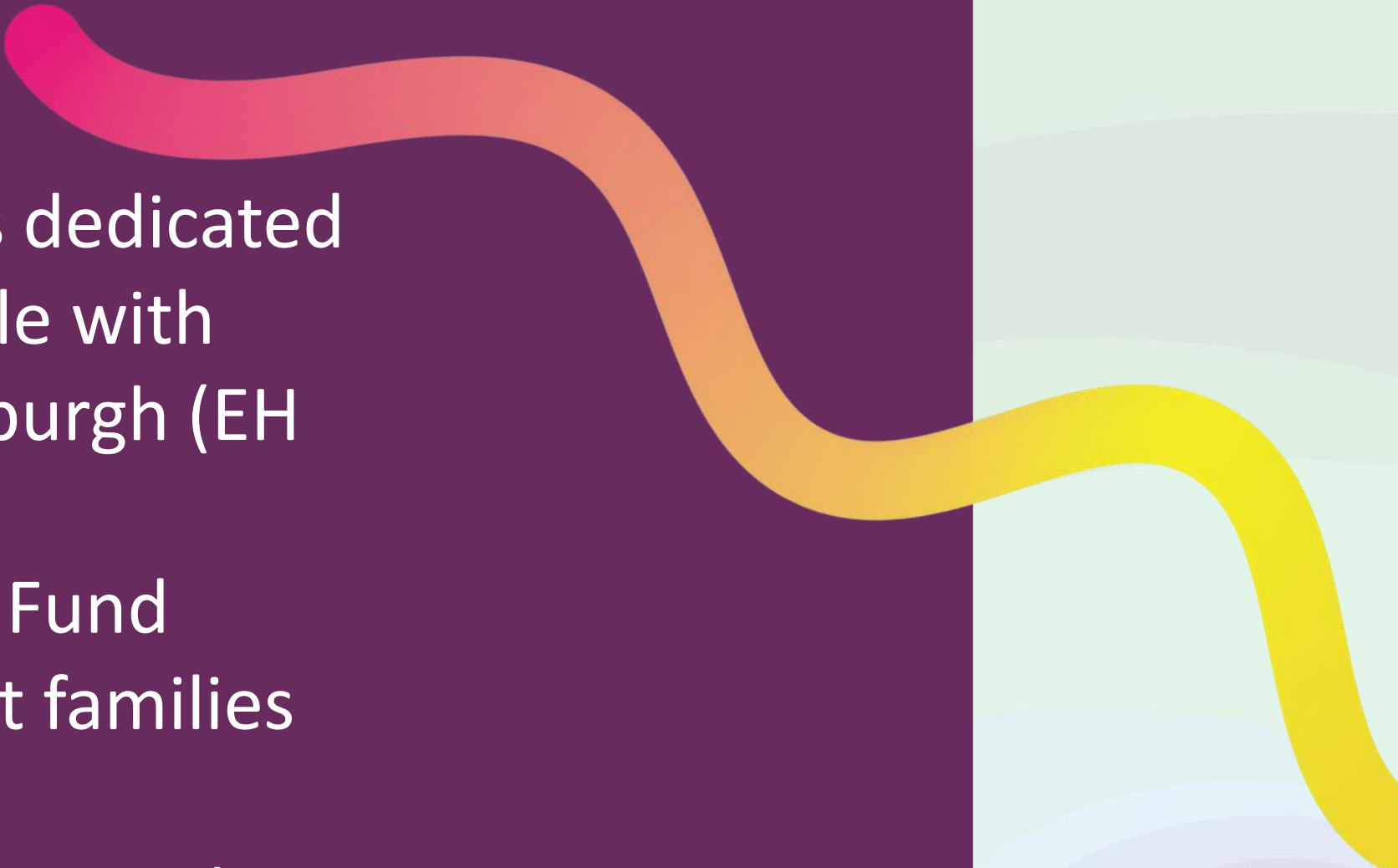




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EDAN HUB

Edinburgh Disability and Neurodiversity Hub

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The EDAN Hub is a collaborative network of partners dedicated to supporting families with children and young people with disabilities or who are neurodivergent, living in Edinburgh (EH postcodes)

We are funded through the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund (WFWF), a government initiative designed to support families across Scotland. Edinburgh City Council oversees the distribution of these funds to ensure families in our region have access to the help they need.

For more information about the funding, please visit: [Whole Family Wellbeing Fund – Getting it right for every child \(GIRFEC\)](#).



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Our partners offer a range of services tailored for families with children who have disabilities or are neurodivergent.

Each quarter our offer will be updated in response to family feedback and to use the resources we have available to us to best meet the needs of families.

UNIVERSAL

Diagnosis independent

No referral required

Families can book into these using the Bookaby link

TARGETED

Some criteria for these services

Detailed within service descriptors on website

Criteria exist to support people into right service at right time

Details for providers will be on website

SPECIALIST

Established referral paths already exist

Info on these will be on our website – once this is clear and accessible pathways

Support at an earlier stage and when needed –

- universal offer that is dx independent
- Reduced duplication of info sharing for families – shared privacy notice and basic data capture across partners (DSA)
- Both information and access to the service is equitable and easy to navigate
- Offer of specialist clinical services in a non-clinical space i.e. you can meet with a clinical psychologist in a play space
- Families feel like they've one place they can go, and that it's not their responsibility to coordinate services



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EDAN Hub Service Offer



Next Step appointments, OT Next Step Appointments
Social Work advice appointments
EDAN Family Sessions at the Yard
Parent Info Sessions on ND, ID, ZoR, SLT and OT

Universal

Parent groups: Cygnet (autism), Parent Factor (ADHD), EPAtS (ID)
Family Advice and Outreach
Advocacy and Information Service
ND Wellbeing Groups, Advocacy for Children & Young People

Targeted

Specialist preschool assessment pathway
AuSome Youth Clubs

Specialist

How did we get here

Partners were members of Edinburgh's Disability Strategy Group – a group of statutory and voluntary services. The group discussed and evidenced system issues and areas of unmet need together for several years. WFWF created additional resource to try new ways of working

Families have told us:

- They find systems to access support difficult and stressful to navigate
- They often experience needing a diagnosis to get support – and have to wait a long time for assessment
- They can get different and sometimes conflicting and confusing info from services
- They feel exhausted from having to push and fight for and search for help and support

How we transform the sector

- Evidence the level of need and capacity/resource required to effectively service this population
- Create an upskilled workforce working supportively together with minimum and shared standards of practice
- Develop a stronger evidence for what is effective for this population to leverage resources to meet need
- More transparent and accessible pathways for families and professionals to navigate
- Establish safe methods of data sharing across health, local authority and 3rd sector

Bringing Statutory and Voluntary together

- 7 partners; a mix of statutory and voluntary sector agencies. A partner lead from the voluntary sector

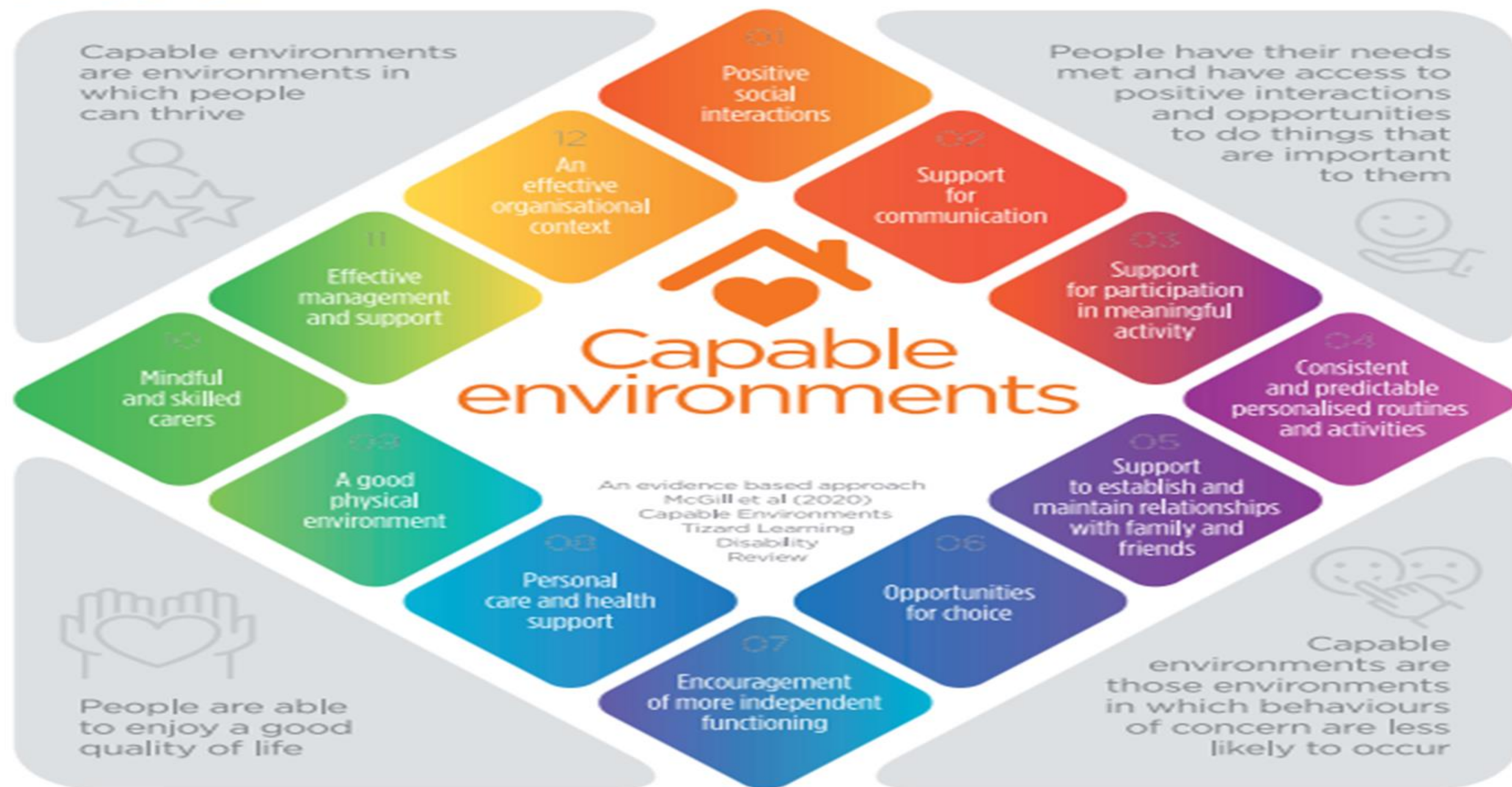
All with:

- Different standards of practice
- Different language use
- Different ways of working
- Difference in data sharing agreements

EDAN Hub and transformational change – learning

What have we done?

- Identified shared values and developed a sense of being on the same team through a shared practice framework
- Created a shared central communications policy
- Developed a deeper respect for each other's expertise and resources
- Created a digital space to share and grow resources to develop a consistent model of delivery
- Worked to agree and define pathways to support across the city
- Worked to ensure there is no duplication of service from partner organisations
- Created a single service offer from 3 different partner organisations utilizing shared skills



How are we supporting the workforce?

- Shared inductions/workforce development
- Partner Lead Meetings
- Reflective sessions facilitated by CAMHS and multi-agency.
 - Structured using reflective frameworks and also opportunity to discuss successes and challenges.
- Professionals forum
- Plans to review and learn from each others service delivery
- Development of Communications strategy including a language glossary
- Shared spaces in different settings – build relationships and facilitate connection



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"a much more
gentle return to
social contact and
a much more
supported
approach to social
contact"

"For those who don't know where to look, it gives
people confidence and a place to start"

- Jack out of school since October 2024
- EDAN Family Sessions signposted by nurture teacher at CPM
- From no social contact to weekly attendance
- Social work appointment with childcare
- Mindroom Next Step appointment
- Plans to book into new OT Next Step appointments

"Felt like I had more confidence in talking to social
work"

"1 ½ hours of
respite"

"You are filling a gap. There's a gap between mainstream and special, and it's a gap that is widening. Jack is falling through that gap. You are part of the solution to solving that gap"

How are we keeping the Promise?

- Whilst access is for Edinburgh city postcodes we support CYP who are placed outside Edinburgh local authority – their carers can access resources and support.
- For those young people who are accessing education in Edinburgh but do not reside within Edinburgh we can support them and their families
- We have a programme of co-production in place to ensure we are listening and responding to our children and families.
- We are using accessible language that is consistent
- Through all planning and delivery we ensure the UNHCR is adhered too – we support staff to access training
- We are providing holistic whole family support
- We include siblings within our support services

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