



HOME SAFETY EQUIPMENT SCHEME BALLYMENA

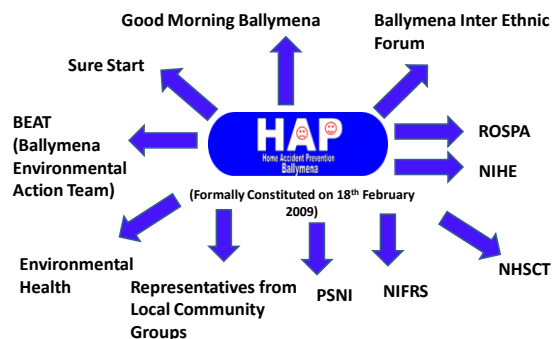


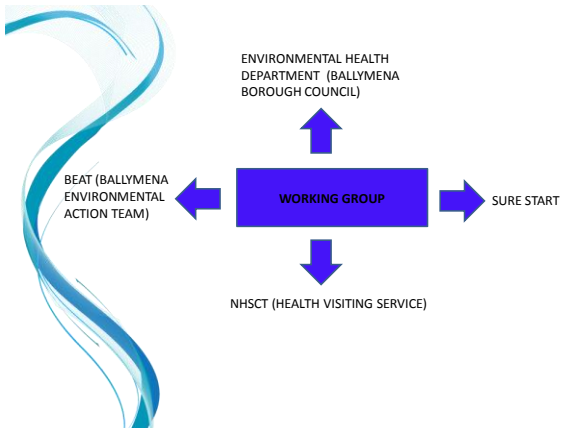
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OVERVIEW

- BACKGROUND
- PROJECT: CRITERIA MET – ‘DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW SERVICE AND PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENT’
- EVALUATION/OUTCOMES
- UNEXPECTED OUTCOMES



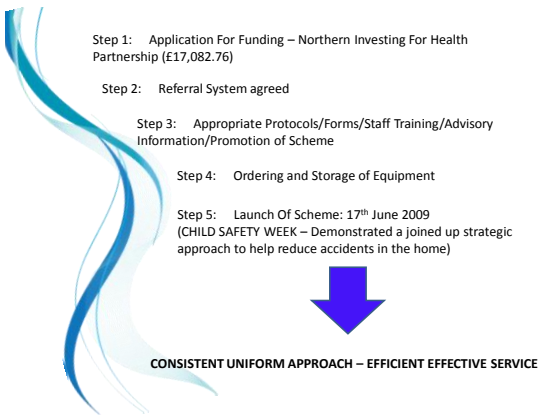


STRENGTHS

- Home Safety Assessments: Sure Start/Health Visitors
- Facility to fit equipment: BEAT
- Willingness to work in partnership

WEAKNESSES

- No Home Safety Officer employed by Council
- No equipment available
- Lack of consistency



EVALUATION

PAPERWORK

- Equipment Fitted
- Children who benefited from scheme (100 Households)

58 QUESTIONNAIRES COMPLETED

- Accident Rate
- Home Safety awareness
- Client Assessment

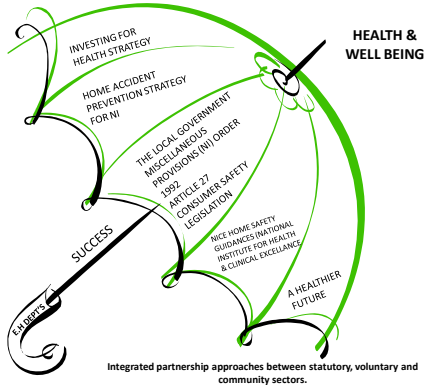


- ✓ **BOROUGH WIDE SCHEME LAUNCHED AUGUST 2010**
- ✓ **250 HOUSEHOLDS TARGETED**

UNEXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Referrals to NIFRS for Home Safety checks greatly increased
- Issues in rented properties referred to relevant agencies and addressed
- Further joined up projects between partners e.g. Grubs Up/Mums Health Matters/Pilot Older Persons Scheme

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE



VALUE FOR MONEY

- Better use of existing resources
- More consistent effective service for public
- NICE guidelines: Cost benefits of prevention work

SUSTAINABILITY

- 100+ assessments completed in Borough wide scheme with no reported problems
- Model transferable to other Council areas.



QUESTIONS
