









Storyboard at a Glance...

- Families
- Environment
- Workforce
- Identification
- Intervention
- Universal
- Targeted

Identification of the need for SLC support at 13-15months

An Early Language and Communication Story Board from South Ayrshire

 The issue	 The team	 Our idea
<p>Identification of early language and communication need at 13-15 month Health Visitor check within Girvan and Maybole area</p>	<p>Health Visitors Health Visiting Support Workers Speech and Language Therapist</p>	<p>Experience with early language and communication difficulties identified at 13-15 month Health Visitor check is that these issues extend / continue to 27 – 30 month Health Visitor check, and beyond. Supports, advice and resources are sought at 27 – 30 months.</p> <p><i>What could we do at this early stage to change parental interactions, behaviours and habits to effect a change?</i></p>
 Tools & resources we used.	 What we did	 The impact
<p>HVSW in South Ayrshire are trained in Hanen 'SPARK' programme. Staff can utilise these skills to offer a short block of intervention (four home visits) to upskill parents as well as offering advice and strategies to parents and extended family.</p> <p>Links with SLT at planning stages and to share SLT resource</p> <p>Resources – 'Get wee people chatting' booklet, also accessible via app</p>	<p>Plan – identify target group – Child scores 0-30 (out of 60) for communication at 13-15 month HV check</p> <p>Do / Study – cycle one had not RfAs so need to adapt... – include families of children scoring 30-40 (out of 60) for communication at 13-15 month HV check</p> <p>Act – four week programme followed by period of consolidation and review</p>	<p>Early stages!</p> <p>Families are starting on this journey and are keen to receive early intervention and support.</p> <p>Watch this space....</p> <p>Will this allow for changes in parents' interactions with children now and will there be a sustained improvement noted at 27-30 month check?</p>

 <p>Our learning & next steps</p>	<p>Currently being delivered in the Girvan and Maybole cluster but would look to extend this to other areas within South Ayrshire.</p> <p>How do we link 13-15 month check, intervention, review (repeat of 13-15 month checklist for 'Communication') and then 27-30 month check to see short term progress as well as sustained progress</p> <p>Over time, will we see a reduction in the need for support for language and communication skills at the 27-30 month HV check?</p> <p>Upskilling of parents at a crucial time, is this sustained for this child and subsequent children as well as for members of the extended family?</p>
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