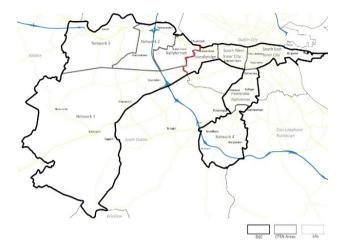
Network Areas



Network 1 Saggart, Rathcoole, Newcastle

Network 3 Lucan, Adamstown, Balgaddy

<u>North Clondalkin</u> Ronanstown, Neilstown, Quarryvale

South Clondalkin Clondalkin Village

<u>Ballyfermot</u> Ballyfermot, Cherry Orchard, Chapelizod

Rathfranham Knocklyon, Firhouse, Ballyboden

Islandbridge Bluebell, Inchicore & Kilmainham

<u>South West Inner City</u> Dublin 8, Rialto, Dolphins Barn

<u>South East Inner City</u> Portabello, Ringsend, Irishtown

<u>Pembrook/Rathmines</u> Terenure, Rathgar, Rathmines

Child and Family Support Networks

Meitheal is supported through the establishment of Child and Family Support Networks (CFSNs) across Dublin South Central. Each CFSN is made up of services in that geographic area who are working with children, young people and families. Network members include community and voluntary organisations, HSE services, schools, early years care and education, Tusla, Gardaí, etc. The purpose of networks is to ensure that there is NO WRONG DOOR for children, young people and families who are in need of support. Network members develop and share knowledge on services available in that area and how to access them.

Coordinators are also available to deliver briefings to staff groups on the Meitheal process and how you might use it in your work.

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Working with Families for Families



A guide for those working with children, young people and families

Are you worried about a child or young person?

creates a team around the child to agree a plan that is regularly reviewed.

Struggling in school? Isolation?

Poor school attendance?

Anxious?

Relationship difficulties at home and/or in school?

Housing issues? Financial pressures?

Don't know which services to access?

Are parents in need of/want support?

Have you thought about a Meitheal?

The Meitheal process is a means by which you can help a parent and young person identify what they would like to be different in their lives so the young person can reach their full potential. The process will help bring supportive services together to work with the family. It

Parents thoughts on Meitheal...

The child protection services weren't coming in to monitor my parenting to see if I'm a good enough mam. They were coming in to support me to be the mam I could be...to be the mam I knew I was.

...setting up meetings that aren't intimidating...meeting people in neutral spaces...

Where do we go? What happens? Where does the help come from?

I don't know where he'd be now if we didn't have that support

What is a Meitheal?

- M- Multi-agency group including parent/carer & child/young person
- E- Early help for a child/ young person who has unmet additional and/or complex needs
- I Identifies the strengths and needs of the child to ensure a strengths-based approach
- T- Tailored response to improve child/ young person's outcomes to help ensure their rights are realised
- H- Holistic view of the child/young person in the context of their family and their environment
- E Expert team around the child/young person with parent and young person's voices privileged as the experts in their own situation
- A All aspects of the process are led by the parent/child and based on their voluntary engagement

L- Limits duplication, agrees clear actions & roles, reduces workloads and promotes partnership