

NEWTOWNABBEY SURE START

PROPOSALS FOR EXPANSION INTO THE WARD OF MONKSTOWN AVAILABLE BUDGET - (£50,000)

According To NIMHD measures the Monkstown ward would be the most deprived ward of the areas we already work in indicating the need for additional services.

We would aim to provide an equitable service to the families in Monkstown through duplicating the services we currently provide in all other areas.

SURE START BASE

It would be essential to have an identified Sure Start base in Monkstown and this will necessitate hiring rooms to provide services. I have approached 2 schools that are situated in Monkstown to enquire about spare capacity and the possibility of hiring rooms from them. Monkstown Community High School has no spare capacity at present although they were interested in working with us and would be keen to develop links if the situation changes. Hollybank Primary school have some spare capacity at present but with no outside access to the classrooms and the principal feels it would be too disruptive for the smooth running of the school. There is a new Community centre being built in Monkstown with completion expected around December 2006. I have discussed the possibility of renting 2 rooms in the Community Centre and they are interested in Sure Start involvement in the centre and in the local community.

STAFF

A Family Support Worker would need to be recruited to work with families in the Monkstown area to identify, develop and implement a programme of activities that respond to the needs of families, to support parents and carry out home visits. Two crèche staff would also need to be recruited and a range of resources and equipment would need to be purchased to fully equip a crèche.

PROVISION OF SERVICES

Provision of services will depend on the identified needs of the local community but I would envisage a range of services similar to that provided in other areas:

Ante natal group	You make the difference
Baby club	Esteem builders
Baby massage	Cook it
Baby yoga	Story sacks / puppets
Breast feeding support group	Family fun
Young parents	Jo jingles
Little movers	Infant aquatics
Toddle time	Drop-in
Play programme	Listening ear
Living with young children	Family outings

Provision of the above programmes will also incur some additional costs for resources.

Families will also be able to access support and advice from various staff including Health visitors, Young parents worker, Family Support worker for children with a disability and also avail of the services of our volunteers through befriending and breast feeding peer support.

As with all families registered with us parents would be entitled to all packs and equipment we distribute at present:

Maternity pack
Safety+, Safety + baby, Safety = toddler
Baby book start
Book start plus
Breast feeding pack
Baby dental; pack
Toddler dental pack
Stair gate
Fire guard

COSTINGS:

ROOM HIRE - (estimate based on £11/hr x 25 x 44weeks)	£12,100
STAFF: FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER – 2 CRECHE STAFF -	£7,800 £12,452 (45 weeks)
MOBILE PHONE COSTS -	£ 200
TRAVEL EXPENSES -	£ 500
RECRUITMENT:	£2,000
TRAINING:	£2,000
PROMOTION/LAUNCH/ADMIN COSTS -	£2,000
EQUIPMENT	£7,000
RESOURCES / PACKS	£4,000
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	£50.052