

# Transformation Service Updates

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# Supporting Families Programme

This is the underlying ethos of the Transformation Service, as it promotes early, whole family support for families facing a range of social and personal difficulties. One of the key drivers for change is recognised as partners sharing data appropriately

Southwark has been recognised as a beacon authority for this work, but there is still much work to do in embedding the whole family practice, and sharing data effectively to plan service delivery

# Children and Family Centres

We have 16 Centres, in 4 localities, offering a range of services for children aged 0 to 5

- Groups and activities
- Information, advice and guidance
- One to one support for our most vulnerable children and families
- A one stop shop for early education, health and family support

# 50 Things to Do Before You are 5

A fantastic app, that any parent with a smart phone can download from the app store

It offers ideas for free and nearly free activities for under 5's in Southwark, and is supported by a strong research and theoretical base, centred on child development, and helping parents understand their children better

# Young Carers

Young carers are those aged from 5 to 18 who have a significant caring responsibility for a member of their family

From a 2018 national study, it is estimated that there are over 2000 young carers in Southwark, many of whom remain unknown to services.

The 2014 Children and Families Act made it a statutory duty of the LA to offer a Young Carers assessment to all those who have been identified as having caring duties.

Imago runs the Southwark Young Carer Service, and would be really pleased to hear from you.

[www.imago.community/Children-and-Young-People/Southwark-Young-Carers](http://www.imago.community/Children-and-Young-People/Southwark-Young-Carers)

# The Impact of caring on children and young people:

- Young carers have statistically poorer educational outcomes than their peers
- They also have poorer mental health and high rates of anxiety
- They can become socially isolated, as they stay at home with the cared for parent

# Safe Spaces in Southwark

This is a new initiative, establishing a network of Safe Spaces in public buildings in Southwark, where those experiencing Domestic Abuse can go to make contact with specialist services

All the Children and Family Centres are signed up, as are 15 schools and the two Health Hubs, Bermondsey Spa and Tessa Jowell

The logo will be launching soon, so watch this space (no pun intended)

# Community Early Help

This is an exciting new development, that we launched with our Market Place event in March

We will be establishing hubs and panels throughout Southwark, to bring together Community Early Help partners, so that families will experience a more joined up early intervention offer, and internal and external stakeholders will know where to go to for information and case discussion.



# Last Thoughts

Here are some other projects we are involved in:

- Food security for Southwark residents
- Digital Inclusion, with a pilot on the Unwin and Friary estate
- Reducing Parental Conflict training
- Me, You and baby too training