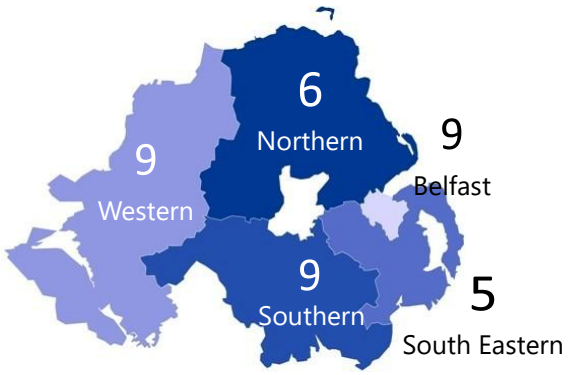
Sure Start in Northern Ireland, 2025/26

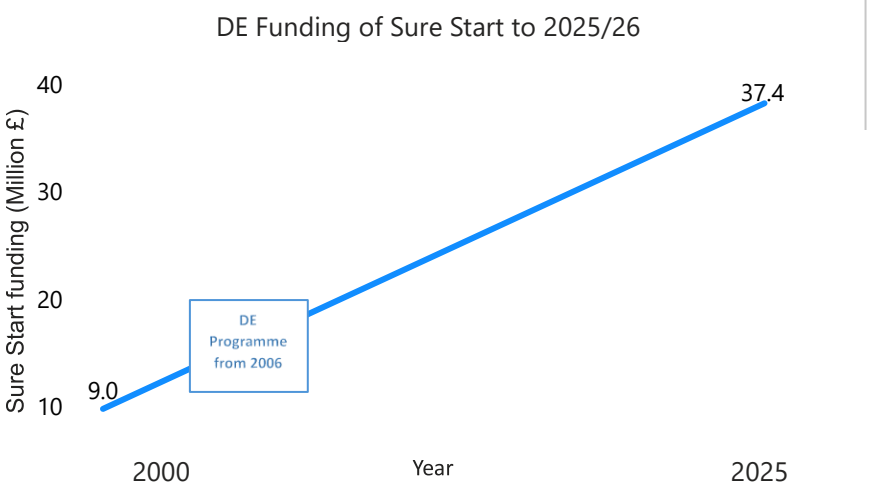
Number of Sure Start Projects



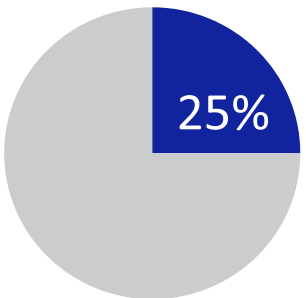
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Total DE funded Sure Start Projects

Sure Start Funding



Sure Start Provision



Provision in at least the 25% most disadvantaged areas

38,000

children (and their families) eligible to receive Sure Start Services



34,487

0-3 year olds (and their families) registered with their local Sure Start

Accessing Sure Start services



30,789

eligible Mothers



10,091

eligible Fathers



31,115

eligible Families



874

Children registered under Outreach

Sure Start - Developmental Programme for 2-3 Year Olds

147

Developmental Programmes (funding for at least one in every Sure Start)

1,858

Developmental Programme Home Visits





1,700

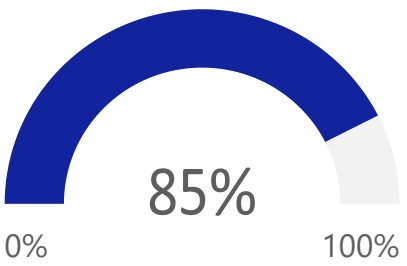
children attended the Developmental Programme

13,111

Families attended Play Programmes (Group Activities / Home Visits / Telephone)

Sure Start - Improved Speech, Language and Communication Skills (Autumn 2024 to Spring 2025)

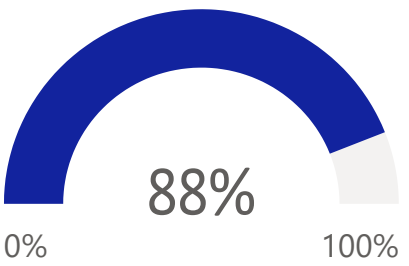
Hanen Communication Indicator



1,147

(85%) children progressed by at least one stage or who remained at the highest stage

Bilingual Language Profile



158

(88%) children progressed by a least one stage or who remained at the highest stage

Early Identifications of Developmental Delay

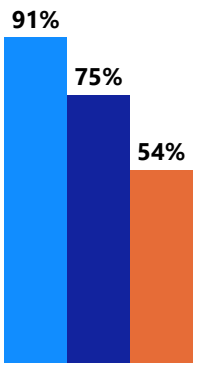
8,708

service users were signposted to Early Intervention Services in 2025/26



Enhanced Parenting Skills

Sure Start users made progress in at least:



- one outcome area
- two outcome areas
- three outcome areas



3.0

Average number of outcome areas in which Sure Start users made progress

Source: Department of Health / Sure Start Go