

The benefits of networking with other services

Sometimes we get in the mindset of being in competition with other services when realistically there are usually enough families to go around and services can work together for common benefits. These include...



New ideas

It can be hard to think of new ideas all the time to support the curriculum, the staff, the service goals etc. etc. etc. By networking with other services you can see what works for them and then pick up some new ideas for your own service by adapting these for your context.



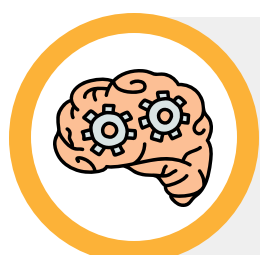
Support

It can be a hard, and often lonely job running a service. Networking with other services allows you to create a support network, whether this is talking through issues (while maintaining privacy), brainstorming solutions, or just realising you are not alone in your issues.



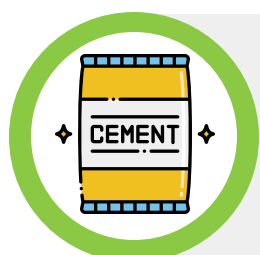
Different approaches

The beauty of the NQF is there is no 'one' way to do anything and sometimes our ways have become stagnant or are causing issues. Networking with others gets to see how different services approach the same aspects of the NQF to filter through whether these work for you.



Reflection opportunities

While it is good to get different ideas, opinions and perspectives, it is always important to then reflect on whether or not these are right for you and your stakeholders. Whether they align with your core values and beliefs or whether they will create issues because they are not right for you.



Cement your ideas

Another great aspect of networking with other services it that it allows you to get to really think about your approaches by comparing them with others, and often this is enough to solidify that you are doing what is right for you and helps you stay true to this.