

# Healthy Homes and Neighbourhoods Integrated Care Initiative

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“Most of the problems encountered by children and families are multi-faceted and cannot be addressed by one intervention or agency alone... multiple interventions need to be ‘joined up’ and co-ordinated in order to be effective.”

From Katz (2007): Community interventions for vulnerable children and families: participation and power.



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# Issues

- Families with trans-generational disadvantage and psychological trauma
- Complexity of family needs
- Poor engagement by families with services
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- Interventions usually of short duration
- Barriers to cross-agency collaboration
- Needs of adult family members often not addressed



# Engagement strategies

- Reviewing service design
- Better engaging with the community
- Practical strategies
- Investing in quality staff
- Changes in practice
- Establishing coordinated and integrated models of service provision



# Mechanisms to turn activities into outcomes



Willingness to share status and power



Trust between the provider and client/family



Provider confidence and comfort



Self-reliance of clients/families



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## Core activities:

- Identification of vulnerable families and pathways to care
- Care coordination
- Place-based collaboration in Redfern/Waterloo and Canterbury LGA
- General Practice engagement, capacity building and linkage
- Family Health Improvement
- Healthy Homes and Neighbourhoods Network and Partnerships
- Evaluation



## GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES AND PROCESSES

District Partnership Committee  
Healthy Homes Steering Committee

### Healthy Homes Care Coordination Trial

- Identify families
- Link services
- Sustain review

### General Practice Linkage

- Engage
- Support
- Training

### City of Sydney - South Trial

- Local hub
- Co-location of services
- Community needs assessment

### Canterbury LGA Trial

- Local hub
- Co-location of services
- Community needs assessment

### Capability Projects

- HealthTracker
- Patchwork tool
- Care coordination app
- EMR Algorithm

### Family Health Improvement

- Key messages
- Website
- Social media

## STRENGTHENING SECTOR CAPABILITY

### Healthy Homes and Neighbourhoods Network

#### System Change

- Professional trust and knowledge
- Identification & risk stratification
- Informed consent policies
- Shared intake & communication systems
- Shared standards of collaboration

#### Capability Building

- Translation research
- Trauma & family partnership skills
- HealthPathways development
- Shared standards of collaboration



# Core Partners

- Family & Community Services (Housing, Child Protection, Early Intervention, Disability)
- CESP HN
- SDN Children's Services – Brighter Futures
- The Infants' Home Ashfield – Child and Family Services
- Barnardos – Family Referral Service
- The Benevolent Society – Child and Family Services
- Jannawi Family Centre
- SLHD (Community Health, Mental Health, Drug Health)
- Education
- Juvenile Justice and Police
- Local Government



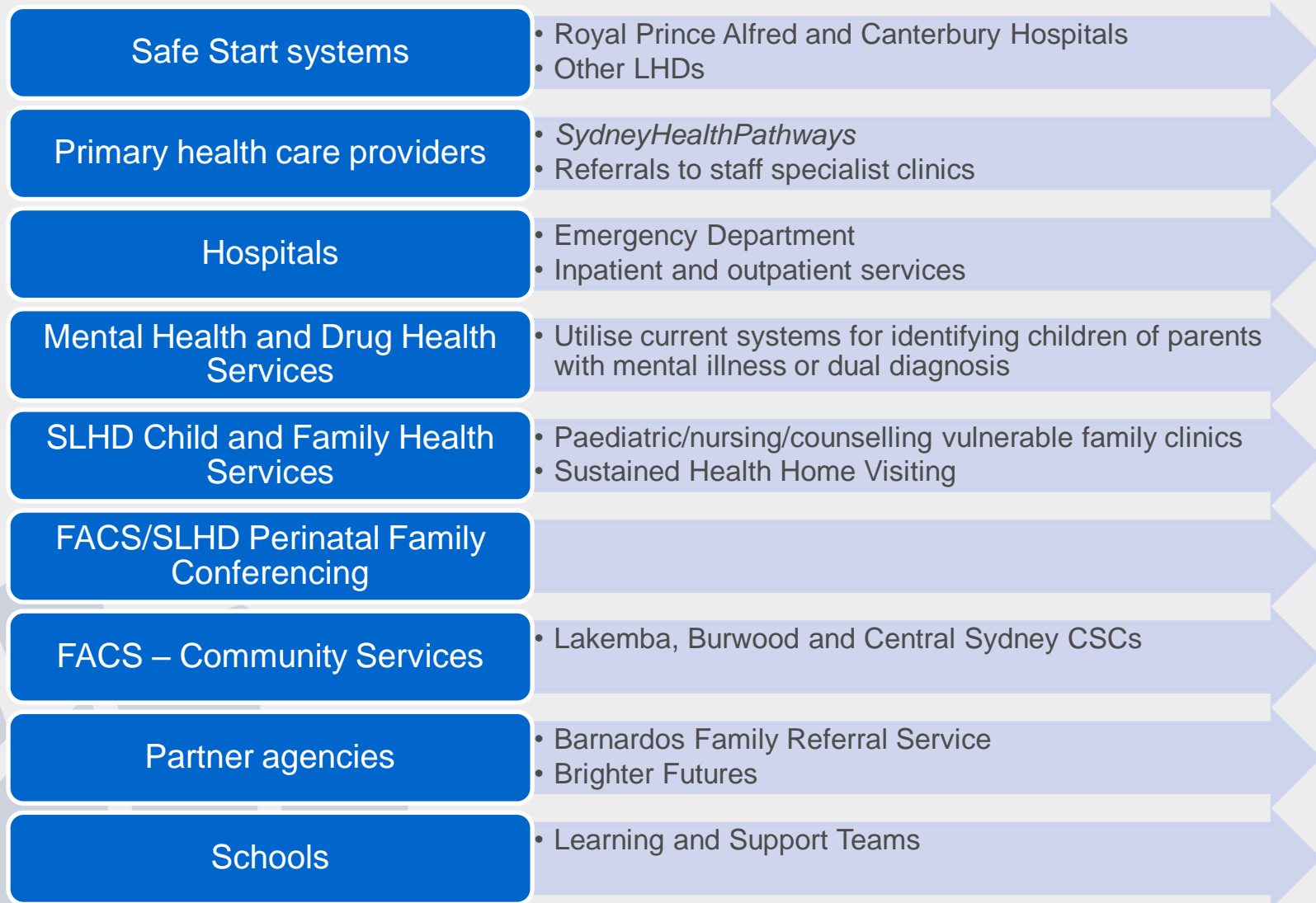


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# IDENTIFYING VULNERABLE FAMILIES AND PATHWAYS TO CARE



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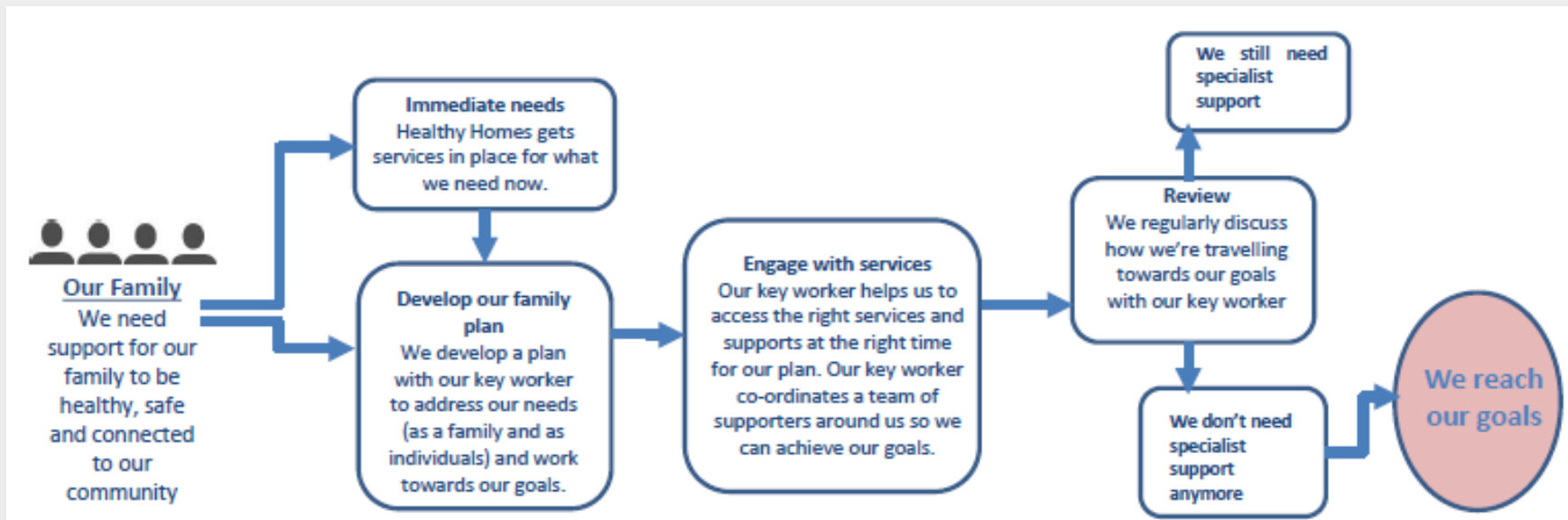


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# CARE COORDINATION



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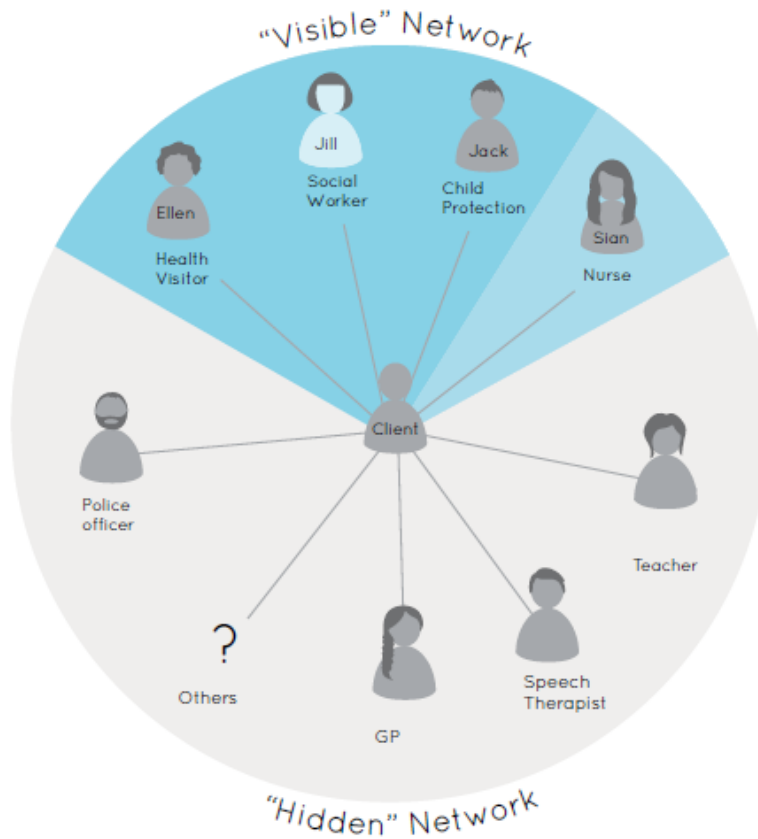
## Core HHAN staff: Clinical Nurse Consultants and Social Workers

- Wrap-around model
- Family Group Conferencing
- Case review with medical officer (Community Paediatrics)
- Patchwork
- Care coordination app





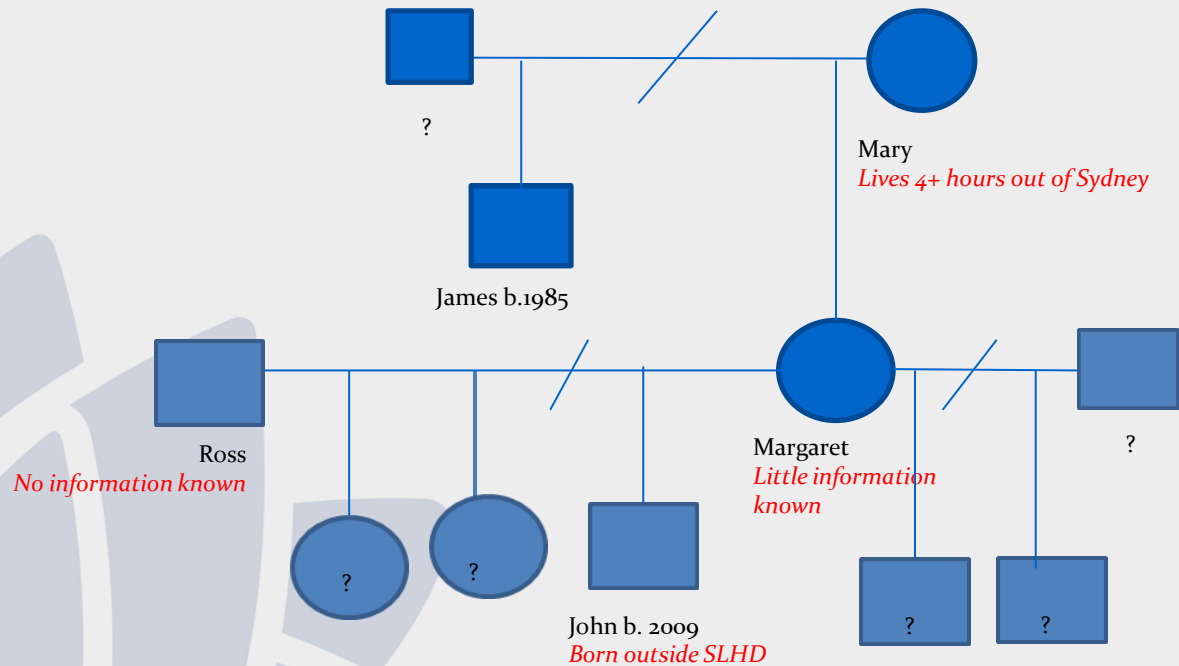
# Patchwork



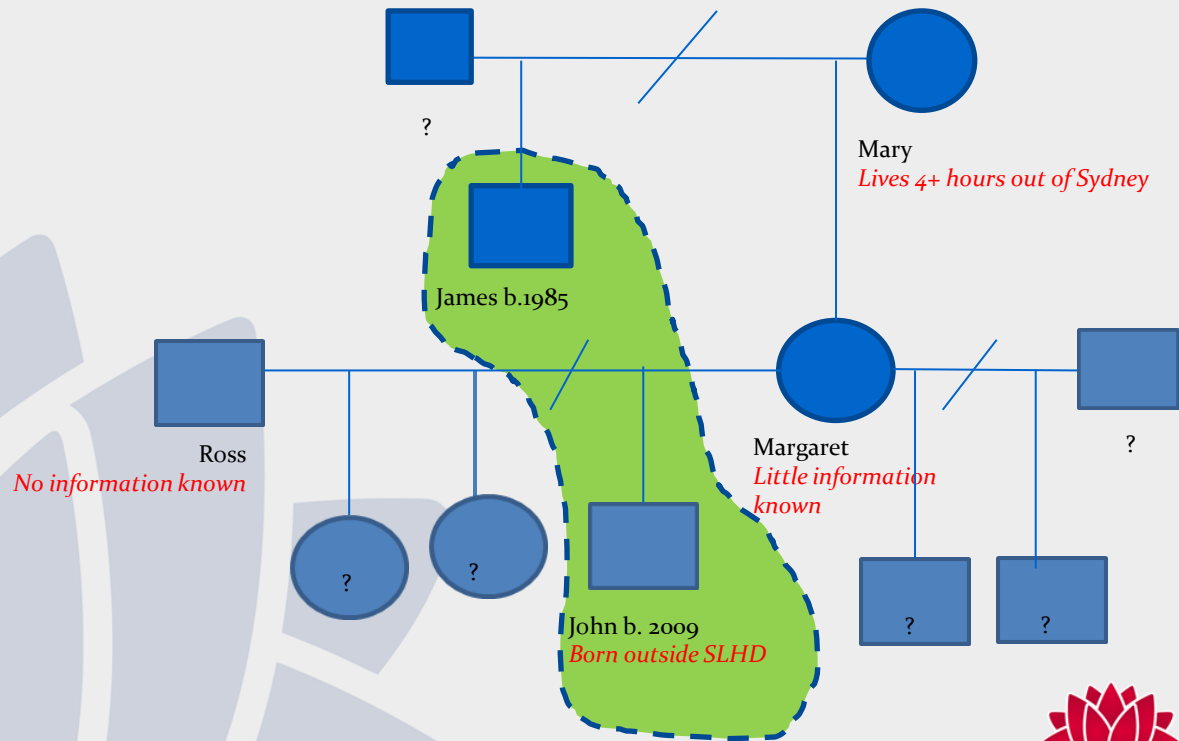
- Save time
- Build networks
- Collaborate better



# Care Coordination Case Study

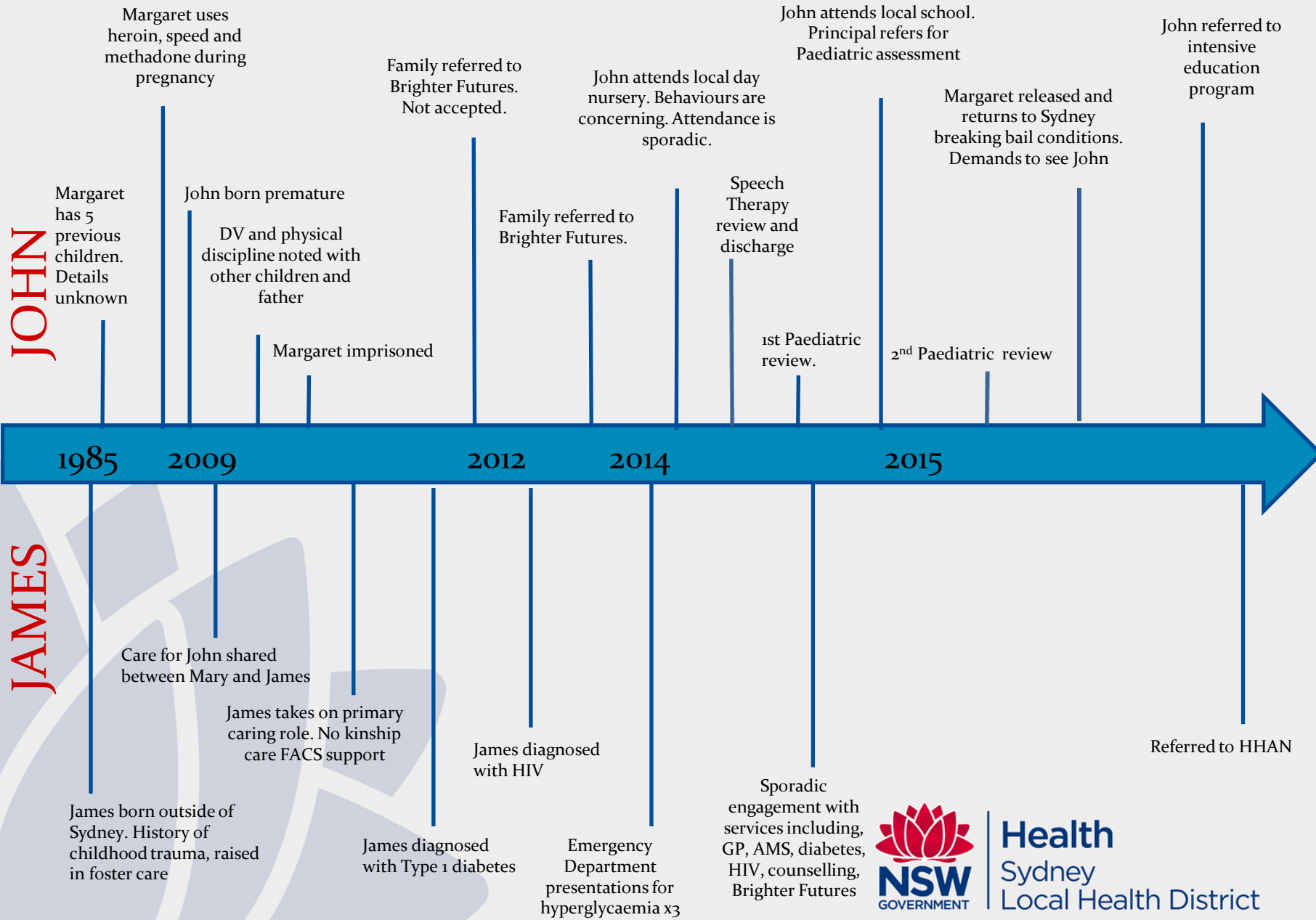


# Care Coordination Case Study



# JOHN

# JAMES





# What did HHAN do?

- Allocated to HHAN CNC and Social Worker.
- Met with James who is willing to engage in program and is worried about his health (whilst located in Redfern).
- Gathered information from eMR, Brighter Futures, FACS.
- Liaised with Brighter Futures to establish roles and responsibilities of workers - HHAN to support adult needs.
- Liaison with AMS, GP, HIV services, Social Work counselling.
- Facilitated case conference with James, John, HHAN CNC, HHAN Social Worker, Brighter Futures case worker, Community Paediatrician, Connecting Care CNC. Identified goals for both James and John and actions.
- Referred to services (diabetes, HIV, chronic disease) and supported attendance.
- Facilitated family conference with Grandmother.

*“This is the first time that anyone has focussed on fixing my health so I can become a better parent”*



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# Further action...

- Investigate installation of a system for James to alert emergency services – less pressure on John.
- Support Brighter Futures to explore respite options with wider family network.
- Link all service providers into Patchwork, and support family and service providers to use care coordination app.
- **Stay in touch with James and John.**



“Having HHAN talk to ‘Mum about Mum’ has given me the space to focus on the children”

“HHAN gives a health perspective”

“Our roles with families are now very clear”

*“Yesterday went really well with James and we have finally gotten his health needs on the agenda, thank you to Healthy Homes!” (Brighter Futures Caseworker)*

“HHAN staff are well respected and able to advocate to other services and get them involved, particularly with mental health services which we sometimes struggle with”

“HHAN has great networks within Health, it’s a localised service”



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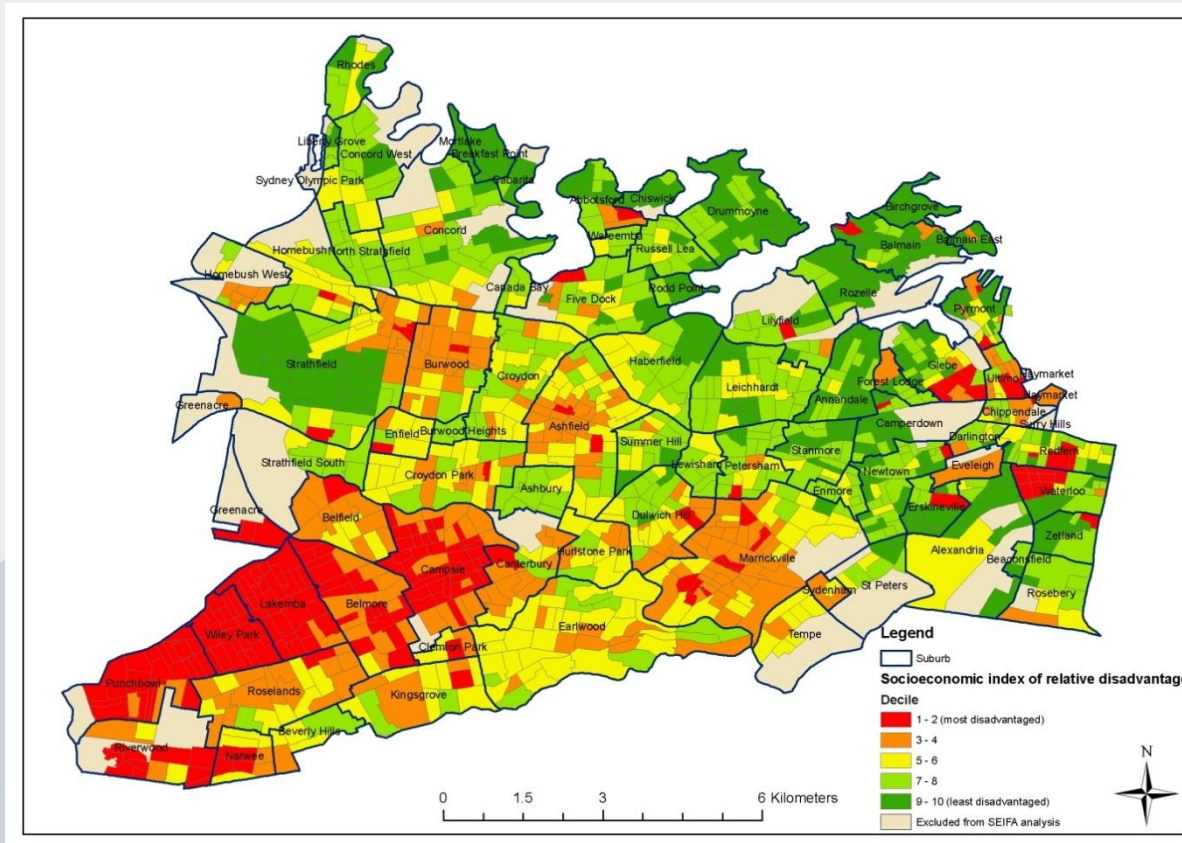
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# PLACE-BASED COLLABORATION



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# Socioeconomic index of relative disadvantage by statistical area level 1 and suburb



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics Census of Population and Housing, 2011.



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# Geospatial Mapping of Disadvantage

- **OBJECTIVE:** To take a spatial epidemiology approach to identifying the geographical distribution of the “most vulnerable” families with intergenerational cycles of disadvantage and trauma in SLHD by:
  - Identifying indicators of **disadvantage** and mapping them within SLHD
  - Identifying **clusters** of disadvantage
  - Analysing potential pockets or “**hot spots**” of extreme or complex disadvantage via layered analysis of individual indicators of disadvantage



# Included indicators of disadvantage

## 2011 ABS Census

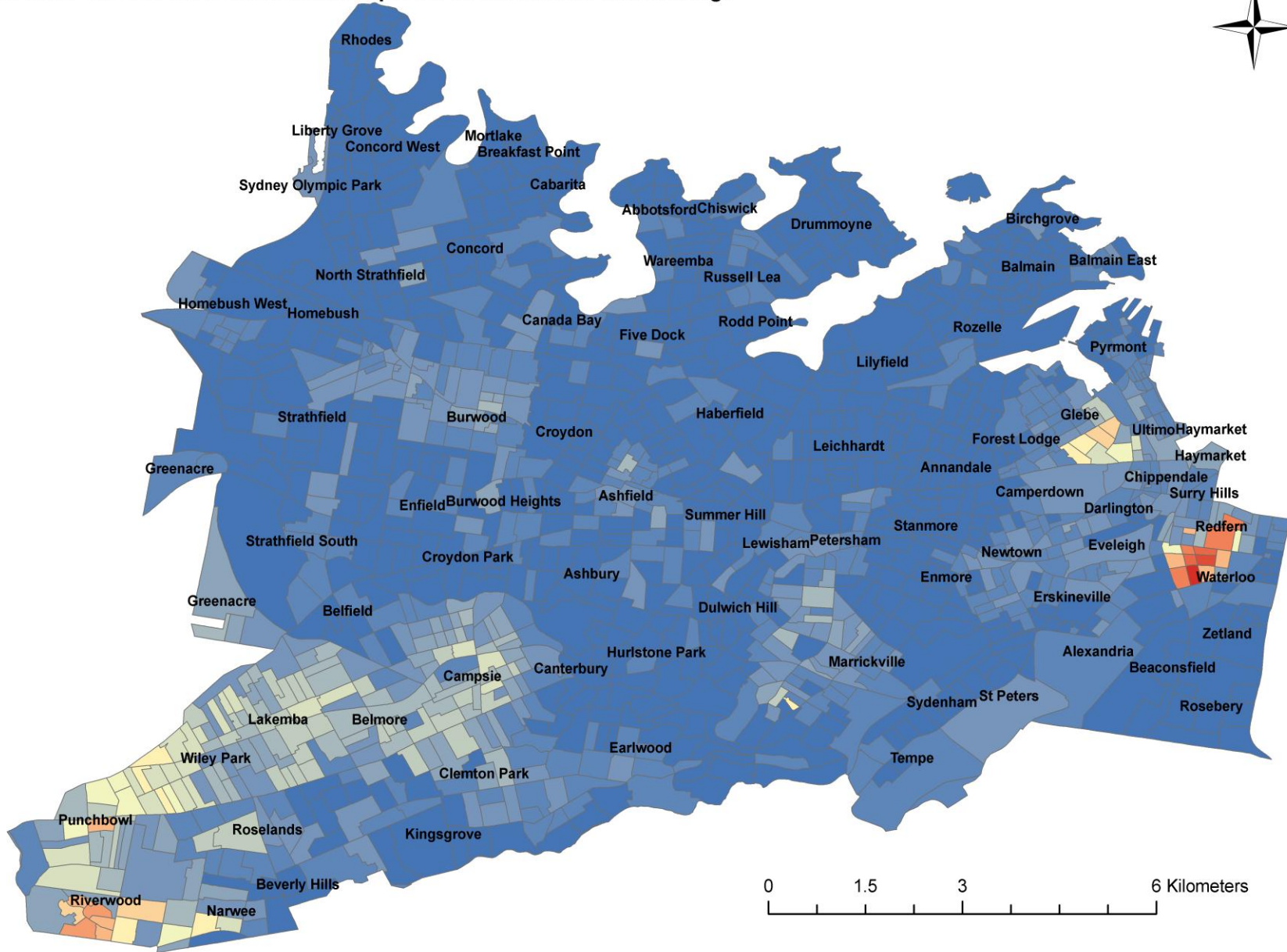
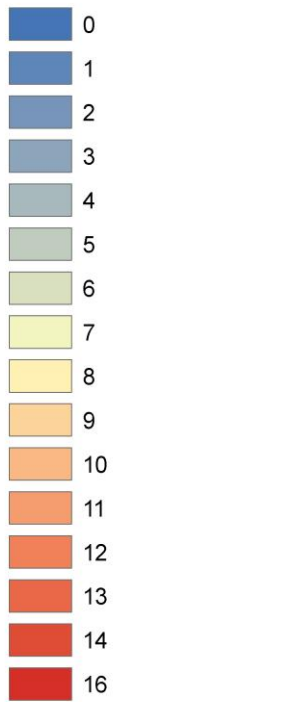
1. High proportion of the population identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
2. Low rates of year 12 attainment
3. Low median weekly household income
4. High proportion of people reporting speaking English not well or not at all
5. High proportion of people requiring assistance with activities of daily living (disability)
6. High proportion of one-parent families
7. Large proportion of households with no access to a car
8. Large proportion of housing consisting of state housing
9. Large proportion of households with no internet access
10. High rates of unemployment
11. Low labour force participation rates

## SLHD Clinical Data (Midwives data)

1. High rates of teen mothers
2. High rates of pregnant women without partners (sole mothers)
3. High rates of smoking during pregnancy
4. High rates pregnant women with a high antenatal Edinburgh depression score ( $\geq 10$ )
5. High rates of pregnant women reporting domestic violence (have either been hit or hurt by their partner, or report being frightened of their partner)
6. High rates of pregnant women reporting a history of child abuse
7. High rates of families known to Family and Community Services
8. High rates of pregnant women who have other children in out-of-home care
9. High rates of women who report consuming alcohol during pregnancy
10. High rates of LBW infants
11. High rates of pregnant women with delayed antenatal care (first visit at  $\geq 20$  weeks)

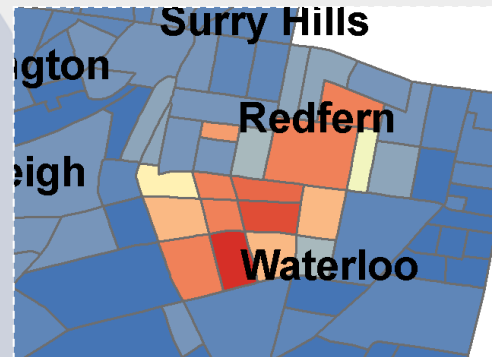
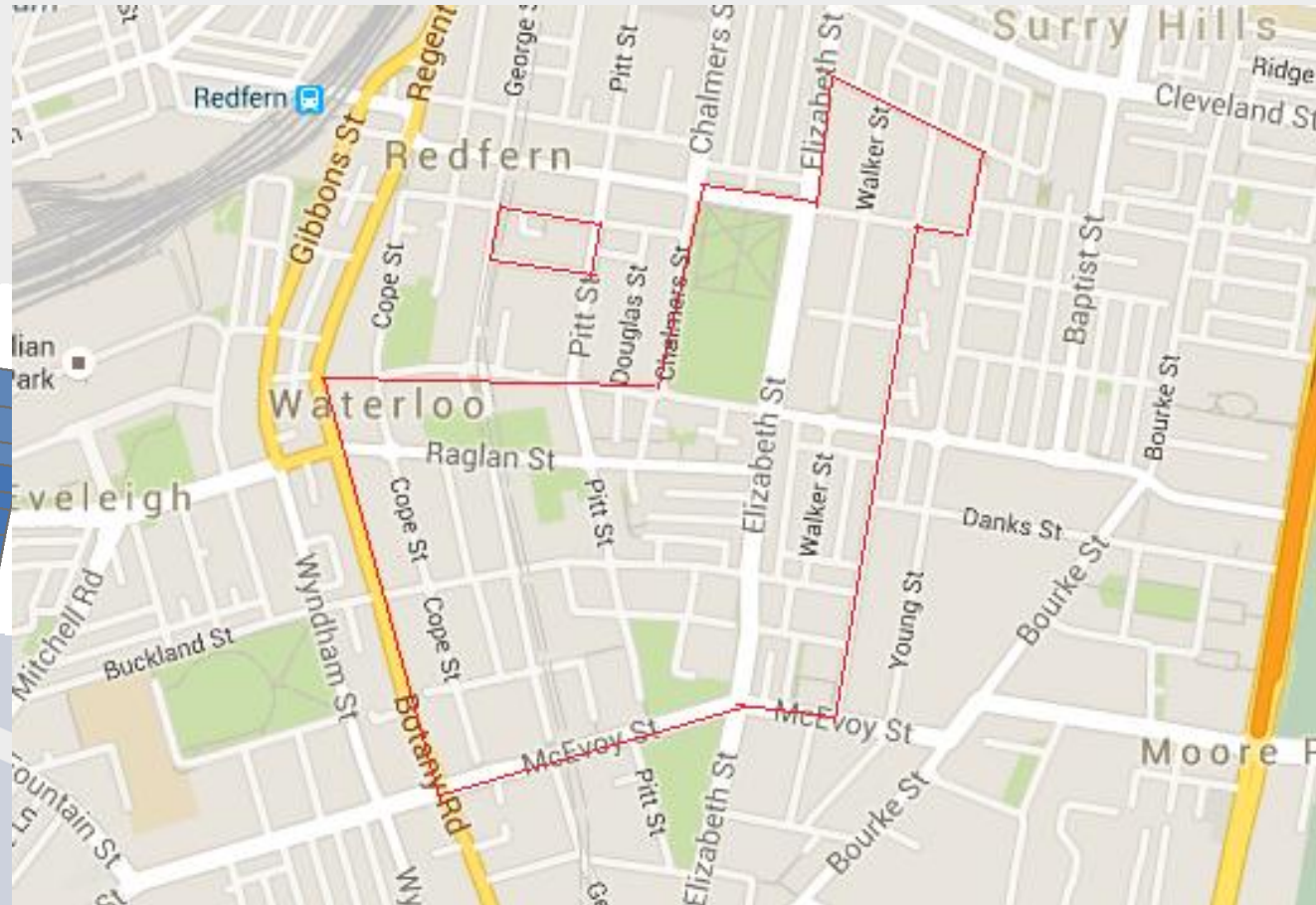
# FAMILY DISADVANTAGE

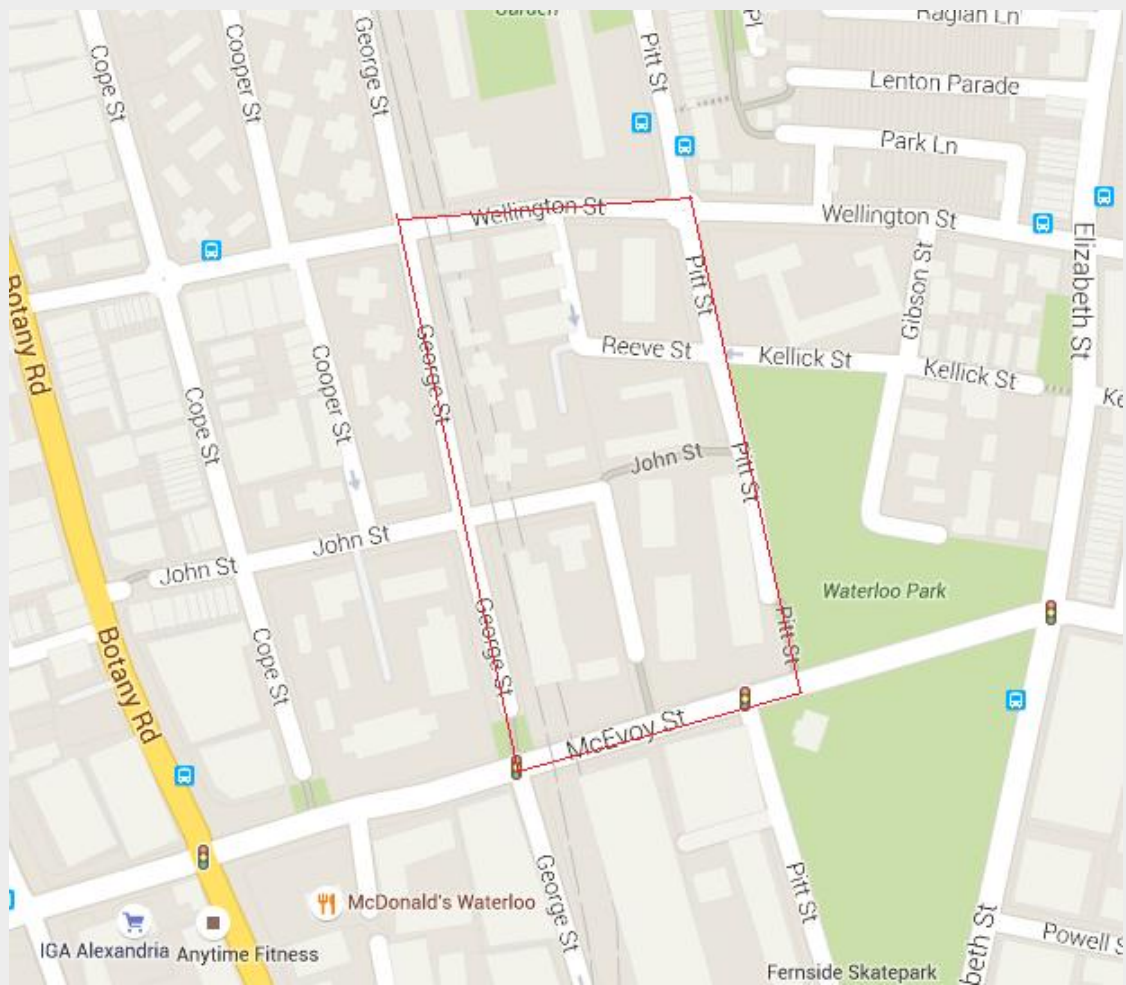
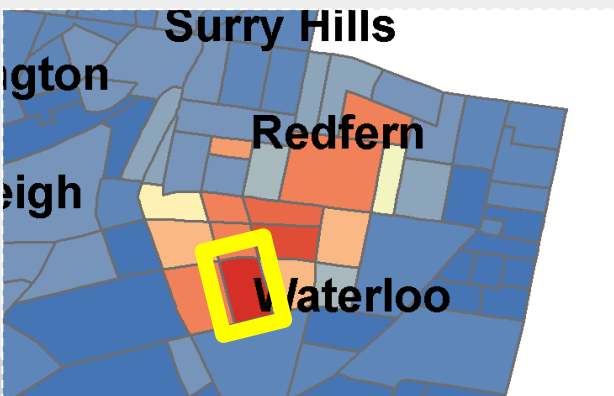
Number of times the SA1 was located in a hotspot for an indicator of disadvantage

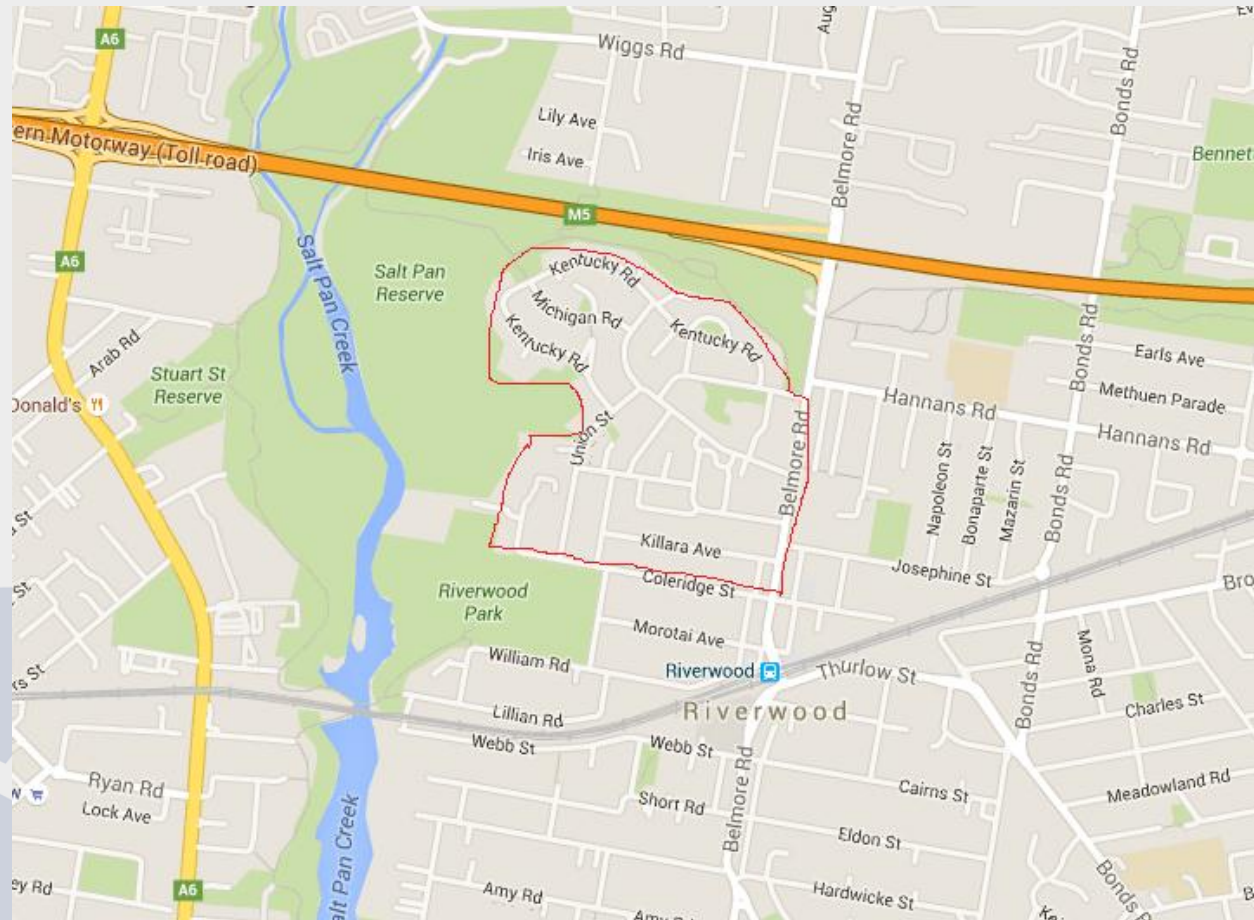




# Applications and implications







# Redfern/Waterloo Plan

- Co-location at RedLink
- Engaging directly with community and local services
- HHAN staff presence at community events
- Identifying community needs
- Providing care coordination from RedLink site



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# **GENERAL PRACTICE ENGAGEMENT, CAPACITY BUILDING AND LINKAGE**



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# Method

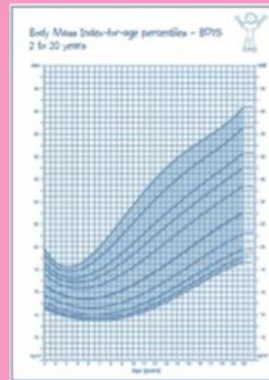
- Database of GPs working in SLHD area
- Practice visits – GP information pack
- GP Questionnaire:
  - Identify barriers and facilitators for GPs to work well with vulnerable children and their families
  - Measure frequency of utilisation of Medicare Item Numbers
  - Training needs assessment
  - HHAN Partner support in design and delivery of education: CESP HN; SLHD Child Protection; SLHD Community Paediatrics.



WELL CHILD SCREENING AND  
SURVEILLANCE REFERENCE HANDBOOK



Well Child Care:  
Screening and surveillance  
in 0-4 year olds in  
primary health care



Handbook for Well Child  
Screening and Surveillance



# Next Step – E Learning

- Trainees want an online education module
- Greater reach to time-poor practitioners, and also rural remote and global practitioners
- Use a UK developed template to build E Learning modules
- “Healthy Homes and Neighbourhoods” affiliated General Practices





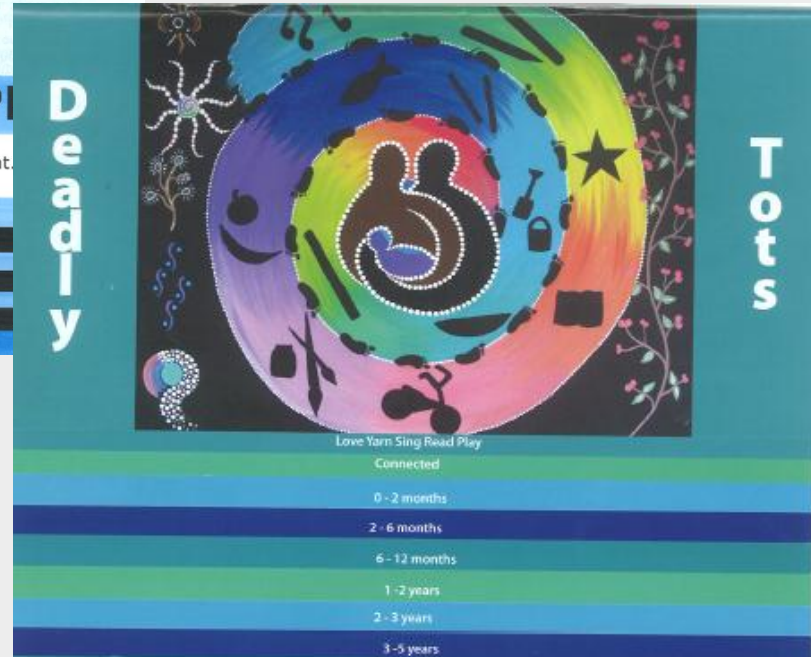
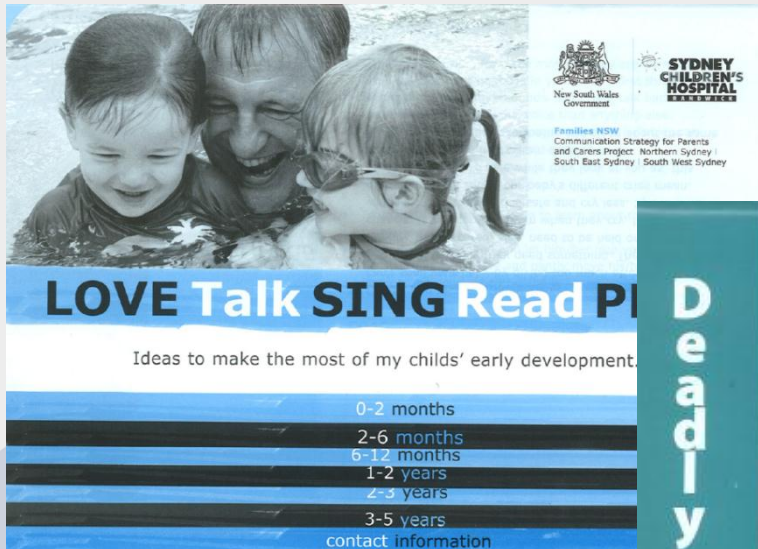
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# **FAMILY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT**



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# Key Health Messages



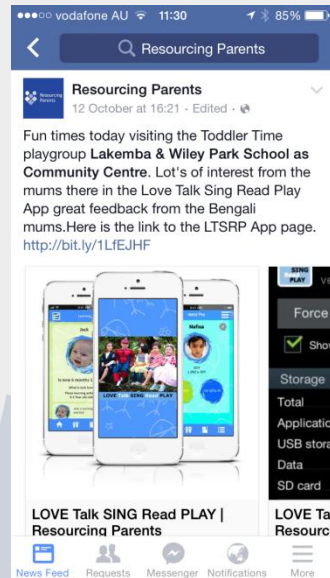
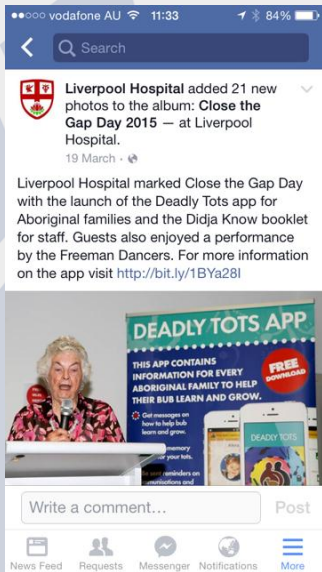
- Love, Talk, Sing, Read, Play
- Deadly Tots



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# Social Media Strategies

- Evidence for local use:
  - **Social media scoping project 2014, South Western Sydney Local Health District** - 299 parents residing in SWSLHD completed survey
  - **Result:** 98% parents had internet access, 95% used social media, 93% thought that getting health and parenting information on social media was useful



- Mobile phone apps
- Website:
  - Mobilised website
  - Blog page
- Facebook posts to promote

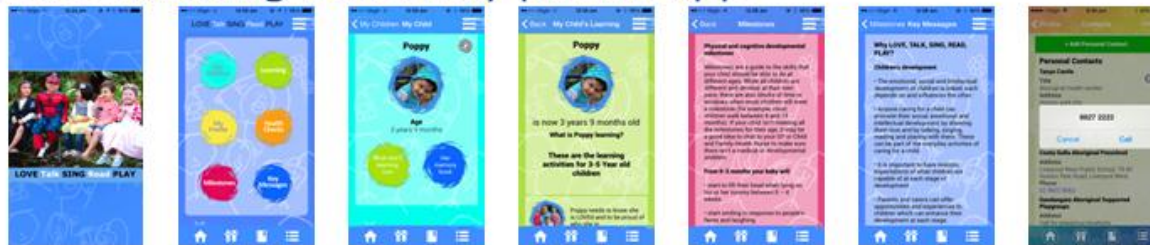


# Examples of current development of social media strategies

- Deadly Tots phone app



- Love Talk Sing Read Play phone app



- Love Talk Sing Read Play mobilised website

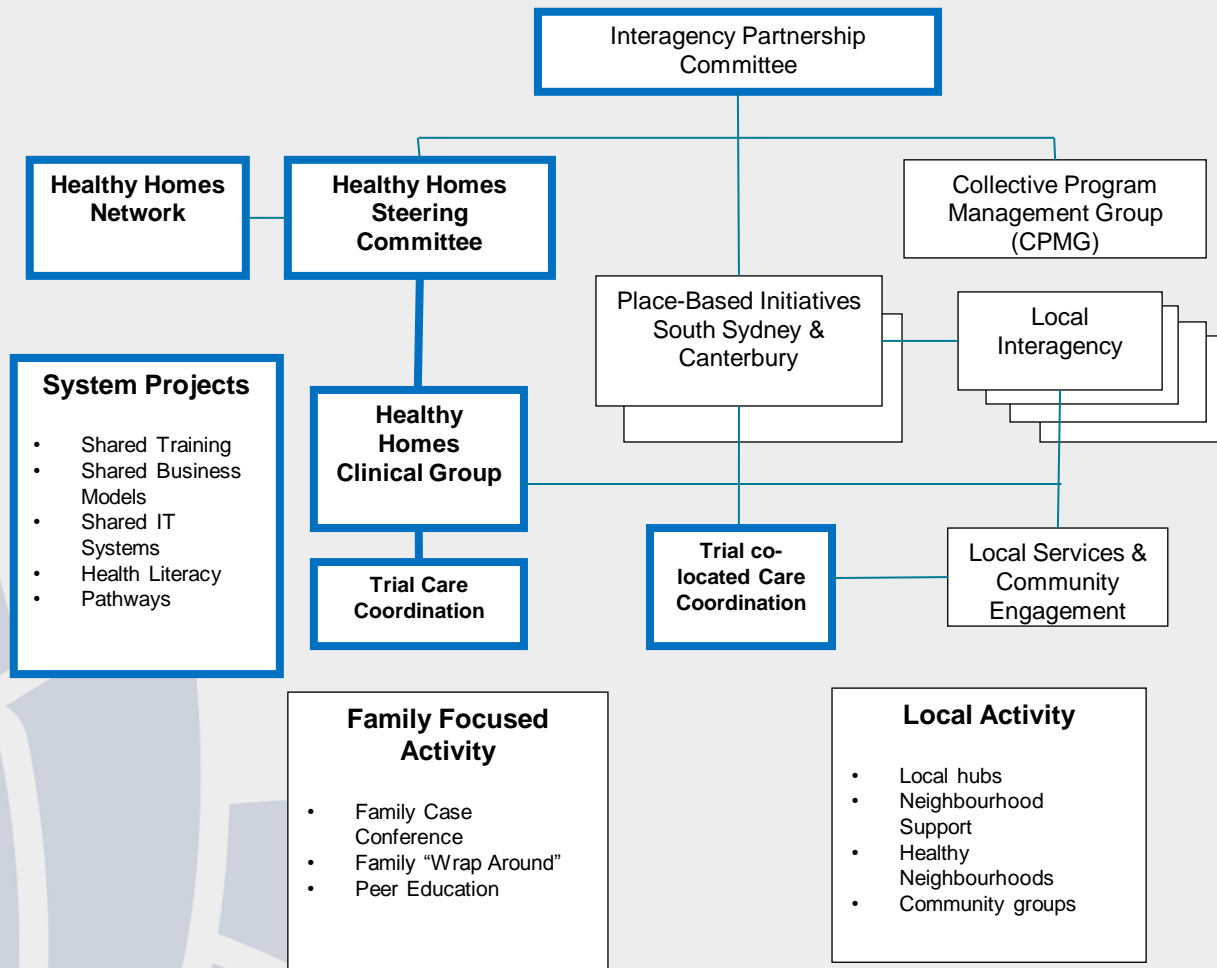


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# HEALTHY HOMES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS NETWORK AND PARTNERSHIPS



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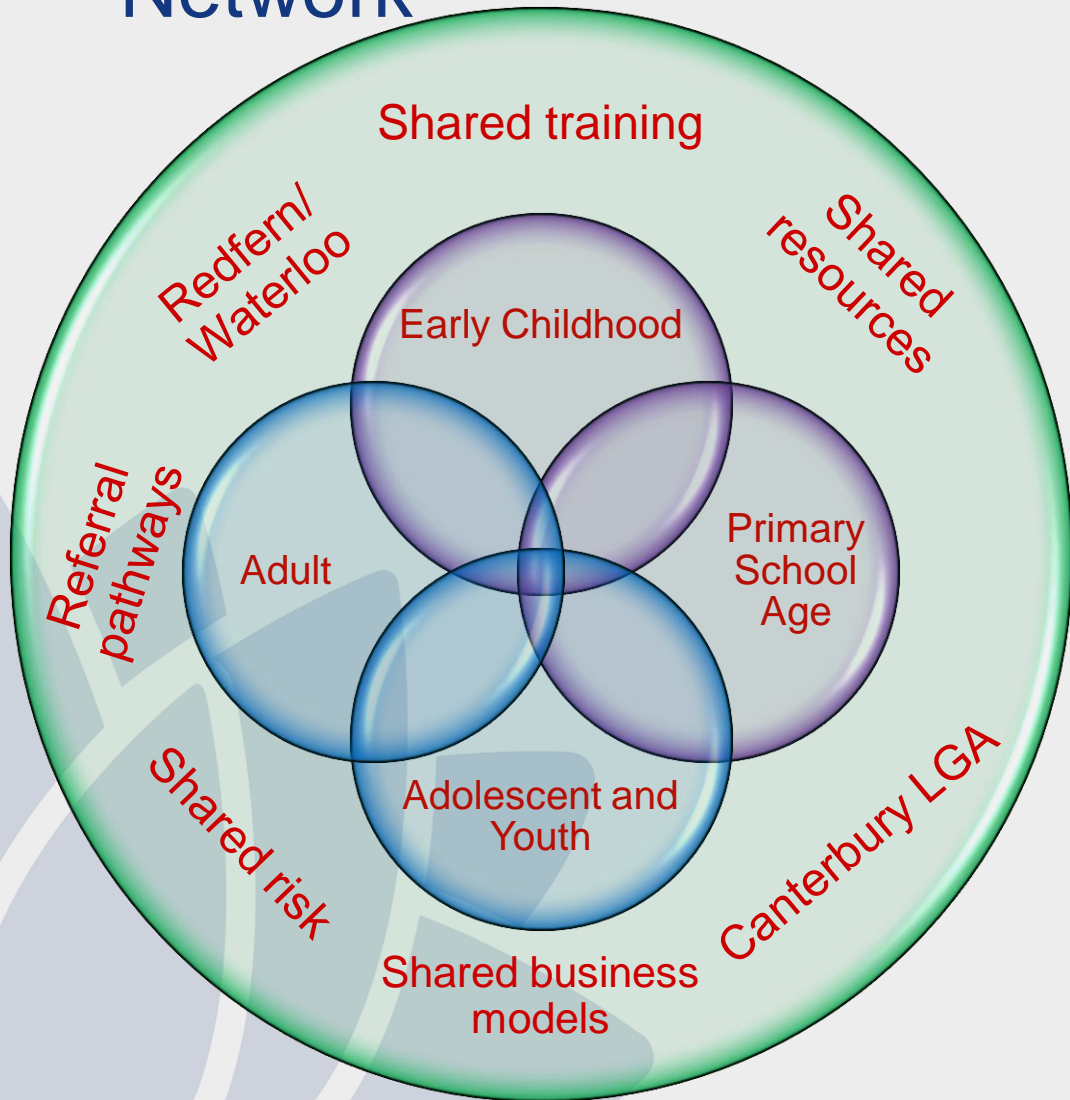


- Family Focused Activity**
- Family Case Conference
  - Family “Wrap Around”
  - Peer Education

- Local Activity**
- Local hubs
  - Neighbourhood Support
  - Healthy Neighbourhoods
  - Community groups



# Healthy Homes and Neighbourhoods Network



“Real collaboration is authentic working together across organisational boundaries toward common goals.”

Harrington R. (Wasserman, L. N/D. Results of United Way's Collaboration Learning Project. United Way of Greater Milwaukee).



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## Healthy Homes and Neighbourhoods Integrated Care Initiative

**What**  
The Healthy Homes and Neighbourhoods Integrated Care Initiative (HHAN) sits within Child and Family Health Services (CFHS) and the Redfern Integrated Services Hub (RISH).

**Care Coordination:** Clinical Nurse Consultant (CNC) program. Services will be 'wrap around' care and empowerment in education and empowerment in the neighbourhoods team will bring the HHAN sits within Child and Family Health Services in Community Health Centres (CHCs) and access to care. A Key Worker role will be established to support the family's complex needs.

**General Practice Engagement, Capacity Building:** General Practitioners (GPs) are trained to provide care to vulnerable families.

**Place-based Collaboration in Redfern:** Collaborative, local approach to inform collaborative, local approach. Staff will be based at "hubs" within the Redfern Integrated Services Hub (RISH).

**Family Health Improvement:** Key Worker role established to ensure community health and wellbeing. Organisations involved include SLHD, Redfern Integrated Services Hub (RISH) and NGOs.

Through these activities, the program will be sustained beyond the duration of the project.

### Care Coordination

- Family lives in the Sydney district (inner city)
- Family has one or more dependent children
- Parent/carer has chronic health and mental health issues which are impacting on their capacity to care for their children in a nurturing environment and to participate in community activities

Verbal consent needs to be obtained from the parent/carer. Referrals can be made by completing the referral form and faxing it to HHAN on 9378 1332 or email [erin.miller@sswahs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:erin.miller@sswahs.nsw.gov.au)

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### General Practice Engagement

This component of the HHAN Initiative recognises that many GPs are disconnected from the whole family over the long term. General Practice Engagement, Capacity Building and Training is a key component of the HHAN Initiative.

- The General Practice Engagement, Capacity Building and Training program has made the following progress:
- Compiled a database of all GPs in the area
  - Facilitated appointments with GPs
  - Developed a research project on Vulnerable Children
  - Commenced a research project on Connected Families for GPs

## Integrated Service Provision – what the literature says

A comprehensive literature review was completed by Dr Rebekah Grace, Children and Families Research Centre, Macquarie University, to support the development of the HHAN Initiative. Achieving meaningful service coordination and integration generally requires organisations working together through four stages of service delivery:

Co-existence → Collaboration → Coordination → Integration

The research literature documented a number of challenges to achieving integrated service provision, as well as strategies to address these challenges:

Challenges	Strategies
Conceptualising, establishing and formalising the partnership	Strong leadership and shared vision
Current funding models	Community partnerships and leadership
Reconciling contradictions in policy documents	Soft entry points
Competing discourses	Building trust between professionals
Lack of professional training/preparedness	Being active in the local community to build trust
A new way of working	Ongoing asset and needs assessment and resource mapping
Uncertainty around information sharing	Electronic care plans/enhanced data integration systems
Challenges to professional identity	Culturally appropriate services
	A community partner facilitator
	Regular evaluation of effectiveness

We are proud to report that the HHAN Initiative encompasses the above strategies.

### Co-location of services

A lesson learnt from the recent Service Delivery Reform process emphasised how co-location of services and people can aid coordination:

*Services working together in the same physical location can be beneficial for service coordination. This physical structure can strengthen relationships between service providers and allow for joint responses that holistically address the client's needs. It can also make it easier for clients to navigate the service system, by bringing together the services they need in one location.*

Healthy Homes and Neighbourhoods have agreement in principle for co-location at two sites: - Family Referral Service in Glebe and RedLink Integrated Services Hub in Redfern. By co-locating at these sites, we aim to foster relationships with key staff from Barnardos Australia, FACS-Housing, Redfern Legal Centre, Legal Aid, SLHD Drug Health and many more, as well as be available for clients when they present at these sites. These important relationships will enhance collaboration and assist us on our way to service integration.

If you would like more information about the HHAN Initiative, please contact Erin Miller, HHAN Program Manager: [Erin.Miller@sswahs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Erin.Miller@sswahs.nsw.gov.au); (02) 9378 1260, 0475 975 138.

### Further information

- These workshops will:
- A shared understanding of the HHAN Initiative
  - Models for collaboration
  - Clearer expectations
  - Clearer service partnerships
  - Ongoing service partnerships
- Invitations to these workshops have been sent to all relevant staff. If you would like to contribute to the workshops, please contact Erin Miller.

including:  
Eastern Sydney Primary Health Care  
Perinatal Family Health Services  
Child Community Services;  
Redfern Integrated Services Hub (RISH) & Yana Maru/New South Wales Perinatal NUM; RPAH

and Glebe CFI)

### Research

Working with colleagues to work on research projects:

- Identifying attitudes and barriers to providing services to vulnerable families
- A qualitative process to understand the experience of service users

Analysis: This process will be used to understand the relationship between services and vulnerable families.

by Paediatrics, COPM, Child Health Futures. Any team is welcome. Discussions may result in a research project.

### Referrals

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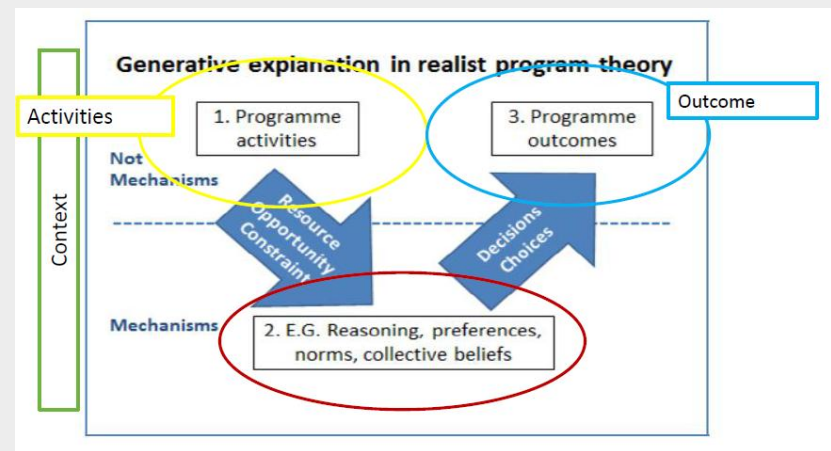
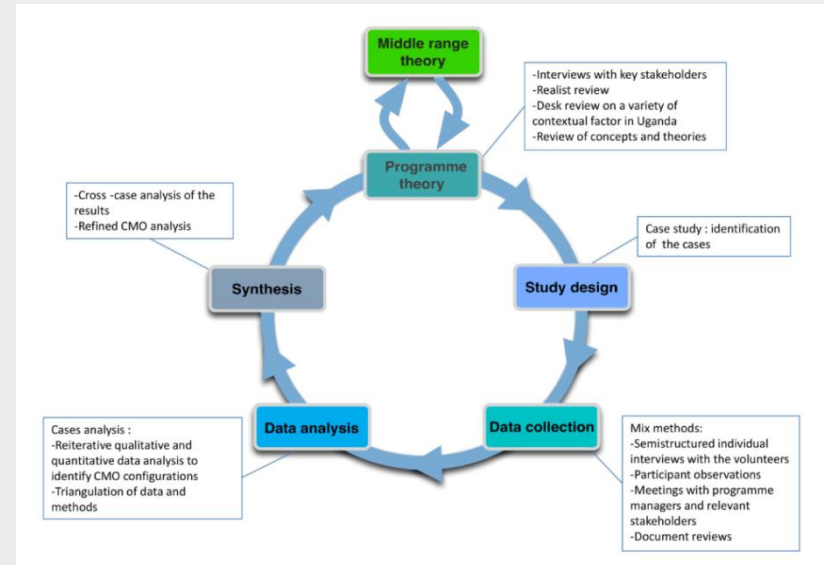
# EVALUATION FRAMEWORK



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# Evaluation Framework - Methodology

- Realist (Sayer 2000; Pawson and Tilley 1997)
- Explanatory Theory Building (Eastwood 2011)
- Realist Synthesis of Child Health Programs (Garg et al, 2014; Grace 2015; Tyler et al 2015)
- HHAN Theory of Change (2014)
- Longitudinal Emergent Realist Mixed Method Design
- Focus on Context, Mechanisms, Outcomes



# Evaluation Framework - Methods

- Family- Longitudinal Emergent Mixed Method CMO
  - Family- CMO Case Studies
  - Patient- Reported Measures – Health Tracker
- Partnership- Mixed Method Social Network Analysis
- Spatio-temporal Studies
  - AEDI, Naplan
- KPI Reporting
- Place-based
  - Concept Mapping
  - Mental Health Needs Analysis
  - Mixed Method Social Network Analysis
- Sub Component Evaluations
  - Patchwork
  - General Practice
  - Wrap around
  - Family Group Conference
  - Phone Apps



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