

NHS Leeds West Clinical Commissioning Group

Approach	How parents / carers have a voice and influence	What works well	Challenges faced
<p>As part of our Best Start development work in Bramley we have been working very closely with the Bramley Children's Centre in order to align services to be delivered from the Centre and to help us collate valuable local intelligence.</p>	<p>The Children's Centre is a lead partner in our work particularly looking at why our most vulnerable parents are not engaging in local services and how we can encourage these parents to participate. They are able to speak directly to parents in a way in which we are not able to achieve.</p>	<p>The Children's Centre has provided advice and expertise on local families, parents and carers which we would not have been able to access through other stakeholders due to the mandatory data collection requirements of the Children's Centre. This data has helped the Best Start Bramley steering group make informed and enlightened decisions for local initiatives in line with the Best Start objectives. An example of this was a joint initiative with local Library services where resources were shared and available not only at local libraries (where some young parents who had experienced toxic experiences at school were reluctant to go) but at a place (the Children's Centre) where they felt comfortable in. This helped to improve 'school readiness' for the children attending.</p> <p>The Children's Centre has opened the door to our target audience within schools and provided a vital communication route for initiatives, programmes, intelligence and joint working.</p>	<p>Without the support of the Children's Centre we would have been unable to obtain such rich local intelligence.</p>