

# CHILDREN WITH COMPLEX NEEDS SEMINAR

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# **EMERGING THEMES**

- **ACHIEVEMENTS**
- **NEEDS AT A STRATEGIC LEVEL**
- **QUESTIONS TO PONDER**

# ACHIEVEMENTS

**HAZ funding has provided an opportunity to step back and focus on ways of improving services for this population**

**These five projects have been successful in raising the profile of the needs of children with complex issues, as well as developing an improved myriad of services**

**The establishment of accurate and comprehensive baseline data – which has facilitated a more informed and integrated service infrastructure (evidence based intervention).**

**HAZ enabled projects to learn from innovation and risk taking practice – and the development of examples of good practice, e.g.**

**Communications Telelink**

**Achieved a significant level of interagency collaboration and partnership working initiatives.**

**Provided a solid foundation for future work with children with complex needs.**

**Models of good practice, which have been developed with children, could be extended to adult services - e.g. Specialised equipment, Single Assessment and Care Plan (NSF for older people).**

**Dissemination of good practice and lessons learned from HAZ CloS to other areas in the country (and visa versa).**



# **STRATEGIC LEVEL PRIORITIES**

**A strategic, shared multi-agency vision for children with complex needs – including a multi-agency database and sharing of information.**

**A more supportive strategic structure to guide and co-ordinate work concerning children with complex needs.**

**Need for symmetry of partnerships at BOTH project and strategic levels - i.e. work on the ground should be reflected by a 'decision making and policy development' steering group at a senior level of service planners..**

**Commitment to joint planning and working, could facilitate a single point of entry for these (and other) projects in providing support, advice, and a decision-making structure.**

**In order for innovation and real change to occur in service provision, these projects need the backing of appropriate levels of support and resources.**

**Funding for specialised services,  
e.g. Communication aids, and  
Autism.**

**Sustainability and mainstreaming  
– beyond the HAZ funding cycle  
(March 2002)**

**... how are models of good  
practice going to be 'rolled out'  
throughout the County?**

**Build in monitoring and evaluation strategies from the outset of project planning.**

# QUESTIONS TO PONDER

**Do you believe it is necessary to have a joint agency strategy and vision for children with complex needs?**

**If yes, what structures and strategies need to be put in place to ensure that services are delivered in a streamlined, co-ordinated, integrated and collective manner?**



**How does this delegation propose to develop and implement a multi-agency structure to support these, and future initiatives?**

**How will these projects be mainstreamed?**