



# Why **BRIGHT SPACES** Matter

**1 in 20**

children in the UK have been sexually abused.

Experiencing trauma, such as exposure to domestic violence, abuse and family crisis can have devastating lifelong effects which are damaging to children's physical, emotional, and intellectual wellbeing and development.

More than

**100,000**

children in the UK and Ireland are homeless.

**1 in 5**

children in the UK have been exposed to domestic abuse.

## WHAT ARE BRIGHT SPACES?

Bright Spaces® are enriching play environments for vulnerable children. Located in domestic violence refuges, hospitals, homeless shelters, police stations and prisons, they provide a safe place for these children to:

Build caring relationships

Heal from trauma through play

Play, learn, and develop

## WHY BRIGHT SPACES HELP

Bright Spaces are used in all sorts of ways: for formal play therapy, one to one support for children experiencing trauma, play and relaxation for families, family visits and activities, Achieving Best Evidence interviews, family interventions, private conversations, delivery of good and bad news, and baby bonding sessions.

### In our 2017 Annual Bright Space Partner Survey:

**87%** said their Bright Space has a **'major impact'** on their organisation

**93%** said their Bright Space has a **'major impact'** on children and families

**100%** said they are **'very satisfied'** with the *Bright Horizons Foundation for Children®* as a partner

*"Our Bright Space provides a positive space for the delivery of services which are of great benefit to children and families; aiding family relationships and helping prevent re-offending and reduced violence [by fathers] whilst imprisoned."*

- Prison Bright Space Partner



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