

## Family Action expands its support for families in Stockton-on-Tees

National charity Family Action, in partnership with Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, is the new provider of the Family Time and Outreach and Volunteers service from April. The charity has a history of providing support to families in Stockton-on-Tees, previously delivering an outreach and volunteering service on behalf of the borough council.

The volunteer and outreach programme provides innovative parenting programmes, advice and information, with the aim of increasing parental confidence and capacity for those taking part. Family Time provides a safe space for children in the care of the local authority or otherwise separated from their parents and other relatives to continue to meet, while developing and maintaining those relationships. These services will be provided by Family Action, a national charity, which runs more than 200 community services across the UK, supporting in excess of 60,000 families each year.

Claire Meek, Deputy Director for Services and Innovation – North, said: “One of the main pillars of Family Action’s mission is striving to ensure every child has the best start in life and is able to fulfil their potential. Every family has the right to thrive. Our goal is for individuals, families and communities in Stockton-on-Tees to have resilience, respectful relationships and be able to thrive now and in the future.

“We are delighted to continue to work with families in the Stockton-on-Tees area, expanding our remit to support even more people facing difficult times, building on the legacy of ROC Family Support.”

Family Action supports 60,000 families every year through its 200 community-based projects, and thousands more via national programmes like FamilyLine and the National School Breakfast Programme. To find out more about its work visit [family-action.org.uk](http://family-action.org.uk)

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**Family Action** is a national charity committed to building stronger families and brighter lives. Since the charity was founded in 1869, we have continued to help children and families overcome the challenges they face through a wide range of practical, emotional and financial support. Today we work with more than 60,000 families in over 200 community-based services, as well as supporting thousands more through our national helpline, FamilyLine, which offers free and immediate support to adult family members and national schemes like the National School Breakfast Programme.

We help families and individuals to manage their mental health and wellbeing, working with families to reduce the impact of social isolation, poverty, addiction and other significant sources of stress and pressure. We also support families affected by adoption, special guardianship, separation, special educational needs, disability, domestic violence and sexual abuse. In addition, we provide thousands of welfare and educational grants every year to people in financial crisis.

For further information, please visit our website at [www.family-action.org.uk](http://www.family-action.org.uk)

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