

Transcript - Secretary of State for Education visit

[Image: Woodhouse Close Family Centre]

[Audio: Speech only and ambience - no music]

[Text: The Rt Hon Gillian Keegan MP, Secretary of State for Education]

[The Rt Hon Gillian Keegan MP]

Well, it's fantastic to be here in Bishop Auckland, and it's kind of like a one-stop shop for maternity, pregnancy, all the way through to supporting families and I've just come to see basically how it works in action and also to speak to some of the families to see what a difference it's made to them.

[Video: The Rt Hon Gillian Keegan MP sat on the floor talking to Mother and child]

[Video: Staff members talking around a table]

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Well, what you've got really here is a team of people who've all got different skills, but they all work really well together. So that they can... One of the parents said to me it was very different to anything that she'd had before because it was very customised, it was individual to her and they'd used different people and different skill to be able to support her and her family with what she needed and I think that's what's different, she got a range of skills but it's really focused on the individual, so it's not all about group classes and that kind of thing, there's the ability to flex it as well.

[Image: Handwritten 'Welcome to our family hub' sign]

[Video: Young child playing with wooden toy]

[The Rt Hon Gillian Keegan MP]

The support is really wide-ranging, you know there's lots of different things, there's a journey to being a parent, for mum's and dad's, that's quite a big deal and it's quite a stressful time as well. And obviously getting the support at the right time makes a massive difference.

[Video: Children's sensory equipment]

[Image: Different sized clothing for all genders, hung on rails with a sign 'if you need me, take me']

[Image: Children's playroom with toys]

[The Rt Hon Gillian Keegan MP]

[Text: Cllr Ted Henderson, Portfolio Holder for children and young people's services]

[Cllr Ted Henderson]

The visit today has been by the Secretary of State for Education, it's important that they find out exactly what we're doing in the North East and we've brought her to a hub here, that does all the services and things that we possibly can for the parents and the children and I hope that she has

learnt today what we are doing and how much we do care for the families and the children of the county

[Video: Cllr Ted Henderson stood outside the Woodhouse Close Family Centre talking to The Rt Hon Gillian Keegan MP with others stood nearby]

[Video: Cllr Ted Henderson stood inside by clothing rails talking with The Rt Hon Gillian Keegan MP and staff member]

[Cllr Ted Henderson]

[Video: Cllr Ted Henderson and The Rt Hon Gillian Keegan speaking with staff members around a table]

[Cllr Ted Henderson]

[Video: Young child playing with wooden toy]