

Community Plus Case Study - Jamie

Aged: 26

Life at home

Jamie lives with his partner, Holly, and their 5 year old son Jack, in a private rented flat in Golcar. Jamie is a young dad and left school with few qualifications but has held down a job since his son was born and is taking his role as a dad seriously.

Jamie works full time in a local warehouse. Holly also works two days per week in a local supermarket. The couple are both on minimum wage. Jamie has credit card debt and a car loan, and due to an unexpected repair to the car last month they only managed to cover the rent by cutting back on food. Jack started school this year, and Jamie is worried how he will ever afford any of the extras like trips and outings.

Under the old model...

Jamie collects Jack from school and notices a poster advertising debt advice in the nearby Children's Centre. He puts off going for a couple of weeks because he's worried that he'll be the only dad in the Children's Centre. However, when he does eventually go in to see an advisor and finds out that he might be eligible for help, he is approached by a family worker who gives him information about a dads group that is run at the centre every Saturday morning. Through the dads group he also learns about the adult education programme on offer and undertakes his Basic English and Maths qualification.

Under the Early Help Hubs Model...

Under the new model, Jack's school are using the former children's centre as part of their school community hub which is delivering employment advice sessions (funded by the Lottery)

A worker from the school hub knows of . a local man is running a session on cooking healthy food on a budget especially for dads which he signposts Jamie to. The worker also signposts Jamie to the StepChange debt charity for some debt advice .

Level

- Complex
- Targeted
- Community+
- Universal