

# Magic Dust for Troubled Families



# Love Barrow families

- **Our intentions for today:**
- **To introduce our project and how its founding principles of:**
- **Co production**
- **Community**
- **Influence all our work including child protection.**





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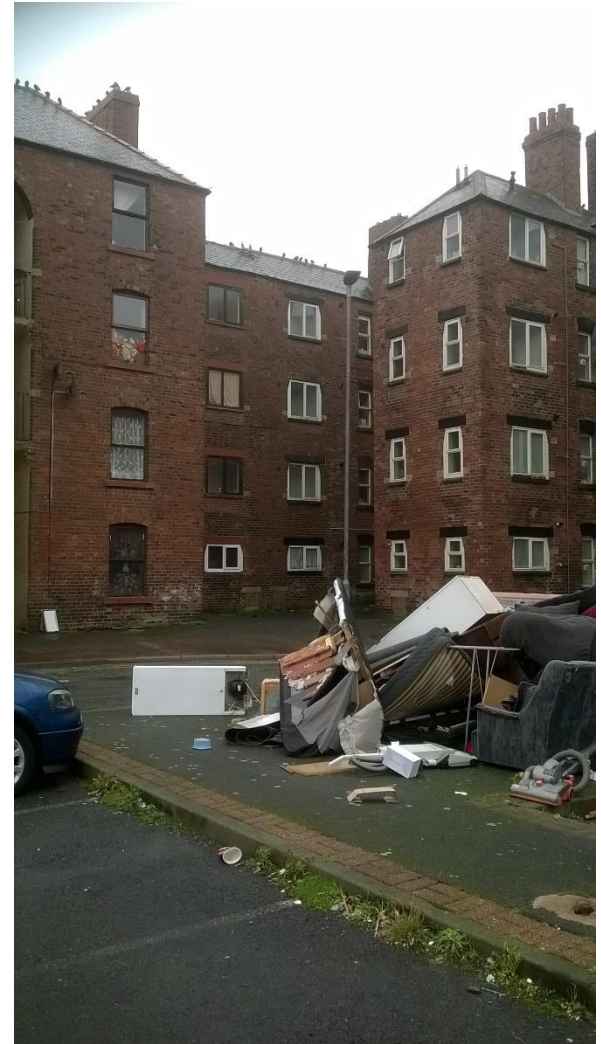
# Facts about Barrow-in-Furness



- Industrial town with a population of around 70 000
- History of shipbuilding and ironworks
- The 32<sup>nd</sup> of 326 most deprived districts in England



- Central & Hindpool wards amongst 3% most deprived areas in UK
- Health issues include significantly worse figures than England average in low breast feeding rates, children's tooth decay, hospital stays for alcohol-related harm, smoking, life expectancy and early deaths from cancer



# What is Love Barrow families Magic Dust?

- Ideas born out of listening to local people and local professionals
- A commitment to co production and mutual respect running through all we do
- A whole family approach
- The use of the Dynamic Maturation Model of Attachment



## Family Personal Goals Progress and Trend

Getting kids to work better with each other



Me managing their behaviour



Physical-keeping children clean, fed, warm etc.



Making sure they feel loved



## Family Experience

An honest and equal trusting relationship with one main worker



One Stop Shop and 24hr Support



Compassion and Understanding



To Not have to live in fear of having our children taken away



## Sample Family Dashboard



# Our Pillar's of Co production

- Project review meetings with all families
- Six weekly panel meetings
- An assets based approach /Time bank
- The project board





# Our Pillars of community

- twice monthly lunches
- holiday activities
- Christmas party
- Dance class
- open door policy
- linking with other community events
- looking for a community solution to statutory problems









# The Importance of Belonging

- To the project
- To extended family and friends
- To your neighbourhood
- To the Barrow Community



# Putting Theory into child protection Practice: The Reality

Case study 1: Donna and her three children

Case Study 2: Simon and Reece



*“You care, you just care!”*

*“When I said I could only  
concentrate on one  
problem at a time you  
listened and trusted me to  
get there”*



# Learning and Adapting

- Be prepared to Attune and Adapt
- Only do what's needed
- Keep within Zone of Proximal Development
- Use the principles of co production and mutual respect with all..... professionals and managers included
- Accept complexity despite the world demanding simplicity





# Think Big and don't underestimate the power of magic dust at all levels!

The way forward together:

Cumbria County Council  
Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust  
The Lankelly Chase Foundation



# So Back to the Magic Dust...

- Allow yourself to care
- Making memories: Building resilience in children
- Those little “gems”
- Your magic may come in many different ways
- Results and Outcomes





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