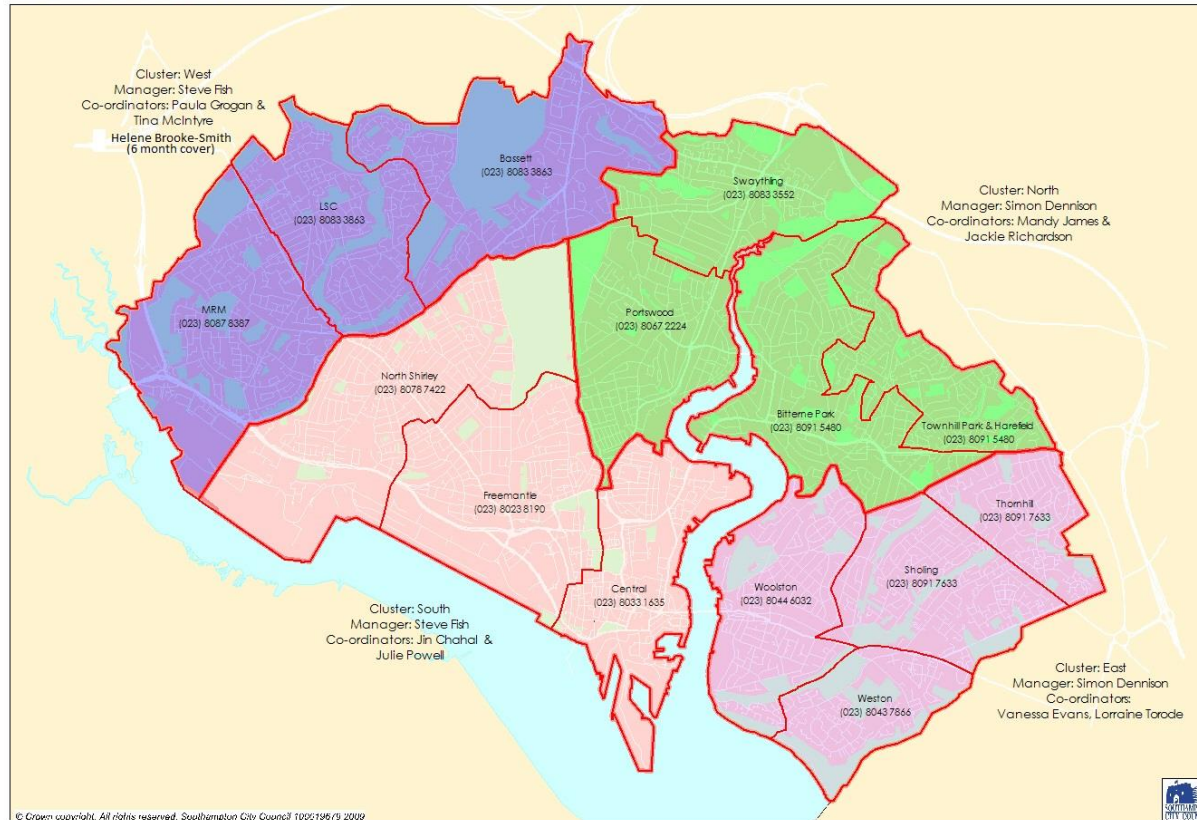


## Sure Start Children's & Family Centres

Sure Start Children Centres



# The aim of the Sure Start Children & Family Centre :

‘To support parents, through the provision and coordination of services, so that children have the best start in life.’



We work with children and their parents/ carers from conception through to the child's fifth birthday, and often beyond.

Children's Centres are not just buildings but are a network of partnerships.



We work alongside partner agencies including

Health Visitors, Midwifery, Toy and Book library, Oral health, Schools, Social Workers, Preschools, Jobcentre Plus, Speech and Language, Family Nurse Partnership, Homeless Healthcare Team, WEA (Workers Education Association) and Southampton Voluntary Services etc.

Following a restructure in 2013

- Children's and Family Centres now work in clusters.
- The aim of the Children's & Family centres is to provide more targeted support along with some universal activities and sessions.

For families who need additional support a referral is made via a UHA (Universal Help Assessment form).

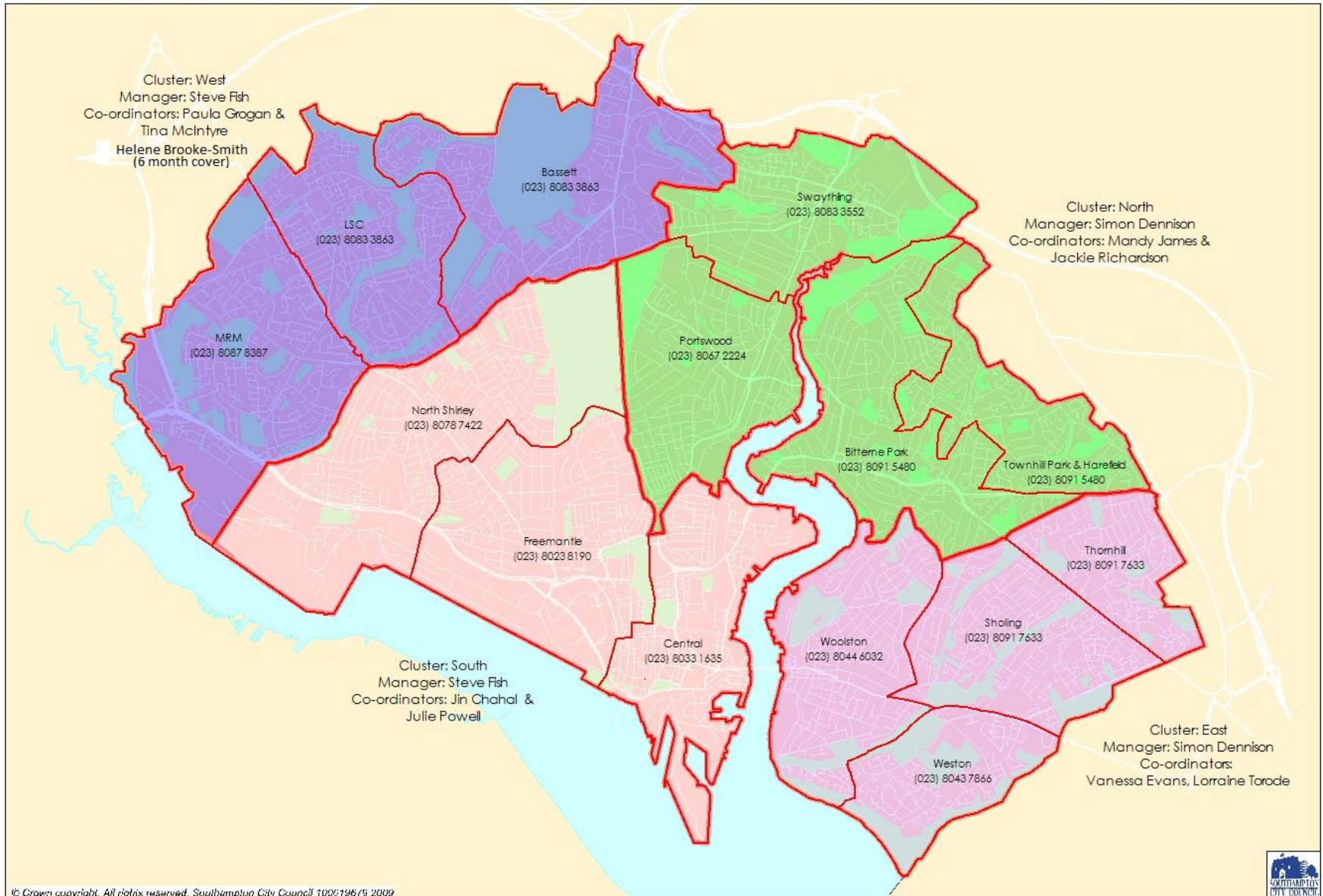
We work closely with the Early Help and MASH team- 'Step up and step down'

There are 14 Sure Start Children's and Family Centres across Southampton, arranged into 4 clusters.

Each offers a range of services to families with young children based on the needs and priorities of the local area, and national and local targets



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The work carried out by, and through, Children's & Family Centres'

comes under the headings of:

- Integrated Education and Childcare
  - Health
    - Family Support
      - Tackling Child Poverty.

# The legal bit

Childcare Act 2006 included statutory guidance on Children's Centres.

The Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009

- inserted new sections about Sure Start Children's Centres into the Childcare Act 2006
- established Children's centres as a statutory requirement,
- placed the duty on Local Authorities to establish and maintain sufficient numbers of Children's Centres to meet local needs.