

## **Joint Commissioning**

### **Cost Savings - Example**

#### **Communicating Together.**

Communicating Together is a joint project run annually by Teachers of the Deaf from the Team for Children with Hearing Impairment in Birmingham and Speech and Language Therapists who have a specialism in working with children with hearing impairment.

This is a six week course for parents of children with a hearing impairment between the ages of one year and three years. Each session focuses upon ideas and strategies for parents to promote their child's communication and listening through play and daily routines.

Communicating Together is consistently well reviewed, with parent/carers reporting that they feel more confident communicating with their child at the end of the sessions.

This type of early intervention which gives parent/carers confidence in communicating with their deaf children can have a significant impact on the emotional well being of that child which can reduce the risk of long term mental health issues.