connected, this enables a less toxic and a more harmonious and healthier lifestyle/environment to live in, ensuring families have a "connection before correction". Recognising that after-care is key, the service offers online support once a month for parents and caregivers to come together, support each other and be supported. There are also regular celebrations for graduated parents to attend and share how the NVR tools have helped them.