

A photograph showing an adult's hand holding a child's hand. The adult's hand is on the left, wearing a white ribbed sleeve. The child's hand is on the right, smaller and more delicate. The hands are clasped together in a supportive grip. The background is a solid, light green color.

Community Childminding Service

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Launch of SCMA Community Childminding Service

An inclusive and comprehensive service which provides a community based solution to early intervention and family support.

What is community childminding?

A community childminding service supports families in crisis or provides early intervention as a preventative measure.



Families may be affected by circumstances such as illness, bereavement, family breakdown or crisis.

What are the benefits?

- Provides an early intervention service
- Provides additional, flexible and affordable childcare
- Encourages childminders to diversify their service
- Childminders act as role models supporting families in developing key skills

What does the service achieve?

- Local support for vulnerable families
- Sustainable local business due to diversification of service
- Additional childminder training increases self-esteem and improves service



How does it work?

Families requiring assistance are referred to SCMA by:

- Social workers
- Health workers
- Working for Families link workers
- Home Link workers

SCMA Community Childminding Service co-ordinator matches the child referred to a space available with a local community childminder.

Who can be a Community Childminder?

SCMA will interview and select community childminders. Community childminders must successfully complete the following courses:

- Induction Training
- Child Protection Training
- First Aid for Childcarers
- SCMA's Community Childminding Training Programme

Community Childminder Training

The SCMA training programme is designed to increase confidence and focus on identifying the needs of children from a wider age range and background experiences.



SCMA Community Childminding Service

Providing an innovative solution to early intervention which focuses on the clearly defined benefits of a flexible and family focused childcare package.



SCMA Community Childminding Programme Day 1

- 1.1 Nurturing Identity
- 1.2 Equality and Discrimination
- 1.3 Identity and Loss
- 1.4 Attachment and Resilience

SCMA Community Childminding Programme Day 2

- 2.1 Safer Caring
- 2.2 Understanding the effects on child development
- 2.3 Understanding and managing
challenging behaviour
- 2.4 Working Together

Inclusive Childminding - Day 3

- 3.1 Inclusion of Families with Additional Needs
- 3.2 Quiz on disability
- 3.3 An overview of disability
- 3.4 A journey of change through a century
- 3.5 Children's Rights
- 3.6 Medical and Social Models
- 3.7 Inclusion of Vulnerable Families
- 3.8 Communication

Inclusive Childminding - Day 4

- 4.1 Basic Needs
- 4.2 Additional Needs
- 4.3 Child development – facts and effects
- 4.4 Relationships / parent partnership
- 4.5 Additional Information

Group Activities – Taster Sessions

These sessions are taken from the SCMA Community Childminding Training Programme.