

Working together

Good professionals see themselves as working together with parents

There are many professionals and service providers whose job it is to help your child and family. They will be able to draw on their own particular skills and experience but it is impossible for them to know everything.

It is important to trust your instincts as a parent and to have your say about what you believe is right for your child and family.

Listen

As parents, it is important to encourage good working partnerships with professionals. We need to respect their role and listen to their point of view.

Ask

We also need to be prepared to ask questions or seek further explanations when we don't understand or agree.

Trust your instincts

Sometimes situations can arise which require us to challenge a professional. This is not always easy to do, and some professionals do not react kindly to being challenged.

But if you feel uncomfortable about the advice given by a professional, you should trust your instincts and seek further information or a second opinion.

In many areas of your life as a parent, you will soon discover that you need to become very good at standing up for yourself and your child.

You need to make sure your voice is heard and understood by the people who are making decisions that affect you and your family.



"I've learnt that for my family to get what we need I have to speak up and question things, otherwise we never seem to get anywhere."