

Building Successful Families Programme: Update report for Children Young People and Family Support Scrutiny Committee – November 2014

1 Progress to-date

- 1.1 Delivery continues through existing services and with partnerships to turn around 100% of the cohort of 1680 families by May 2015.
- 1.2 The performance statistics are as follows:-
 - 1.2.1 We have currently identified 2168 families in Sheffield who meet the Troubled Families criteria.
 - 1.2.2 At the end of June 2014 we were required (by DCLG) to have worked with 1680 – we have exceeded this and to-date have supported 1833 families.
 - 1.2.3 The last Payment by Results claim was in October 2014. So far;
 - (i) 79% families have been ‘Turned Around’ due to either improved school attendance and reduced ASB or because an adult in the family had entered employment
 - (ii) 53 families have achieved 26 weeks employment
- 1.3 We have commissioned a local evaluation through ECORYS. They have produced an ‘early findings’ report completed in July attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.4 A further interim report will be available in January 2015 with the final report being published after the closure of Phase 1.

2 Requirements of being an ‘Early Starter’.

- 2.1 Sheffield were able to evidence that we have identified, engaged and ‘turned around’ the required number of families for the Department for communities and local government (DCLG) to feel confident that we were in a position to be one of the 50 early starter authorities across the county for Phase 2. Phase 2 will be rolled out nationally from April 2015. As a Phase 2 ‘Early Starter’ we have a number of commitments;
 - 2.1.1 Over the next 5 years, we are required to bring to the programme 5540 families (831 by 31 March 2015). The criteria has been broadened from Phase 1, families

eligibility to the programme will now be determined by whether or not they meeting 2 out of the following 6 criteria,

- (i) Parents and children involved in crime or antisocial behaviour
- (ii) Children not attending school regularly
- (iii) Children who need help
- (iv) Adults out of work or at risk of financial exclusion and young people at risk of worklessness
- (v) Families affected by domestic violence or abuse
- (vi) Parents and children with a range of health problems

2.1.2 Our first task is to establish the new cohort of families, however, in order to do so we are required to produce, a 'Troubled Families Outcome Plan' which will:

- (i) Establish how we will work in a collaborative way to meet the needs of the families in the programme.
- (ii) Identify data sources that will identify the families for each criterion.
- (iii) Determine what constitutes 'significant and sustained success' for each element of each criterion. In order to enable Payment by results reporting, monitoring and cost saving calculation.
- (iv) Establish what joint outcomes we are aiming to achieve for the families by working in a collaborative way
- (v) Determine what delivery is required to achieve the outcomes – in line with the agreed 'Way of Working' signed off by CTEB in May 2014

2.1.3 Being an 'Early Starter' brings with it some additional requirements, we are expected to support;

- (i) The development of an independent national evaluation for the expanded Troubled Families Programme,
- (ii) The completion and continued improvement of the Troubled Families online cost savings calculator,
- (iii) The design and implementation of a new system of Family Progress Data
- (iv) The refinement of the indicators suggested to identify families and the development of best practice approaches to measuring significant and sustained progress with families, and

(v) The introduction of a model of transparent local accountability for the success of the programme as a tool to drive greater service transformation.

2.1.4 Effective implement of Phase 2 requires a strong partnership commitment. The Board are asked to support and championing the success of Phase 1 and the implementation of Phase 2

2.1.5 The BSF Phase 2 programme features significantly in the broader CYPF service transformation including the development of Community Hubs, the integration of Early Years and the forming of the Integrated Front Door (Prevention and Assessment Team)

3 Celebration and Launch

3.1 We are planning an event, to take place in May 2015. The event will focus on the achievements in Phase 1, it will involve families and include a short production created to demonstrate the impact of the programme. This will be a Launchpad for Phase 2 of the programme.

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