



Additional Information for Family Intervention Worker (Mental Health Lead) BIG Manchester Central

In 2012 Manchester Mind joined BIG Manchester, a partnership led by Barnardo's and included Pankhurst Women's Aid, CGL (as now) and Home Start Manchester. We bid together to develop a small but perfectly formed Family Intervention Service to be delivered in North Manchester. Over the intervening years we have built a successful partnership which has delivered work that has truly had a positive impact on the families supported.

We have adopted a whole family approach and our focus has been on working with families who have primary aged children and are impacted by Substance Misuse, Domestic Violence and/or Mental Health issues – these were areas that regularly came up in serious case reviews as factors in the lives of families.

The caseloads were small but complex. Each organisation recruited a post so the worker came with the backing and support from organisations who were experienced in those key areas. The Project Management and development were led by Barnardo's.

We are now in a position to build on this experience and expand BIG Manchester into Central Manchester.

Manchester Mind will be recruiting one post to this team, but if successful you would be managed on a day to day basis by the Barnardo's Manager. The Team will be based together at Gregory's Place in Ardwick.

BIG Manchester Central will offer intensive, therapeutic, whole family interventions to families with children of primary school age who are affected by issues of domestic abuse and violence, poor mental health and /or substance misuse (often all 3).

With a central focus on the impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACES) on both parents and their children, we offer parallel trauma informed interventions to all the family. Within the context of a trusting professional relationship, using a balance of both support and effective challenge, parents are supported to develop a deeper understanding of how their children are being impacted and what needs to change.