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Children Leeds

Parenting Pathfinders, Projects and Commissioned Services Digest

Parenting and family support is high on the agenda both nationally and locally. Leeds has been fortunate in bidding successfully to deliver a number of pilot and pathfinder projects designed to develop new and improved ways of supporting families to secure better outcomes for their children.

This digest has been put together to help those delivering and planning services in Leeds to understand what the different projects are setting out to do, and to enable collaborative working.

The Family Support and Parenting Board needs to have an overview of this activity across the city, and the information you provide in the attached template will be shared with the Board on a quarterly basis.

We want this information to be complete, current and as useful as possible, and therefore you will be asked to update your information quarterly.

If you are aware of any other pilots and pathfinders that need to be added to the list, please contact the Parenting Unit at parentingunit@leeds.gov.uk with your information. The completed digest will be disseminated with all identified pilot and pathfinder leads.

Kind regards

Jody Sheppard
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4Families

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1) Yorkshire Forward

2) Jobs and Skills

3) Job Centre Plus

Aim of the project / target group

The aim of the pilot is to reduce worklessness and tackle the embedded culture of worklessness among the target neighbourhoods of Halton Moor, Osmondthorpe, Gipton and New Wortley, Wythers and Fairfields (West Leeds).

Total Budget (amount)

£244,000 1 year pilot initially from March 2009 – Extended until June 2010

Annual Budget (breakdown)

As above

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

Adults of working age, Referrals direct contact with the project, referral forms available

Key objectives

- Support families or individuals of working age to improve skills to move into employment within specific geographical areas.
- Offer advice and support with housing, debt, health, childcare and other barriers.
- Wrap round support and develop links with other agencies, advocate on behalf of customer.

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

40 Families receiving intensive support to prepare them back to work, 100 supported into employment, 6 people into employment.

Developed links with local agencies and supported activities to engage with families in catchment areas.

What is being delivered

Personalised support exploring the barriers back to work includes home visits, links to training, and outreach development with local partners.

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Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?
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Yorkshire Forward and Worklessness Strategic Outcomes Group

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board
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This is a pilot project which is already proving to be successful and good referral link for many parenting projects, offering wrap round support and coordination. Due to the current recession the project is vital to prepare people for future employment. Funding has only been awarded for 1 year further funding would allow the project to show the impact and to address the barriers leading to employment.

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Be Healthy! Family Challenge

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2) FASTT Team

3) Health Initiatives Team

Aim of the project / target group

To enhance participative parent/ carer engagement with schools on the health and wellbeing agenda, in order to initiate and help to sustain behaviour change.

This will be achieved through the development of the Be Healthy! Challenge concept to create a Be Healthy! Challenge Programme for parents, carers and families.

Total Budget (amount)

£34,000. Two years starting Sept 2008

Annual Budget (breakdown)

As above

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

N/A

Key objectives

- To have increased parent/ carer engagement with schools on the health and wellbeing agenda
- To have introduced new health behaviours to families through engagement in challenges linked to the Change 4 Life messages of eat well and move more and with the Be Healthy! ethos of 'Just do one thing well'
- For each school to track up-take of challenges and whether new behaviours have been sustained once the challenge period is over.

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

- Eight schools completed the pilot
- Six primary and two secondary
- Well over 100 families supported. (This is as accurate as we can be due to the confidential nature of the research undertaken)

What is being delivered

- The initial project was completed summer 2009.
- Research as to impact is still being collected.
- Hope to join the project up with NHS Leeds to start a new project called The Change4life Be Healthy! Challenge.

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Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?

- Martin Manby – as part of a two man team commissioned by the Beacon Healthy Schools Family Engagement Project (the 7 Beacon Authorities are involved in this)
- The Beacon Healthy Schools Family Project
- The Be Healthy Family Challenge Steering Group – Partners within Education Leeds Health Initiatives, FASTT and others.

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board

This is a pilot project that has finite funding. It has proved a very successful and popular tool for parental engagement in schools. Challenge for Education Leeds is about sustaining the impact and support once funding has ended.

Initial thoughts are to re-launch summer 2010 and link with NHS Leeds as “The Change4Life Be Healthy! Challenge”.

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Children in Care Pilot

Aim of the project / target group

To intervene as early as possible and remove any financial barriers to meeting the needs of children and young people across the 0 – 19 age range (25) and their families identified through the common assessment process.

Total Budget (amount)

The Children's Services funded project was allocated a £120K budget during 09/10.

Annual Budget (breakdown)

As above

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

Funds can only be accessed through the common assessment process.

Key objectives

- Deliver personalized packages of support that meet the specific needs of children, young people and families
- Ensure children and families access services they need when they need them
- Improve multi-agency working
- Reduce the likelihood of overlaps and duplication of work among practitioners.

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

Up to March 2010, 206 children, young people and families were supported through the EIF.

134 were between the age of 0-5 (65%); 33 (16%) = 6-11; 29 (14%) = 12 - 16; and 10 (5%) = 17+.

The gender breakdown is fairly equal in the 6 - 11's (16 males and 17 females) and 17+ age groups (2 males, 3 females and 5 unknowns). With some differences in the 0-5 (72 males and 62 females) and 12 – 16's (12 males and 17 females).

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134 out of the 206 children and young people were of White, British ethnicity, with significantly smaller numbers from, e.g. British, Black African – 15, British / Asian Pakistani – 8, Mixed White and Black Caribbean - 7 and British / Asian - Bangladeshi – 6, ethnic backgrounds.

The highest needs identified through the CAF process for these children, young people and their families were:

1. Need for security and stability at home
2. Mental or emotional health needs
3. Need to achieve personal and social development and enjoy recreation
4. Need to live in decent homes
5. Physical health needs
6. Need to live in household free from low income
7. Need to develop confidence and successfully deal with significant life changes and challenges

This in turn reflects the spend where the largest is on bedding and linen followed by child related furniture and equipment such as cots and pushchairs, white goods and small electrical appliances and safety equipment. In terms of services, we have purchased out of school provision and leisure activities, transport to and from medical appointments and to access services, counselling and childcare. Up to March 2010 the spend was £78,122 (final year end amount pending).

What is being delivered

Personalized packages of support, based on the common assessment framework, which meet the specific and additional needs of children, young people and families. Locality based CAF practitioners have easy access to the fund through Integrated Processes Coordinators and/or Heads of Children Centre Services to a devolved budget of up to £1000 for each child, young person or family. The budget does not replace existing funding streams but can be used to address gaps or barriers when responding to needs in a timely manner. Goods and services purchased to meet needs include, beds, bed linen and household goods, white goods and small electrical appliances, cots, pushchairs, safety equipment and out of school provision / leisure activities, transport and counselling.

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?

The project is closely monitored by the EIF Steering Group, which reports to the Integrated Processes Project Group and uses both quantitative e.g. numbers of children and spend and qualitative methods such as case study analysis to assess the impact of the project. Outcomes identified through the common assessment process are also monitored and evaluated.

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board

Findings from the use of the EIF needs to be considered on a wedge / cluster basis to inform commissioning and decision making about service delivery.

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Family Group Conference Service

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1) Health for All

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Aim of the project / target group

Aim of the project is to reduce the number of looked after children in South Leeds.

The target group is children at risk of coming into care. The project aims to empower families to find their own solutions to their problems by giving them the opportunity to meet with their extended family, friends and professionals. The process aims to use the strengths and resources of the family and ensures their ownership of the problem. The service enhances families capacity to protect their children by sharing responsibility for their safety. Families are given the information they need about the concerns and about the resources available and are given “private family time” to meet without professionals present to draw up their plan which they then present to the professionals. The plan is accepted unless it puts the child at risk.

Total Budget (amount)

Salary of Coordinator paid by CYPSC. No other budget.

Annual Budget (breakdown)

As above

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

Children and Young People’s Social Care and Intensive Family Support Service South (Health For All)

Key objectives

- To reduce the number of “looked after children” in South Leeds
- To encourage family members to actively participate in planning for the care and protection of children
- To facilitate support from within the family’s own resources whilst offering families a menu of potential services that they could access
- To encourage partnership between families and professionals, based on a practical model, in the best interests of children
- To empower family members by enabling them to produce plans which specifically meet the needs of children.

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

35 families worked with since January 2009

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What is being delivered

The service delivers Family Group Conferences which give parents and their extended families and friends the opportunity to come together to plan how they will support their children and keep them safe from harm, enabling them to remain in their families.

The Coordinator visits all family members, friends and professionals prior to the Family Group Conference to prepare them to attend – ensuring that they understand the concerns and what will be expected of them in the meeting. They are informed of the “bottom line” – what is likely to happen if the family are unable to come up with a plan.

Family Group Conference Reviews are held to monitor how the plan is working and if any changes are necessary.

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?

First year of service was evaluated by Professor Nick Frost, Leeds Metropolitan University. He attended the first 12 Family Group Conferences and some reviews, observing the process and completing questionnaires with family members and professionals attending the conferences. His evaluation report is available if required.

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board

The Family Group Conference Service needs to be available city wide with two Coordinators per the three areas of the city. Service needs to be adequately funded to meet the running costs of providing advocates for children and young people, transport and childcare costs etc.

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Family Intervention Project - ASB

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- 2) Education Leeds
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- 4) Leeds Health for All
- 5) IYSS
- 6) CYPSC
- 7) West Yorkshire Police
- 8) Community Safety
- 9) ALMOs
- 10) CAMHS

Aim of the project / target group

To improve outcomes and life chances for young people and families involved in anti-social and offending behaviour who are at risk of eviction or being served with ASBOs.

Total Budget (amount)

2009-10 - £900K

2010-11 - £900K

Annual Budget (breakdown)

2010/11 - £61,250 – DCSF Think Family, £838,750 – LCC Supporting People

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

The specific criteria that will be used in determining whether a young person/ family will be eligible for the ASB FIP are:

- The young person's/families' anti-social behaviour is having a detrimental impact on the quality of life of the wider community
- The young person (up to the age of 15) is involved in anti-social behaviour which places him/her at risk of being served with an ASBO, particular weighting will be put on those referrals where there are younger siblings within the family
- Families whose anti-social behaviour places their tenancy at risk
- Families who have been evicted on the grounds of anti-social behaviour, (Dispersed Tenancies).

The ASB FIP has capacity to support 50 families across SSE and ENE Leeds on an outreach basis, and a further 6 families across Leeds within Dispersed Tenancies. All referrals to the Outreach teams are agreed through the Anti Social Behaviour Unit or the Children's Leeds Panels in South and East Leeds. Referrals to the Dispersed Tenancies team are made via the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit, ALMOs or Children and Young People's Social Care.

Key objectives

- Providing intensive, tailor-made long term support to young people and families engaged in anti-social behaviour
- Creating greater coherence in children, adult and community safety systems and structures, to ensure that the best interests of families involved in offending behaviour and the wider community are recognised
- Facilitating changes in systems, culture and practice, and improving the way services are delivered to families with multiple/complex needs

Acting as a catalyst for the development of better working arrangements amongst a host of statutory and voluntary sector organisations, with a particular emphasis on enforcement agencies, children's services and adult service's and work towards embedding the 'Think Family' approach in Leeds.

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

The ASB FIP currently comprises of 3 teams, the South and East Outreach teams support 25 families a piece in each of the 2 wedges. Additionally there is a city-wide Dispersed Tenancies team that supports up to 6 families.

To date, the ASB FIP has supported 154 families, with 53 families supported during the month of March '10. There are 11 keyworkers employed by the ASB FIP.

What is being delivered

The ASB FIP works intensively with a targeted number of families experiencing multiple difficulties and whose needs will be too complex for lower level services to address. It will work alongside statutory services to manage the 'high risk' whilst providing a comprehensive package of support to both support the family and address the underlying risk factors.

The project offers families a menu of interventions which are broadly separated in to 3 strands:

Family support

- Parenting programmes
- Family therapy
- Social worker support
- Individual counselling
- Anger management
- Support on alcohol/ substance misuse.
- Support re Domestic violence
- Support accessing health provision

Educational support

- Re-engaging young people into education
- Supporting families to access supplementary education
- Assisting transition from primary to secondary school
- Self esteem/ confidence building
- Advice and support to families with schooling issues

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Access to constructive leisure and recreational activities

- Support from staff and sessional workers (who are available to work evenings and weekends) to enable young people to access universal or targeted activities
- One to one key worker packages for young people
- Activities during school holidays
- Giving young people new positive experiences

All families referred to the ASB FIP will have a named Key Worker who will both provide direct support to the family as well coordinate a support plan, ensuring that the various elements of the plan are delivered.

The Key Workers are experienced practitioners with skills to support families with multiple complex needs. Some of the skills and attributes that they possess include:

- A solution focused approach to problem solving
- A persistent and assertive style
- Good youth engagement skills
- Experience of 1:1 work
- Experience of delivering parenting programmes
- Experience of group work
- The ability to form and sustain positive working relationships with young people, parents and carers.

The ability of the key worker to network and work in partnership with a range of providers is instrumental in ensuring that families have the best possible chances of succeeding.

Key Workers have contact with the families several times per week, much of the contact takes place within the family home however, where health and safety concerns exist support is delivered from another setting. Where it is deemed necessary the ASB FIP will access community based resources to deliver the support package.

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?

The ASB FIP is currently subject to an external evaluation being undertaken by the National Centre for Social Research, on behalf of the DCSF.

There will be local monitoring of the ASB FIP through the Signpost Strategic Steering Group and the Family Support and Parenting Board.

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board

None

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Family Intervention Project - YCAP

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- 4) Leeds Health for All
- 5) IYSS
- 6) CYPSC
- 7) West Yorkshire Police
- 8) Community Safety
- 9) ALMOs
- 10) CAMHS

Aim of the project / target group

To improve outcomes and life chances for young people and families involved in offending behaviour and at risk of receiving custodial sentences.

Total Budget (amount)

2009-10 - £243K

2010-11 - £269K

Annual Budget (breakdown)

£200k DCSF Think Family

£19K DCSF Think Family – Health Professional

£50k LCC Supporting People

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

The specific criteria that will be used in determining whether a young person/family will be eligible for the YCAP FIP are:

- The young person (up to the age of 18) has been identified on the Integrated Offender Management list as a prolific priority offender by the Police and Youth Offending Service, particular weighting will be put on those referrals where there are younger siblings within the family.
- Families where a parent is involved in offending behaviour, and this is raising concerns about the risk factors for the children including parental neglect and risk of family breakdown, children offending or at risk of offending, alcohol/substance misuse, domestic violence, teenage pregnancy etc. These families will largely be identified and referred through Integrated Offender Management Panels.
- Young people / parents involved in burglaries identified through the Burglaries Tasking meetings .

Key objectives

- Providing intensive, tailor-made long term support to young people and families involved in prolific offending behaviour..
- Creating greater coherence in children, adult and community safety systems and structures, to ensure that the best interests of families involved in offending behaviour are recognised and acted upon.
- Facilitating changes in systems, culture and practice, and improving the way services are delivered to families with multiple/complex needs.
- Acting as a catalyst for the development of better working arrangements amongst a host of statutory and voluntary sector organisations, with a particular emphasis on Adult Social Care and Mental Health Services, and work towards embedding the 'Think Family' approach in Leeds.

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

The YCAP FIP supports up to 30 families where members of the household are involved in offending behaviour. This support will be sustained for a period of 12-18 months, and possibly longer where deemed necessary.

To date, the YC FIP has supported 22 families to date, with 4 key workers currently employed. Plan to increase the number of keyworkers to 5.

What is being delivered

The YCAP FIP is an expansion of the ASB FIP, operate city wide, working intensively with a targeted number of families experiencing multiple difficulties. The family's needs are generally too complex for lower level services to address. It works alongside statutory services to manage the 'high risk' whilst providing a comprehensive package of support to both support the family and address the underlying risk factors.

The project offers families a menu of interventions which are broadly separated in to 3 strands:

Family support

- Parenting programmes
- Family therapy
- Social worker support
- Individual counselling
- Anger management
- Support on alcohol/ substance misuse
- Support re Domestic violence
- Support accessing health provision

Educational support

- Re-engaging young people into education
- Supporting families to access supplementary education
- Assisting transition from primary to secondary school
- Self esteem/ confidence building
- Advice and support to families with schooling issues

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Access to constructive leisure and recreational activities

- Support from staff and sessional workers (who are available to work evenings and weekends) to enable young people to access universal or targeted activities.
- One to one key worker packages for young people
- Activities during school holidays
- Giving young people new positive experiences

All families referred to the YCAP FIP have named Key Worker who will both provide direct support to the family as well coordinate a support plan, ensuring that the various elements of the plan are delivered.

The Key Workers are experienced practitioners with skills to support families with multiple complex needs. Some of the skills and attributes that the Key Workers possess include;

- A solution focused approach to problem solving
- A persistent and assertive style
- Good youth engagement skills
- Experience of 1:1 work
- Experience of delivering parenting programmes
- Experience of group work
- The ability to form and sustain positive working relationships with young people, parents and carers.

The ability of the key worker to network and work in partnership with a range of providers is instrumental in ensuring that families have the best possible chances of succeeding.

Key Workers have contact with the families several times per week, much of the contact takes place within the family home however, where health and safety concerns exist the support is delivered from another setting. Where it is deemed necessary the YCAP FIP accesses community based resources to deliver the support package.

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?

The YCAP FIP is evaluated as part of the DCSF's National Evaluation.

There is local monitoring of the YCAP FIP through the Signpost Strategic Steering Group and the Family Support and Parenting Board.

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board

None

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Family Learning Passport

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- 1) Partners in Innovation, Bradford
- 2) Schools and clusters in Leeds
- 3) Various family learning agencies

Aim of the project / target group

The two specific aims of the project are to encourage and support intergenerational family learning and to promote skills development, and in addition, to encourage families to look outside of their immediate community for learning opportunities. Outcomes expected are improved family relationships / parenting skills, engagement in learning leading to further engagement by both the parents and the children, enjoyment in participation leading to improved confidence and aspiration.

Target Group

Families in need, vulnerable families, families who are identified as likely to benefit from taking part in the activities, in terms of improving family relationships, raising aspirations, engaging them in informal learning etc.

Total Budget (amount)

Funding is from Big Lottery via the managing agency Partners in Innovation.

Funding for delivery of programmes and associated costs is claimed on producing evidence of families attending for 10 hours or more, £100 per family. Contract states not more than £15,000 to be claimed for sessions by the end of August 2010.

No money allocated for staff time for coordination, monitoring the contract etc., which is currently provided in kind by Education Leeds.

Annual Budget (breakdown)

As above

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

Direct recruitment by staff through schools and Children's Centres, targeting families who are deemed in need or likely to benefit from involvement in the activities. Within clusters, informal referral will take place from one school or centre to the setting where the sessions are being held.

Key objectives

For schools and children's centres in a geographical spread across Leeds to use these activities to engage families who are not usually attracted to other activities, and/or who will benefit from taking part.

The aim for this year was 25 settings to run activities/courses for 10 hours or more in each case and recruit 6 families in each case.

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

- Interest indicated by 15 settings or clusters.
- 2 courses have started or about to start, others in the planning stage.
- As the contracting process took longer than thought, there has been a delay in getting courses set up, but several more are being planned for this term or in the summer holidays.

What is being delivered

The activities can be under any of the following themes:

- Diet and well being
- Developing practical skills
- Language, drama and stories
- Movement, exercise and games
- Environment and growing
- Creativity and design

The 2 courses which are starting at the moment are:

- Family History – exploring your roots
- Healthy Eating for families

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?

The scheme is being coordinated and monitored by Extended Services in Education Leeds at present, under contract to Partners in Innovation, Bradford (PININ), and in close liaison with them. There is an application pack and monitoring pack produced by PININ which is being used for these processes.

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board

As mentioned on a previous form, the current coordinator of this scheme (Rhoda Wu) is in the Extended Services Team in Education Leeds. The funding for this team ends in March 2011, and Education Leeds will no longer exist. There is therefore a significant possibility that this coordination work will be jeopardised and the scheme will not run next academic year, even though there is potentially another 2 years of funding available.

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Family Nurse Partnership

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Additional Partners:

1) Department of Health

2) Cardiff University (Building Blocks)

Aim of the project / target group

A specialist Safeguarding programme. Licensed by Dr David Olds. Licence in the UK held by Department of Health. Randomised Control Trial being undertaken by Cardiff University. Aim of Project to improve pregnancy outcomes for teenage parents

Total Budget (amount)

Project funded by Department of health. Project will run until youngest child reaches second birthday (approx July 2012). Referral pathway extended until end of June 2010.

Annual Budget (breakdown)

As above

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

Women under 20 with their first pregnancy before 24 weeks gestation living in Leeds and able to receive programme with out an interpreter. Women who have had previous miscarriage or termination would be eligible. Women who plan to have their baby adopted or have had a previous live birth would be excluded. For Full details on referral criteria refer to Site Boucher from Cardiff university.

Key objectives**Primary Outcomes**

- To improve pregnancy outcomes
- Reduced prenatal tobacco use
- Reduce attendance at A and E
- Delayed second conception

Secondary Outcomes

- Intention to breastfeed and pre-natal attachment
- Injuries/ ingestions reduced
- Breastfeeding initiation and duration increased
- Language development improved.
- Life course development, e.g. education, employment, income, home tenure, health status, self efficacy, social support, paternal involvement. The partnership works to improve the young person's self efficacy and should help her to achieve her heart's desire around her future.
- The Family Nurse recruited to the young person would aim to be the named health professional for that family unit from pregnancy until the baby is 2 years. The Family Nurse replaces the Health Visitor

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Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)
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64 clients supported by FNP. Exected to have max of 150 clients.
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What is being delivered

Licenced mannualised programme. Intensive home visiting programme

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?
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Department of health and Cardiff University

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board
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This is an excellent programme and the only parenting programme available with an evidence base for safeguarding. In the USA had a financial return on the early investment.
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Family Pathfinder

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- 4) Leeds Health for All
- 5) IYSs
- 6) CYPSC
- 7) West Yorkshire Police
- 8) Community Safety
- 9) ALMOs
- 10) CAMHS

Aim of the project / target group

To improve outcomes and life chances for children and families where there is a risk of family breakdown and children/ young people being received into care.

Total Budget (amount)

2009-10 - £300K

2010-11 - £300K

Annual Budget (breakdown)

2010/11 £300k DCSF Think Family

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

The Pathfinder supports families where there are children/ young people below the age of 18 within the household. The specific criteria used in determining whether a family will be eligible for the Family Pathfinder is;

- The children/ young person are subject of Child Protection Plans and are at risk of being received into care due to Safeguarding concerns.
- The families are presented at a Children's Leeds Panel due to having multiple complex needs, which are not being met/addressed by lower level services.
- Parents are involved in offending behaviour which places them at risk of receiving a custodial sentence and the prospect of family breakdown.

The Family Pathfinder has the capacity to work with up to 30 families at any given time.

Key objectives

- Providing intensive, tailor-made long term support to young people and families.
- Working closely with CYPSC to ensure families receive appropriate support, whilst not disregarding any legitimate child welfare/ safeguarding concerns.

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- Creating greater coherence in children, adult and community safety systems and structures, to ensure that the support needs of families involved in offending behaviour are recognised and acted upon.
- Facilitating changes in systems, culture and practice, and improving the way services are delivered to families with multiple/complex needs.
- Acting as a catalyst for the development of better working arrangements amongst a host of statutory and voluntary sector organisations, with a particular emphasis on Adult Social Care and Mental Health Services, and work towards embedding the 'Think Family' approach in Leeds.

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

The Family Pathfinder is currently supporting 26 families, across Leeds, where there is risk of family breakdown, this support is sustained for a period of 12-18 months, and possibly longer where deemed necessary.
5 keyworkers are employed by the Family Pathfinder.

What is being delivered

The Family Pathfinder is an expansion of the ASB FIP, operating city wide, and working intensively with a targeted number of families experiencing multiple difficulties, whose needs are too complex for lower level services to address. It works alongside statutory services to manage the 'high risk' whilst providing a comprehensive package of support to both support the family and address the underlying risk factors.

The project offers families a menu of interventions which are broadly separated in to 3 strands:

Family support

- Parenting programmes
- Family therapy
- Social worker support
- Individual counselling
- Anger management
- Support on alcohol/ substance misuse.
- Support re Domestic violence
- Support accessing health provision

Educational support

- Re-engaging young people into education
- Supporting families to access supplementary education
- Assisting transition from primary to secondary school
- Self esteem/ confidence building
- Advice and support to families with schooling issues

Access to constructive leisure and recreational activities

- Support from staff and sessional workers (who are available to work evenings and weekends) to enable young people to access universal or targeted activities
- One to one key worker packages for young people
- Activities during school holidays
- Giving young people new positive experiences

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All families referred to the Family Pathfinder have a named Key Worker who both provides direct support to the family as well coordinating a support plan, ensuring that the various elements of the plan are delivered.

The Key Workers are experienced practitioners with skills to support families with multiple complex needs. Some of the skills and attributes that the key workers possess include;

- A solution focused approach to problem solving
- A persistent and assertive style
- Good youth engagement skills
- Experience of 1:1 work
- Experience of delivering parenting programmes
- Experience of group work
- The ability to form and sustain positive working relationships with young people, parents and carers.

The ability of the key worker to network and work in partnership with a range of providers is instrumental in ensuring that families have the best possible chances of succeeding.

Key Workers have contact with the families several times per week, much of the contact takes place within the family home however, where health and safety concerns exist the support is delivered from another setting. Where it is deemed necessary the Family Pathfinder will access community based resources to deliver the support package.

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?

As with all 15 nationally funded pilots, The Family Pathfinder will undergo an evaluation by York Consulting, on behalf of the DCSF.

There will be local monitoring of the Family Pathfinder through the Signpost Strategic Steering Group and the Family Support and Parenting Board.

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board

None

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Gypsy Roma Traveller Outreach Service

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Additional Partners:

1)

2)

3)

Aim of the project / target group

A city wide service offering outreach support to Gypsy, Roma, Traveller families living in houses, on fixed sites, blind eye sites and road side camps. The team offer play sessions in the home and support transition into school or nursery. They do CAF assessments, advocacy support, individual and group work. Staff also deliver workshops and training sessions to promote traveller culture and lifestyle.

Total Budget (amount)

£322,536 1-9-08 to 31-3-11

Annual Budget (breakdown)

As above

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

Referrals can be made directly to the outreach team from any agency/professional for families with children under 5years (07891 278993/ 07891 276176).

Key objectives

- To raise levels of attainment for Gypsy, Roma, Traveller children, supporting access to integrated childcare and education.
- Advocacy support
- Groupwork
- CAF
- Training
- Outreach service
- Signposting to other services

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

Working in partnership with GATE, CHIVA, GRTAS schools and Children's Centre's.

From January 09 to January 10 the team have supported 1449 play sessions for children and supported 1141 adults

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What is being delivered

Outreach support to the fixed traveller site. Play sessions in the home. Weekly advocacy group. Training sessions. Library session on the fixed site. Individual support with housing/benefits/health/CAF's/education

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?
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Contracts Officer – Carmel Kent Strategic Manager – Amanda Ashe Quarterly spreadsheet to monitor targets being met, use of a traffic light system.
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Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board
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None

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Homestart Leeds Family Support

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Additional Partners:

- 1) Barnardos – FOW & Teen Parents
- 2) Relate /Shantona /CAB/ WY Family Mediation / Families First.
- 3) NHS
- 4) Children Centres / IFSS / FOW

Aim of the project / target group

Volunteer home visiting, personalised, flexible, intensive family support for families with a pregnancy and/or at least one child under 5 years. To help families build resilience and overcome and reduce the impact of difficulties that are recognised as risk factors in reducing the potential for positive outcomes for children and young people, i.e. mental health/poverty/substance misuse/domestic abuse/teen parents/lone parenting/poor housing/learning and physical disability.

Targeted to vulnerable and disadvantaged families living in Leeds SOA plus some of the areas immediately surrounding.

Total Budget (amount)

£300,000.00 p.a.

Annual Budget (breakdown)

As above

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

Families must meet the child age criteria and be resident in the localities of service delivery. Families must be experiencing difficulties that can be described as 'additional' (level 2/3 of needs).

Referrals are only received with the parents permission. All referrals are made by: telephone call/email/visit to the office – when a co-ordinator will take all details required from the referrer.

Families can refer themselves, referrals can be made by any other individual/organisation/service with the parents permission.

Key objectives

Families have:

- more confidence in their parenting ability.
- understand the responsibilities of parenting.
- Improved parent/child relationships.
- Increased resilience and ability to cope with difficulties.
- Stable, secure and safe family home
- Enjoy family activities together.
- Enjoy being involved with the children's learning and development.
- Healthier lifestyles.
- Access to support services and resources.
- Reduced risk for children and adults.

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

Currently 250 – 300 families p.a - depending on level of funds available.

What is being delivered

One to one volunteer home visiting, personalised, flexible service that is tailored to the individual needs of each family.

Families referred are contacted by the organisation within 7 working days.

Volunteers are recruited from all backgrounds, enabling us to deliver a service that is highly sensitive to individual families cultural/religious/age etc backgrounds.

Whilst volunteers visit families at home, their relationship is based on mutual trust and friendship with volunteers engaging in a range of activities, i.e. shopping/leisure trips/attending appointments/cooking/sharing meals/babysitting etc.

The volunteers role is focussed on enabling families to overcome a range of difficulties, seek solutions and build resilience to address difficulties that may occur in the future.

This may include: understanding and managing childrens behaviour/addressing adult relationship difficulties/addressing family conflict, substance misuse/health issues for children/adults/understanding and being involved in childrens learning & development/addressing factors related to childrens safety.

We are currently being funded by the NHS to undertake a short study of our work with parents with learning disability, particularly in relation to assessment during pregnancy, take up of ante natal and post natal care and the on-going needs of this group of parents. All co-ordinators are trained to undertake CAF – increasingly the service is being requested in response to a CAF.

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?

Monitoring & evaluation reports required for different funders.

Home-Start UK annual monitoring & evaluation.

Quarterly monitoring submitted to our Board of Trustees.

Tavistock evaluating 'separating parents pilot project partnership.'

Community Foundation monitoring work funded by Hardship Fund.

NHS monitoring work funded for parents with learning disability – short study being undertaken.

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A comprehensive study and report of the effectiveness and impact of our work was undertaken in January 2009.

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board

- Complexity of family needs continues to increase.
- Whilst there continues to be concern regarding the future of our service, demand continues to significantly exceed level of resources available.
- Applications for volunteering with our service have increased significantly – with sufficient resources for paid co-ordinators to support volunteers, we would be able to offer a very cost effective service to a greater number of families.

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Hope Families

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Additional Partners:

1) Zest

2) Extended Schools

3) Leeds Health for All

Aim of the project / target group

We aim to provide an easily accessible, friendly and excellent service for families with young children (primarily 5-10 year olds) in the South and East areas of Leeds.

Our aim is to engage families in a wide range of activities including coffee mornings, parenting and self esteem courses, healthy living activities, money and budgeting courses, parent and toddler groups and one-to-one family support.

All of the proposed activities aim to address the four key gateways that we believe will help lead to a healthy and thriving family:

- good parenting skills
- healthy lifestyle choices
- addressing basic educational needs
- overcoming the poverty cycle

Total Budget (amount)

We have a budget of just over £9K to deliver Healthy Life activities' Coffee Mornings and Parent & Toddler Group up to July 2010. We are still securing more funding, but as we are part of a larger organisation and we rely on a large number of trained CRB checked volunteers, our plans are very much long term, not limited by funding rounds.

Annual Budget (breakdown)

See above

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

Families within Richmond Hill, Burmantofts, Halton Moore, Osmondthorpe and Middleton areas, primarily families with young children (5-10), however we will accept referrals outside of the age range.

Referrals accepted from schools, extended schools, social services, other voluntary and statutory organisations.

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Key objectives

Key objectives for 2010:

- to establish the project within the areas of interest
- to partner with local schools, organisations and agencies
- to deliver a range of healthy living activities in the areas of interest
- to deliver money management course in each of the areas
- to secure funding for two further project workers, crèche worker and part time administrator

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

Project Started in September and so far we have engaged with 24 families in Middleton; 24 in Richmond Hill / Burmantofts area and 19 outside of the areas of interest, but attending groups in Richmond Hill. Within that 38 parents have attended our Richmond Hill Parent & Toddler Group, 19 attended our Middleton Coffee Mornings, 10 attended Richmond Hill Healthy Money Course, 9 attended Middleton Get Active Sessions and 9 attended Middleton Get Cooking sessions so far.

Plus we have done one –to-one intensive support with 2 families in Middleton.

What is being delivered

Parent Coffee Mornings, including one off specials (i.e. arts and crafts sessions etc), “Healthy Life” activities including cookery classes, exercise classes and money/budgeting course, ESCAPE course and Parent & Toddler Group, plus one to one intensive support with some families.

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?

Hope City Enterprise through quarterly reports and funders: Healthy Leeds & the Hesco Bastion Foundation through Monitoring and Evaluation form on a completion of the specific yearly project & possible visits by the funders.

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board

None

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Housing Challenge Fund FIP – Dispersed Tenancies

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- 2) Education Leeds
- 3) West Yorkshire Probation Service
- 4) Leeds Health for All
- 5) IYSS
- 6) CYPSC
- 7) West Yorkshire Police
- 8) Community Safety
- 9) ALMOs
- 10) CAMHS

Aim of the project / target group

To improve outcomes and life chances for young people and families involved in prolific anti-social and offending behaviour who been evicted or face eviction.

Total Budget (amount)

£100K

Annual Budget (breakdown)

£60k – DCSF

£40k – Supporting People

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

The specific criteria that will be used in determining whether a young person/family will be eligible for the Housing Challenge Fund FIP – Dispersed Tenancies are:

- The family are in the process of being evicted on the grounds of anti social behaviour.
- Families where there are significant safeguarding/child welfare concerns, such as domestic violence, that require the family to be relocated and supported to re integrate into a new community.

The Housing Challenge Fund FIP –Dispersed Tenancies will support up to 4/6 families per year. All referrals will be identified through the Anti Social Behaviour Unit and Children & Young Peoples Social Care.

Key objectives

- Providing intensive, tailor-made long term support to young people and families engaged in prolific anti-social behaviour, or families who present with significant safeguarding/child welfare concerns.

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- Working closing with Children & Young Peoples Social Care to ensure families receive appropriate supervision and support, whilst not disregarding any legitimate child welfare/safeguarding concerns.
- Creating greater coherence in children, adult and community safety systems and structures, to ensure that the best interests of families involved in offending behaviour and the wider community are recognised.
- Facilitating changes in systems, culture and practice, and improving the way services are delivered to families with multiple/complex needs.
- Acting as a catalyst for the development of better working arrangements amongst a host of statutory and voluntary sector organisations, with a particular emphasis on enforcement agencies, children's services and adult service's and work towards embedding the "Think Family" approach in Leeds.

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

This element of the project is expected to be operational in June 2010.

What is being delivered

The Housing Challenge Fund – Dispersed Tenancies FIP will be an expansion of the existing FIP, operate city wide, and work intensively with a targeted number of families experiencing multiple difficulties and whose needs will be too complex for the outreach FIP to address. It will work alongside statutory services to manage the "high risk" whilst providing a comprehensive package of support to both support the family and address the underlying risk factors.

The project offers families a menu of interventions which are broadly separated in to 3 strands:

Family Support

- Parenting programmes
- Family therapy
- Social worker support
- Individual counselling
- Anger management
- Support on alcohol/substance misuse
- Support re:domestic violence
- Support accessing health provision

Educational Support

- Re-engaging young people into education
- Supporting families to access supplementary education
- Assisting transition from primary to secondary school
- Self esteem/confidence building
- Advice and support to families with schooling issues

Access to constructive leisure and recreational activities

- Support from staff and sessional workers (who are available to work evenings and weekends) to enable young people to access universal or targeted activities
- One to one Key Worker packages for young people
- Activities during school holidays
- Giving young people new positives experiences

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All families referred to the Housing Challenge Fund – Dispersed Tenancies FIP will have named Key Worker who will both provide direct support to the family as well as coordinate a support plan, ensuring that the various elements of the plan are delivered.

The Key Workers will be experienced practitioners with skills to support families with multiple complex needs. Some of the skills and attributes that the Key Workers will possess include:

- A solution focused approach to problem solving
- A persistent and assertive style
- Good youth engagement skills
- Experience of 1:1 work
- Experience of delivering parenting programmes
- Experience of group work
- The ability to form and sustain positive working relationships with young people, parents and carers.

The ability of the key work to network and work in partnership with a range of providers will be instrumental in ensuring that families have the best possible chances of succeeding.

It is expected that Key Workers will have contact with the families several times per week, much of the contact will take place within the family home however, where health and safety concerns exist the support will be delivered from another setting. Where it is deemed necessary the Housing Challenge Fund – Dispersed Tenancies FIP will access community based resources to deliver the support package.

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?

The Housing Challenge Fund FIP will be evaluated as part of the DCSF's National Evaluation.

There will be local monitoring of the Housing Challenge Fund – Dispersed Tenancies FIP through the Signpost Strategic Steering Group and the Family Support and Parenting Board.

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board

This funding is currently available for 2010/11 only

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Housing Challenge Fund FIP - West

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- 2) Education Leeds
- 3) West Yorkshire Probation Service
- 4) Leeds Health for All
- 5) IYSS
- 6) CYPSC
- 7) West Yorkshire Police
- 8) Community Safety
- 9) ALMOs
- 10) CAMHS

Aim of the project / target group

To improve outcomes and life chances for young people and families involved in anti-social and offending behaviour who are at risk of eviction or being served with ASBOs.

Total Budget (amount)

£140K

Annual Budget (breakdown)

£80K – DCSF

£60K – Supporting People

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

The specific criteria that will be used in determining whether a young person/family will be eligible for the Housing Challenge Fund FIP are:

- The young person's/families' anti-social behaviour is having a detrimental impact on the quality of life of the wider community.
- The young person (up to age of 15) is involved in anti-social behaviour which places him/her at risk of being served with an ASBO, particular weighting will be put on those referrals where there are younger siblings within the family.
- Families whose anti social behaviour places their tenancy at risk.
- Families who have been evicted on the grounds of anti-social behaviour.

The West Team will have the capacity to support up to 18 families per year. All referrals to the West Team will be identified through the Anti Social Behaviour Unit, Neighbourhood Policing Team, Integrated Offender Management Panels and the Children Leeds West Panel.

Key objectives

- Providing intensive, tailor-made long term support to young people and families engaged in anti-social behaviour.
- Creating greater coherence in children, adult and community safety systems and structures, to ensure that the best interests of families involved in offending behaviour and the wider community are recognised.
- Facilitating changes in systems, culture and practice, and improving the way services are delivered to families with multiple/complex needs.
- Acting as a catalyst for the development of better working arrangements amongst a host of statutory and voluntary sector organisations, with a particular emphasis on enforcement agencies, children's services and adult service's and work towards embedding the "Think Family" approach in Leeds.

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

Project likely to become operational in June 2010.

What is being delivered

The Housing Challenge Fund FIP will be an expansion of the existing FIP, operate within West North West Leeds and work intensively with a targeted number of families experiencing multiple difficulties and whose needs will be too complex for lower level services to address. It will work alongside statutory services to manage the "high risk" whilst providing a comprehensive package of support to both support the family and address the underlying risk factors.

The project offers families a menu of interventions which are broadly separated in to 3 strands:

Family Support

- Parenting programmes
- Family therapy
- Social worker support
- Individual counselling
- Anger management
- Support on alcohol/substance misuse
- Support re:domestic violence
- Support accessing health provision

Educational Support

- Re-engaging young people into education
- Supporting families to access supplementary education
- Assisting transition from primary to secondary school
- Self esteem/confidence building
- Advice and support to families with schooling issues

Access to constructive leisure and recreational activities

- Support from staff and sessional workers (who are available to work evenings and weekends) to enable young people to access universal or targeted activities
- One to one Key Worker packages for young people
- Activities during school holidays

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- Giving young people new positives experiences
- All families referred to the Housing Challenge Fund FIP will have named Key Worker who will both provide direct support to the family as well as coordinate a support plan, ensuring that the various elements of the plan are delivered.

The Key Workers will be experienced practitioners with skills to support families with multiple complex needs. Some of the skills and attributes that the Key Workers will possess include:

- A solution focused approach to problem solving
- A persistent and assertive style
- Good youth engagement skills
- Experience of 1:1 work
- Experience of delivering parenting programmes
- Experience of group work
- The ability to form and sustain positive working relationships with young people, parents and carers.

The ability of the key work to network and work in partnership with a range of providers will be instrumental in ensuring that families have the best possible chances of succeeding.

It is expected that Key Workers will have contact with the families several times per week, much of the contact will take place within the family home however, where health and safety concerns exist the support will be delivered from another setting. Where it is deemed necessary the Housing Challenge Fund FIP will access community based resources to deliver the support package.

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?

The Housing Challenge Fund FIP will be evaluated as part of the DCSF's National Evaluation.

There will be local monitoring of the Housing Challenge Fund FIP through the Signpost Strategic Steering Group and the Family Support and Parenting Board.

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board

This funding has been confirmed for 2010/11 only.

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Intensive Family Support (East North East)

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Additional Partners:

Children centres, primary care, voluntary agencies, social services, police, education leads.

Aim of the project / target group

To provide intensive support to families with children before their 6th birthday and pregnant families. To target vulnerable and disadvantaged families, to improve the outcomes for families and to provide a tailored, holistic and accessible service. To prevent families from escalating into specialist services or to social care services.

Total Budget (amount)

Current contract runs from 1st December 2008 to 31st March 2011

Annual Budget (breakdown)

As above

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

- Family must live in a phased one child centre reach area in the East and North East Area of Leeds.
- Family must have at least one child who has not reached their 7th birthday.
- Family's must additional and or complex needs of a (Level 2 and 3) and needs are not able to be met within universal service.
- Commissioned and committed to respond to all referrals within 7 working days
- Referrals accepted from a wide range of agencies including self referrals, social services, midwives, health visitors, CAMHS, police, Voluntary agencies, family outreach workers, GPs, cluster co-ordinators, other family support services across the city, parent support workers based in schools and others.
- Referrals not accepted if they require specialist or expert care ie need child protection intervention or Child Development Unit.

Key objectives

- To ensure early intervention in order to reduce the level of risk of issues or problems and to prevention of escalation to more formal and statutory interventions
- To ensure outcomes are measured to demonstrate effectiveness of interventions
- To ensure the most hard to reach families, vulnerable and isolated are targeted
- To give families a voice and ensure they are consulted on service delivery
- To make contact with Families within the home, community settings or within children's centres, either individually or within groups to ensure the service is accessible

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- To ensure staff team is highly trained, well supported and motivated
- To constantly work to look for innovated ways of deliver the service
- To ensure the service is flexible and responsive to user and organisational needs
- To deliver a cost effective service within budget
- To greater insight in to how the service is delivered and received for the perspective of the families we are working with, partners and other stakeholders.

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

305 referrals from various agencies
 12,356 one to one support sessions delivered mainly in the family home
 282 Group sessions
 Attended or delivered 22 special events

(Figures taken from April 2009 to March 2010)

What is being delivered

- Support to families within 7 working days
- Parenting courses either in groups or one to one
- Support with Debt issues
- Supporting families who have a child with disabilities
- Working with family routines eg sleeping, meals and behavioural management
- Giving support with housing issues
- Supporting families where mental health is an issue
- Working with families who are isolated
- Supporting families where domestic violence is an issue
- Solution focussed work (mentorship, mediation brief intervention support)
- Working with families where there are bonding issues or mental health issues
- Supporting Child protection plans
- Focussed groups eg a group for fathers
- Support to attend appointment and groups
- Integrated working by using CAF approach when ever possible
- Coordinating language support
- Supporting families where addiction is an issue
- Sign posting to other services or acting as a advocate

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?

- Quarterly Monitoring figures submitted to LCC, and monthly figures submitted to Leeds PCT
- Recording keeping audit carried out annually
- Service under going equality impact assessment
- In depth feedback from 40 families

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board

None

Intensive Family Support (West North West)

Responsible Officer:

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Additional Partners:

1) Wildfire @Barnardo's Outreach Service

2) Children's Centres

3) Leeds Home-start

4) Think Family

Aim of the project / target group

To reduce the impact of family difficulties on babies and young children through the provision of timely, holistic and intensive family support.

The Service provides intensive family support to expectant parents and families with children aged 0-6, who live within the reach area of specific Children's Centre's in the West and the North West of Leeds.

The Service is targeted to provide support to families with additional and complex needs and contact with families is made within 7 working days of a referral being received.

Total Budget (amount)

Contract runs from 1st December 2008 – 31st March 2011

Total budget per annum: £585,953

Annual Budget (breakdown)

Contract runs from 1st December 2008 – 31st March 2011

Total budget per annum: £585,953

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

Referrals accepted for expectant parents and families, with children aged 0-6, who live within the reach areas of specified Children's Centres within the West and the North West of Leeds. Armley Moor; Bramley; Castleton and Hollybush Children's Centre's within the West and Burley Park; Hawksworth Wood; Little London and Quarry Mount in the North West.

Referrals are received through individual Children Centre allocation meetings. - Self referrals are accepted as well as referrals from other professionals and services.

Key objectives

- To support the development of positive parent/child relationships
- To develop confident and resilient parenting
- To improve parental knowledge around parenting/caring
- To work with parents to enable children to make satisfactory progress in learning/developmental goals
- To support families to be able to provide a stable and secure family environment
- To ensure families have access to relevant support services
- To support families to have adequate family income/ resources
- To keep children safe
- To support parents in having their views and opinions heard and acted upon

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Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

- Integrated working with Wildfire@Barnardos Outreach and Family Support Service.
- Integrated allocations and review meetings with Children Centre's and partner services.
- Integrated working with Think Family to provide seamless services to families with children aged 0-13 years of age.
- 184 referrals received from various services as well as self referrals
- Referrals responded to within 7 working days
- 2,165 one to one support contacts to parents, carers and their children since June 09

What is being delivered

Individual family support to families with children aged 0-6. The Service particularly works to support families who are experiencing additional challenges such as:

- families who are isolated or who are new to the area
- families experiencing health and/or disability issues
- families experiencing domestic violence
- families where addiction is an issue

Family support workers support families through a multi agency approach using the Common Assessment Framework wherever possible.

Types of support provided:

- Parenting Support - including support around parent/child relationships, managing children's behaviour and family routine setting; understanding child development and keeping children safe and accident prevention. Help to access relevant family and health services, including support for older children.
- Support around providing a safe and secure home – including support around housing issues, support to access benefit and debt advice; advice around accident prevention and support around issues of intimidation or violence.
- Support to parents – including emotional support to help parents manage challenging and difficult situations, support to access other services such as counselling; support to achieve personal aspirations and access voluntary work; employment and training.
- Supporting parents in having their views and opinions heard and acted upon

Group support

The Service also works alongside individual Children Centre's to deliver targeted group work and parenting courses as appropriate.

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?

- Working to Leeds Early Years quarterly monitoring systems.
- On going monitoring through Barnardo's internal monitoring and reporting mechanisms.
- Monthly feedback provided to individual Children Centre Managers

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Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board

Significant amount of work being undertaken with families involves partnership working with Social Care and working at complex/specialist levels of need.

Uncertainty around endorsed/accredited parenting courses and lack of training for staff has impacted on our capacity to deliver parenting programmes and to fully meet this element of our contract with Leeds Early Years.

Intensive Family Support (South) – Health for All

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Additional Partners:

Children's Centres, Social Care, Voluntary agencies, Education, other 7 Day Response services in the area

Aim of the project / target group

The aim of the project is to provide intensive support to families with children before their 6th birthday and pregnant families. To target families affected by multiple disadvantages and additional / complex needs to improve their outcomes on the principles of Every Child Matters. To prevent families from escalating into specialist services.

The Intensive family Support team in the South Leeds is a strand of the children's centre services 7 Day Response team.

Working from venues in Beeston, Middleton and Belle Isle, the service works with children's centres in Inner South Leeds to provide intensive support to families on a range of issues including :

- Parenting support and managing children's behaviour
- Care routines (e.g. sleeping and eating)
- Parenting and family relationship difficulties
- Practical issues (e.g. budgeting, debt and housing problems)

Total Budget (amount)

2008-2009 : 180,645

2009 -2010 : 543,811

2010-2011 : 555,207

Annual Budget (breakdown)

£ 555,207 per annum

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

The service works with families from inner South Leeds of the city in particular those who are affected by the following :

- Domestic Violence
- Alcohol or substance misuse
- Poor parental mental / physical health
- Substandard housing which is impacting on children's outcomes
- Children experiencing significant loss or bereavement
- Parents / carers with learning disabilities
- Significant difficulties in household management and household budgeting
- General parenting advice

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Referrals are accepted from the following :

- Social care
- Health visitors
- Children's centres
- School nurses
- Education
- Police
- Schools
- School nurses
- Youth Services
- Housing
- Voluntary Organisations
- Self Referrals
- Any agency that working with children and families

Key objectives

The service works in partnership with families, children's centres and other agencies to try to prevent difficulties from arising and to intervene early if they do.

We make contact with families with in home, community settings or within children's centres either individually or within groups to ensure our services are tailor made and accessible. All our family support staff is CAF trained and we adopt a multi agency approach in supporting families.

Family support is offered through one to one support, groups and drop in sessions to ensure that every child living in inner South Leeds enjoys a happy, healthy and a safe life and reaches their full potential.

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

Working closely with partners including Children's Centres, Social care, health visiting, other family support services across the city, area Safeguarding Board, cluster co-ordinators and we also have parents representation at the citywide parent participation meetings. More than 330 families have received one to one support in the last year. More than 500 families are registered and access our service via the groups or one to one support.

What is being delivered

One to One

Support to families

Groups

All our groups are located within different Children's centre venues and community venues in Beeston, Middleton, Cottingley, Hunslet, Belle Isle, Two Willows and Holbeck. Group sessions include Women's and Men's Anger Management, Domestic Violence Support Groups, Refugee & Asylum seeker support group, Polish Group and English Conversation Clubs

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Drop ins

All our Tea Time clubs and other drop-in type sessions such as baby cafes, breast feeding advice support groups, soft play gym, dad's drop in are spread across venues close to Children's centres. These sessions are also attended by children along with their parents. We provide child care on most of our drop-in sessions wherever needed.

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?

Early Years Monitoring Officer through monitoring reports every quarter.
25% spot checks on case files / paper work. Spot checks on groups.

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board

The Intensive Family Support service works very closely with social care, health and other providers in the area. All the family support workers of the service are CAF trained and adopt a multi agency partnership approach to support families. Funding is very important to sustain the work of the service. The service is funded only until March 2011.

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Invest

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Additional Partners:

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3)

Aim of the project / target group

To engage parents with school and their children's learning.

To enable parents to support their own children's learning.

Total Budget (amount)

No budget

Annual Budget (breakdown)

No budget

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

Self referral – universal service

Key objectives

To provide parents with a route into volunteering or paid work in an educational setting, through a robust induction into supporting children's learning and safeguarding. (see also INVEST Green Shoots).

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

Established route to induction of volunteers in some schools.

What is being delivered

INVEST is a 5 x half day course covering subjects necessary to support working with children in an educational setting. Example subjects include Child Protection, Confidentiality, Child Development and Learning Styles.

The programme is delivered by school staff supported by the Extended Services Central Team. A one day training course on delivery and INVEST manual is available to school staff.

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?

Education Leeds Extended Services Central Team through parent and trainer questionnaires, observation and school outcomes.

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board

None

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Invest Greenshoots

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Additional Partners:

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3)

Aim of the project / target group

To engage parents with school, particularly dad's and grandad's

Total Budget (amount)

Schools provide gardening equipment.

Annual Budget (breakdown)

No budget

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

School enquiries – universal service

Key objectives

To provide an intergenerational programme to encourage male carers to engage with school and children's learning. To create an allotment/ garden within school grounds.

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

Pilot in progress April 2010

What is being delivered

INVEST Green Shoots is a 3 x 2 hour course in school to support intergenerational working in an educational setting. The first two sessions are for parents/carers and the third session involves planning gardening activities with children chosen by school. Following this, school take over the running and supervision of a weekly gardening session with the volunteers and schoolchildren. It is envisaged that the potential to sell allotment produce locally would enrich and enhance this programme for both adults and children.

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?

Education Leeds Extended Services Central Team through parent and trainer questionnaires, observation and school outcomes.

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board

None

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Investors in Families

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Additional Partners:

1) LCC Parenting Unit

Aim of the project / target group

To introduce a nationally recognised accreditation scheme providing a chartermark award for schools and other settings which work with parents and families to achieve the five outcomes of Every Child Matters. A range of settings have been invited to participate, the offer being taken up by primary and secondary schools and at least one Children's Centre. This will enhance and develop the parent support element of the Extended Services core offer.

Total Budget (amount)

£5000 has been set aside by the Parenting Commissioner in order to 'pump prime' the initiative. This is taken up by registration of the city as an liF local authority and training provided by the originators and owners of the scheme. Further, it will cost each setting £100 for the accreditation and the award. Incidental costs of further training / meetings, etc. will be met by the FAST Team to a maximum of £2500.

Further investigation, research and subsequent portfolio building will take place in participating settings from January 2010. Evaluation of the pilot will take place in December 2010 with a view to mainstreaming the award if appropriate and financially viable.

Annual Budget (breakdown)

See above

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

A selection of Extended Services clusters has been invited to participate. This invitation was extended based on the clusters' proactive practice in the field of parent and family support. After initial information sessions, only one cluster made the decision to withdraw.

Key objectives

Accreditation for demonstrable good practice in the attempt to support the five outcomes of Every Child Matters.

Sustainable action plans for settings to continue work in this field.

Greater partnership development between schools/settings and families.

A greater degree of cohesion in ES cluster around work with families.

Improvement in behaviour, attendance and achievement of children whose families are supported through the liF process and participation.

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Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)
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N/A

What is being delivered

N/A

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?
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The FAST Team of ES are leading on the introduction of the initiative. There will be a series of progress meetings for key personnel from participating settings throughout the pilot period. These will also be used as part of a consultative process in order to determine an effective means of evaluation. However, the liF portfolios from participating settings will provide crucial evaluative evidence.

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board
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Only to be aware that as pressure on school and local authority staff increases, priorities shift.
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EYS Counselling and Practitioner Support Services

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Additional Partners:

1) Sure Start Partnership

Aim of the project / target group

To work in disadvantaged neighbourhoods of Inner South Leeds, focusing on providing peripatetic emotional health support to socially excluded parents through counselling and group work. The project also provides support for frontline staff enabling them to engage more effectively with parents with emotional health needs.

Total Budget (amount)

Contract value = £552,449 from 1 Sept 2008- 31 March 2011.

Lottery provides £64,000 per annum up to 31 March 2010.

Annual Budget (breakdown)

As above

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

Clients can self-refer or be signposted or referred to the project by children centre or other community staff e.g. adult social care, children's services, primary care mental health, VCSF etc.

Key objectives

Leeds Counselling expects the Counselling Service and Practitioner Support Programme to achieve a range of improved outcomes for children and their families including:

- Support an increase the level of participation in Children's Centre Services in the targeted areas
- Support an increase in parental satisfaction in services
- Support an increase in quick and easy access to other services
- Support an improvement in family support services
- Empower parents, building resilience and confidence
- Through helping parents to address current difficulties, family problems, childhood and attachment issues, behavioural patterns, and simply by giving them a safe place, the counselling service will help parents/carers to:
 - Promote health choices at home and for their own children
 - Provide safe and stable homes addressing neglect and harmful behaviour and support their child's learning and development
 - Promote positive behaviour in their children
 - Be economically active, often gaining employment.
 - Fewer families with problems escalating and a reduction in the demand for specialist services

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- Improve the motivation and retention of frontline staff because they are better equipped to fulfil their roles and feel valued
- Reducing stress related absence among EYS staff .

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

The project aims to support 750 parents through counselling and to deliver 880 individual practitioner support interventions each year.

What is being delivered

Leeds Counselling is commissioned to deliver a quality counselling and practitioner support service to the accredited service standards of the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP).

The organisation offers a one-to-one brief dynamic counselling service to targeted families living within the reach areas of the 30 Children's Centres that are located in the most disadvantaged localities:

South wedge:

New Bowerley CC
City and Holbeck CC
Hunslet CC
Cottingley CC
Two Willows CC
Windmill CC
Middleton CC

East wedge:

Parklands CC
Seacroft CC x 2
East Leeds CC
Meadowfield CC
Harehills CC
Gipton CCx 2
Richmond Hill CC
Shakespeare CC
Swarcliffe CC
Osmanthorpe CC

North East wedge:

Chapelton CC
Scothall CC
Shepherds Lane CC

North West wedge:

Burley CC
Hawksworth Wood CC
Little London CC
Quarry Mount CC

West wedge:

Armley Moor CC
Bramley CC
Hollybush CC
New Wortley CC

Swinnow CC
Farnley CC

Leeds Counselling:

- provides a free and confidential Counselling Service to address the issues facing parents/carers of young children (pre- birth to 5 years) with additional (level 2) and multiple additional (level 3) needs;
- provides a counselling service that is personalised and promotes access to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged families at greatest risk of social exclusion including:
 - teenage parents and pregnant teenagers;
 - lone parents;
 - children in workless households;
 - children and families from black and minority ethnic groups;
 - disabled children or children of disabled parents;
 - parents with mental health, drug or alcohol problems;
 - fathers;
 - asylum seeking and refugee families;
 - women/children at risk of, suffering from or fleeing domestic violence;
 - partners and families of prisoners;
- works in partnership with each Leeds Children's Centre Programme to ensure that the Service is an integral component of each Centre's Delivery Plan as appropriate;
- works in partnership with Leeds Children's Centre Programme to develop an appropriate referral system for the Counselling Service and ensure that this is integrated with the Leeds Children's Centre Programme referral process;
- provides tailored training and support for front-line practitioners working through the Children's Centres on a range of issues including basic counselling skills, reflective practice, managing boundaries, dealing with stress, coping with change and working in groups;
- supports the integration of front-line delivery and processes including CAF and Lead Professional Frameworks

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?

Leeds Counselling's management committee receive quarterly reports on the project's progress. We are monitored by EYS Contracts Team.

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board

None

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Multisystemic Therapy (MST)

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Additional Partners:

1) Social Care

2) Youth Offending Service

3) CAMHS

Aim of the project / target group

MST is an intensive family and community based intervention that targets the multiple causes of serious anti-social behaviour in young people aged 11-17. MST works with the individual, family and all the systems in a young person's ecology such as peers, school and community during the assessment and treatment process and is aimed at preventing out of home placements and anti-social behaviour.

Aims:

- Improved outcomes for children and young people
- Reduction of family breakdown
- Reduction of offending behaviours
- Increase attendance in education

MST one of a number of initiatives to improve outcomes and reduce numbers of LAC

Total Budget (amount)

Four Year project (2008-2012)

£350,000 – Year 1

£287,000 – Year 2

£222,000 Year 3

£150,000 – Year 4

Funding tapers with an expectation of additional costs will be picked up locally

Annual Budget (breakdown)

Four Year project (2008-2012)

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£287,000 – Year 2

£222,000 Year 3

£150,000 – Year 4

Funding tapers with an expectation of additional costs will be picked up locally

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

Referral Criteria-

- The target population to receive the MST intervention is young people 11 to 17 years old
- At risk of entering care or an out-of-home placement due to antisocial or challenging behaviours
- Young people involved with the juvenile justice system at risk of custodial sentence
- Referrals from Social Care, CAMHS or YOS to MST Multi-Agency Referral Panel

Referrals can be made from YOS, Social Care or CAMHS to MST via a Multi-Agency Panel. MST targets young people (aged 11-17yrs) who are at risk of coming into care, are involved with the Youth Offending Service and/or are exhibiting a high level of anti-social behaviour. Typical referral behaviours for the young person will include a number of the following:

- Serious disrespect and disobedience
- Truancy and academic problems
- Aggressive behaviour (violence, fighting, property destruction)
- Criminal behaviour
- Drug and alcohol problems
- Running away
- Other high risk behaviours e.g. self harm

Exclusions:

- Young people who are living independently
- Young people in crisis because of active suicidal or psychotic behaviours. Once stable if criteria are met a referral may be appropriate
- Adolescent sexual offenders- (where this is the primary issue and other anti-social behaviours are absent)

Young people with autism

Key objectives

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Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

August 2008- April 2010

Referrals for 95 families. 55 families accepted and have received a service. The further 40 referrals have been signposted to other services.

Referrals have come evenly from each of the three Social Care areas. The team has been working at capacity, with 14-20 families receiving MST at any one time.

Since January 2010 referrals to MST have come via a Children Leeds Panel. This is now the only referral route to access the MST Service.

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What is being delivered

Multisystemic Therapy (MST) is an internationally established evidence based programme for young people with complex psychological, social, and educational issues which lead them to such problems as crime and anti-social behaviour, possibly leading to considerations of being taken into care. MST is a community based model and as such takes a holistic whole family approach to addressing causes of behavioural difficulties. MST is delivered over three to five months, in homes, neighbourhoods, schools and communities by professionals who may come from a range of disciplines such as social work, probation, family therapy and/or CAMHS.

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?
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START research of MST began in February 2010.

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board
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Need for funding for years 3 and 4 of the project as the DOH funding tapers off.
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Parent Ambassador / Parent Champions

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Additional Partners:

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2)

3)

Aim of the project / target group

Parent Ambassadors work together as a group across Extended Service clusters and in their own children's schools. Together they become a positive role model for other parents. Their role in each school is to consult with other parents, in the playground and the community and plan a range of parent learning across the cluster. They are able to express ideas of what parents want and need in order to achieve.

Once a menu of learning has been agreed the Parent Ambassadors, actively engaged other parents to learning opportunities, programmes and courses, by arranging coffee morning, open days and other events to share information.

Due to the success of the Parent ambassador pilot in the Farnley area the project is to be extended across the City, and merge with the Parent Champion project.

Total Budget (amount)

Project delivered through multi –agency partnership working across the clusters

Annual Budget (breakdown)

See above

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

N/A

Key objectives

- To promote links between home, school, parenting programmes and adult learning
- Build confidence and inspire other parents
- Communicate with schools and other parents to share information
- Provide a support network to encourage less confident parents
- Make a difference in the local community
- Influence policy
- Increased confidence and attainment of children and young people

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Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Established programme of regular meetings with schools staff, early years practitioners, Education Leeds and Adult Learning- Hosted a successful launch and market place event attended by 80 parents despite the snow.- Planned adult learning and parenting course programme for the cluster after consulting with other parents- Increased the numbers of parents attending courses- Trained assessors for the Investors in families standard- Promoted the work of Parent ambassadors across the city |
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What is being delivered

N/A

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Programme monitored and evaluated by Education Leeds and cluster managers- Numbers of Parent Ambassadors/Parent Champions- Numbers of parents attending courses and programmes |
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Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board
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To maintain links

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Parent Support Advisors

Responsible Officer:

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Additional Partners:

- 1) Schools
- 2) Learning Partnerships

Aim of the project / target group

To support parents and carers in a school context to improve children's and young people's attendance and behaviour and reduce exclusions. This is now mainly operated on an Extended Services (ES) cluster basis in order to support the ES core offer by increasing parental engagement with schools and other settings. More recently, provision has been reorganised to provide a more flexible approach to parental support.

Total Budget (amount)

Funding is now administered through ES and allocated to clusters as a Sustainability Grant which also includes cluster management and co-ordination. To this end £3.25M was distributed on a formula basis from April 2009. Due to the changing nature of the funding arrangements and the greater autonomy of management of this arm of support, provision has diversified in nature and direction with planning only possible to March 2011, the currently proposed life of ES.

Funding has been appropriately flexibly deployed to meet the needs of localities in terms of their parenting support. This has meant rebranding, renaming and redeploying some personnel. Some schools have retained a PSA using their own budget.

Annual Budget (breakdown)

See Above

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

Vulnerable families: Those identified as being in need of support other than that normally offered by schools and other settings; families where children are at risk of exclusion or social isolation. Partner agencies such as social care, CAMHS, Healthy Schools might also raise awareness if not formally refer. The criteria for referral and/or acceptance of cases will vary from cluster to cluster depending on the specific remit of the PSA / other.

Key objectives

As indicated above, the specific objectives of the workforce are determined on a local basis within the parameters set out. There is a generic job description, which cluster management groups have adopted or adapted to suit their perceived needs. Similarly, outcomes are measured on an individual or cluster basis and statistical analysis should be considered in this context.

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Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)
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N/A

What is being delivered

N/A

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?
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There is no 'programme' to monitor. The 3.4 members of the Families and Schools Together Team of ES are providing support, advice and guidance to practitioners and management. This team are at present engaged in an evaluation of the parent support element of the ES core offer. This will assess practice in each of the 31 clusters in the city by the end of this academic year.
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Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board
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Some LEAs have provided a model of formal supervision for PSAs and Leeds has taken some criticism for the lack of such. This provision was not a prerequisite of receiving funding from the TDA and all such funds, under the original and the current arrangements, have been allocated to the bodies which manage PSAs and other similar workers. Consequently, while support is generally readily accessible and effective, the lack of a formal system or method of clinical or supportive supervision might continue to be a matter of concern to funding agencies. A workable model has been devised by FAST and the Workforce Development Team, but will take dedicated time and, consequently, funding, neither of which, unfortunately, are available at a central level.
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Parenting Apart Together (P.A.T)

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Additional Partners:

- 1) Home-start Leeds
- 2) West Yorkshire Family Mediation
- 3) Shantona Women's Centre
- 4) Leeds CAB
- 5) Families Forward

Aim of the project / target group

To develop best practice around the support needs of separating parents particularly in respect of the impact of separation on children.

Parents who are struggling to get on with each other, separating or separated

Total Budget (amount)

Oct 2009-March 2010 £210,483

April 2010-March 2011 £312,605

Annual Budget (breakdown)

See above

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

Parents who are struggling to get on with each other, separating or separated
Referral through anyone supporting families or self referral

Key objectives

- To speed up access to financial, practical, legal & emotional help for separating & separated parents
- To minimise parental conflict
- To minimise the negative impact of separation on children's outcomes

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

38 families so far. (January to March 2010)

What is being delivered

- Relate-Relationship counselling for individuals, couples, families & children aged 11+
- & family advisors support through drop ins & home visits
- Leeds Family Mediation Service-Mediation & family group conferences
- Shantona Women's Centre & Home-Start -Family Support
- Leeds Advice Network-CAB service
- Families Forward-supervised contact & individual & group support for children & young people, counselling for children, counselling for children under 10 years old

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Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?
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External evaluation through Tavistock Institute, All partners monitoring work Relate is lead agency
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Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board
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None

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Parent Early Intervention Programme

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Additional Partners:

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Aim of the project / target group

Supporting families of children aged 8 – 13 who are at risk of negative outcomes by increasing parental participation in a variety of evidence based Early Intervention Parenting Programmes. Leeds is supporting the increased delivery of Incredible Years School Age and Advanced, Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities and Strengthening Families 10 – 14 through co-operative working across a variety of agencies.

Total Budget (amount)

£415k

Annual Budget (breakdown)

2009/10 £175k

2010/11 £140k

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

All families with young people aged 8 – 13 who are at risk of negative outcomes. All agencies are supported to cross refer to ensure best provision for level of need.

Key objectives

- To increase availability and accessibility of evidence based Parenting Programmes to meet specific levels of need.
- To ensure targeted provision for families with young people ages 8 – 13 at risk of negative outcomes.
- To provide timely and appropriate early intervention for target families.
- To improve outcomes in the 8 0 13 'at risk' population.
- To expand multi-agency working in the provision of support services to parents of 8 – 13 year olds.

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

- In 2008/9 77 parents were supported by PEIP
- In 2009/10 206 parents were supported by PEIP
- In 2010/11 it is planned that 150 families will be support by PEIP

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What is being delivered

Incredible Years School Age and Advanced is being delivered by BEST, CHIVA, ASBU, Social Care and the Parenting Unit.

Strengthening Families 10 – 14 is being delivered by Junior YIPS and the three Think Family providers (Barca, Health For All and Barnardos)

Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities is being delivered by the Race Equality Foundation, Attendance Improvement Team and two schools via Extended Services.
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Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?
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Internally – Family Support and Parenting Board via Parenting Unit Manager
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Externally – CEDAR have been commissioned to evaluate the use of the funding by the DCSF (funding body)

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board
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None

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Place2Be

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Additional Partners:

1) TAMHS

2) AMB

3) Nine participating primary schools

Aim of the project / target group

To provide 1-1 weekly counselling to identified children in schools. This can be for one school term or for one full academic year.

To provide a universal emotional/support service (Place2Talk) to all children within the participating schools. This is provided through 15 min appointments, normally accessed through the lunch hour.

To provide support to parents/carers whose children are accessing Place2Be services. Parents can meet with the School Project Manager for up to 5 one hour sessions. (funding for a more extensive service, Place for Parents, is being investigated. This will provide a counselling service for parents in their own right.) .

Support and consultation for all school based staff to be able to consider issues which might be impacting on children in their charge.

Total Budget (amount)

The service is part of the Leeds TaMHS initiative. This is a 3 year project which will run until 2011.

On going funding is being sought to continue this service beyond the TAMHS project.

Annual Budget (breakdown)

See above

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

All children in the participating primary schools who could benefit from time with a counsellor.

A comprehensive assessment including the SDQ is carried out by the School Project Manager to decide whether the provision is the best service for that child at that time.

Referrals accepted from Schools based staff, parents/carers, external agencies ie School Nursing Service, Camhs etc.

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Key objectives

Early intervention to prevent/ameliorate the development of more difficult and damaging results of childhood trauma.
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Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)
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Clinical work began in Sept 2009. 72 children are currently being seen in 1-1 work 14 children completed Over 1000 child visits to Place2Talk
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What is being delivered

Place2Be 1-1 counselling in all nine schools Place2Talk in all nine schools Place2Think Time for parents/carers and school staff on an informal basis Group work has begun in 3 schools.

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?
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Joe Krasinski for TaMHS Leeds Place2Be Research and Development Unit

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board
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None

Participating Schools

Beeston Primary
Clapgate Primary
Cottingley Primary
Hugh Gaskell Primary
Hunslet Carr Primary
Hunslet Moor Primary
Ingram Road Primary
Middleton Primary
St Anthony's RC Primary

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Respect Parenting Practitioner

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Additional Partners:

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3)

Aim of the project / target group

To offer support and advice to those agencies working with families and young people engaged in, or at risk of anti-social behaviour or involvement in offending (age range of young people 8 – 13+).

To raise practitioners' capacity to meet parents' needs re parenting issues - includes supporting frontline staff to deliver good practice and some capacity for one to one work with parents, particularly to make assessments to enable signposting to partner agencies to achieve the best possible outcomes for parents and children

To offer support to other agencies in signposting parents to appropriate parenting resources and provision

Total Budget (amount)

£150k

Annual Budget (breakdown)

2008/09 £50k

2009/10 £50k

2010/11 £50k

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

- Referrals for specific parenting programmes being directly facilitated (referrals currently being processed for ASBU Incredible Years group due to start 22/04/10; currently running Kinship Carers Incredible Years group;)
- General parenting enquiries received from various sources including:
 - The Contact Centre via the CYPSC triage system.
- Requests for support and advice from any agency working with children and families across Leeds
- Requests for support and advice directly from parents who contact Leeds Parenting Unit
- Referrals being received by Attendance Strategy Team regarding parents who are subject to a Parenting Order with no provision available to them.

Key objectives

- Co-deliver evidence based, structured parenting programmes to help build capacity in relevant agencies and for other professionals.
- Facilitate partnership working and co-operation between agencies working with target parents and young people
- Establish parenting practice workshops to enhance professional expertise across a wide range of agencies on a variety of key area relating to parenting practice, so raising parenting practitioners' awareness of specific issues relating to working with parents and appropriate professional responses to these.
- To engage parents who are difficult to engage and resistant to using services. This will include increasing the knowledge of parents around the services on offer (e.g. signposting to the Family Hub)
- Introduce and help to implement Take 3 parenting programme within Leeds Parenting Unit as tool for providing a broader response to parenting need, including the potential for structured, evidence-based one-to-one support for parents.
- Facilitate communication between and awareness of partner agencies within the arena of parenting across Leeds; this includes the encouragement of inter-agency partnership working and the development of systems which allow for parents approaching one agency accessing services through another agency without having to re-refer ("no wrong door" approach)
- Respond to families and young people in need who do not meet CYPSC thresholds by providing info about and access to parenting support and other resources.
- In partnership with the Respect Parenting Practitioner, to facilitate parenting unit 'topic led' workshops to enhance professional expertise across a wide range of agencies. These will concentrate on key areas relating to parenting practice, so raising parenting practitioners' awareness of specific issues relating to working with parents and appropriate professional responses to these.
- In partnership with the Respect Parenting Practitioner, to produce theme based resource kits for parenting practitioners.

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

Respect Parenting Practitioner post vacant from May 2009 to mid September 2009.

Mid September – Mid November in post half-time, full time since mid-November.

Since September 16 parents have been assisted through the triage system, either via direct support to the parent, via advice to the professional making the enquiry or via signposting the parent to most appropriate support. In total 3 parents have accessed parenting groups run by Leeds YOS, 1 was offered direct 1:1 support by RPP, 4 have been directed onto joint ASBU/Parenting Unit parenting programme, 1 instance of advice re available parenting programmes to professional, 7 cases remain open pending identification of most appropriate means of offering support.

17 referrals received for Incredible Years programme for Kinship Carers starting January 2010 – 12 parents started at week 1; the group now has 10 regular attendees at week 9.

Parenting Unit Practitioner Workshops

74 parenting practitioners attended the Engaging Fathers workshops

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51 parenting practitioners attended the Working with Families Affected by Substance Misuse workshops

YOS Escape Practitioner Forum established to meet regularly to provide arena in which YOS Escape practitioners have an opportunity to develop and reflect on their delivery of Escape – 1 forums held with 4 practitioners attending and more scheduled throughout the year.

What is being delivered

- Kinship Care Incredible Years Programme – (17 referrals, 12 group members at start) – ongoing until June 2010
- Anti-Social Behaviour Unit Incredible Years Programme – 23 referrals received – 15 accepted onto programme – pre-group home visits being undertaken – group starts 22/04/10
- Advice to ASBU regarding the establishment of an ongoing commitment to regular implementation of Incredible Years programme, possibly in partnership with other agency and with support from Respect Parenting Practitioner
- Support for individual parents following initial enquiries
- Advice for individual professionals following initial enquiries to Leeds Parenting Unit.
- Parenting resource advice to cluster meetings in East, South and North-East wedges
- Advice to Leeds YOS with regard to Escape programme, including regular Escape Practitioner Forums and general advice to YOS practitioners re working with parents, e.g. via presentation at East YOS Practice Forum scheduled for 23/04/10
- Together with the Senior Parenting Practitioner, facilitation of a series of Parenting Practitioner topic-led workshops to increase the knowledge and understanding of practitioners in particular subject areas. 5 workshops have already taken place; 3 on the subject of Engaging Fathers, 2 on the subject of Substance Misuse. 2 further workshops are planned on the subject of Domestic Violence
- To produce Parenting Unit resource kits on the topics covered by Parenting Unit workshops. These will be sent to all parenting practitioners we are aware of working in Leeds
- Contributing to the development of the Family Hub.

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?

Internally – Family Support and Parenting Board via Parenting Unit Manager
Externally - DCSF

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board

None

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Senior Parenting Practitioner

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Additional Partners:

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Aim of the project / target group

The Senior Parenting Practitioner works as part of the Parenting Unit team. The role supports the development of a wide variety of parenting services that work and engage with parents to improve outcomes for children at risk. This includes supporting those agencies who engage with parents who may have mental health, substance misuse, offending behaviour and other issues which may have a negative impact on their ability to positively parent their children. Whilst supporting frontline staff to deliver good practice is the key to this role, there is also some capacity for one to one work with parents, particularly to make assessments to enable signposting to partner agencies to achieve the best possible outcomes for parents and children. This role also contributes to the delivery of parenting programmes.

Total Budget (amount)

2009/10 - £50k

2010/2011 - £50k

Annual Budget (breakdown)

See above

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

All agencies working in the field of family support and parenting in Leeds can request support from the Senior Parenting Practitioner, but particularly those agencies working with parents who have additional difficulties which may have a negative impact on their parenting. Parents can also self refer and referrals are accepted via telephone or e-mail.

Referrals to date have been received via the CYPSC triage system and self referral. Enquiries have also been made around Parenting programmes from a variety of agencies including schools, children centres and the voluntary sector.

The Senior Parenting Practitioner has set up family support 'Think Family' surgeries in both Leeds Probation offices where referrals are made by offender managers for Probation clients and their families to access parenting support.

Key objectives

- To increase the number of targeted evidence based parenting programmes for the parents of children whom local agencies consider to be at risk or those parents with problems that are known to put their children at risk. This will include co-delivering Incredible Years & Family Caring Trust 0-6 programmes with partner agencies.
- To engage parents who are difficult to engage and resistant to using services. This will include increasing the knowledge of parents, and partner agencies (Probation, Mental Health Services, Drug & Alcohol Services) around the services on offer (e.g signposting to the family hub).
- To improve child outcomes for those who are considered to be at risk
- To increase local authority capacity to deliver effective support services to vulnerable parents.
- To work closely with the Respect Parenting Practitioner and Parent Support Advisors to work up referral protocols.
- To ensure that existing good practice continues.
- To work closely with partner agencies to ensure that parenting programmes are provided to those parents with significant risk factors including persistent alcohol and substance misuse, mental health problems, domestic violence and offending.
- In partnership with the Respect Parenting Practitioner, to facilitate parenting unit 'topic led' workshops to enhance professional expertise across a wide range of agencies. These will concentrate on key areas relating to parenting practice, so raising parenting practitioners' awareness of specific issues relating to working with parents and appropriate professional responses to these.
- In partnership with the Respect Parenting Practitioner, to produce theme based resource kits for parenting practitioners.
- Respond to families and young people in need who do not meet CYPSC thresholds by providing information about and access to parenting support and other resources. There is scope for some one to one intervention here if deemed appropriate.
- Co-ordinate the delivery of all Family Links Nurturing programmes across the city including collation of evaluation measures.
- Co-ordinate and promote Kidscope sessions in each cluster.
- Identify/establish support routes for families of offenders/prisoners.

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

It must be noted that the Senior Parenting Practitioner was a vacant position from May – mid-September 2009. Since September 2009, 19 parents have been support by this role following self referrals and referrals from other agencies. These parents were either signposted to the most appropriate partnerships agencies to meet their needs, signposted to a parenting programme or given some 1:1 support through the Senior Parenting Practitioner. In addition to this, 14 parents have been supported via attendance on the Incredible Years programme facilitated by the Senior Parenting Practitioner. 4 professionals have been given specific advice on where to signpost families.

74 parenting practitioners attended the Engaging Fathers workshops
51 parenting practitioners attended the Working with Families Affected by Substance Misuse workshops.

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The Senior Parenting Practitioner has supported the Inner East Family Tasking Group and has chaired the North West Cluster Meeting. The role is also supporting agencies such as Leeds Alcohol & Drugs Services, National Probation Service, Chiva, Teenage Pregnancy & Parenthood Unit and Extended Services.

What is being delivered

- Support to practitioners from a wide variety of agencies to develop their practice.
- Support to practitioners to increase their capacity to deliver parenting programmes.
- Support to the Teenage Pregnancy & Parenthood Locality Commissioner in developing a contract for managers around releasing staff to be trained in, and deliver the Speakeasy programme. This has been completed.
- Support to West Leeds Family Support & Parenting Sub-Group and Head of Children's Centre Services in collating information for the West Leeds Mapping Exercise. This has been completed.
- Consultation with partner agencies working with parents with significant risk factors e.g. National Probation Service, Together Women Project, Mental Health Services, Genesis, Leeds Addiction Unit, Leeds Alcohol & Drugs Services, CHIVA, Mental Health Services to develop links to provide parents and children with the best possible support service dependant on their needs.
- Co-facilitation of school age Incredible Years programme which commenced 11th March and ends 22nd July 2010 with colleagues from the CHIVA project.
- Plan to co-facilitate Family Caring Trust 0-6 programme with a colleague from Gildersome Childrens Centre.
- Together with the Respect Parenting Practitioner, facilitation of a series of Parenting Practitioner topic-led workshops to increase the knowledge and understanding of practitioners in particular subject areas. 5 workshops have already taken place; 3 on the subject of Engaging Fathers, 2 on the subject of Substance Misuse. 2 further workshops are planned on the subject of Domestic Violence.
- To produce Parenting Unit resource kits on the topics covered by Parenting Unit workshops. These will be sent to all parenting practitioners we are aware of working in Leeds.
- Support to the co-ordination of the Inner East Family Support Tasking Group.
- Membership and contribution to the Gipton Preventative Tasking Group.
- Attendance and contribution to Integrated Offender Management panels.
- Responding to and dealing with 'triage' referrals received from Children & Young Peoples Social Care where the referral does not meet social care threshold, but signposting to alternative support services is necessary. This role also responds to self referrals and enquiries from other agencies in the same way.
- Contributing to the development and update of the Parenting Unit news feed on the Children Leeds website
- Gathering information around Kidscope provision across the city.
- Providing family support 'Think Family' surgeries to Waterloo House and York Road Probation offices on a monthly basis to support Probation staff and service users.
- Contributing to the development of the Family Hub.

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Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?
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Internally – Family Support and Parenting Board via Parenting Unit Manager. Externally – DCSF
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Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board
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None

South Leeds Emotional Health Outreach Project

Responsible Officer:

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Additional Partners:

Leeds City Council EYS are named as partners in the bid, contributing additional funding to targeted counselling support for parents in south Leeds through the General Sure Start Grant (counselling service and practitioner support programme).

Aim of the project / target group

To work in disadvantaged neighbourhoods of Inner South Leeds, focusing on providing peripatetic emotional health support to socially excluded parents through counselling and group work. The project also provides support for frontline staff enabling them to engage more effectively with parents with emotional health needs

Total Budget (amount)

Lottery provides £64,000 per annum 2007-10, funding emotional health outreach workers, project costs and organisational core costs. Funding due to run out March 2010 and Parenting Fund will take up funding one post until March 2011.

Annual Budget (breakdown)

See above

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

Clients can self-refer or be signposted or referred to the project by community staff (e.g. Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Primary Care Mental Health, SLHFA etc)

Key objectives

- To improve the life chances of children in line with the ECM agenda by supporting parents and carers, especially those whose emotional or psychological support needs require trained professional interventions.
- Improved psychological/emotional wellbeing for parents and families.
- Improved levels of emotional literacy within the local community.
- Improved community and family relationships and parenting skills.
- Increased self-esteem and self-confidence among socially-excluded parents.
- Increased ability to access training and employment opportunities.

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

The project aims to support 700 clients for counselling and/or group work over 3 years, and is on course to achieve these targets. In addition, the project will support 180 frontline practitioners over the lifetime of the service.

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What is being delivered

The general Sure Start Grant funding runs on to March 2011 and covers counselling in Phase 1 Children's Centre in South Leeds.
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The Big Lottery funding covers a wte peripatetic emotional health practitioner (trained counsellor and group worker) to work across venues in South Leeds and for 50 hours of counselling for parents per week at Leeds Bridge House (Leeds Counselling's centre is LS10). It also covers an element of Leeds Counselling's core costs.

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?
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We are required to account for the Lottery funding to the Big Lottery Grants Officer, Jill Harland.

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board
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None

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Think Family 8-13 Barca

Responsible Officer:

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Additional Partners:

1) Health for All – South and East
2) Barnardos – North East and North West

Aim of the project / target group

Intensive Family Support Service for Children aged 8-13yrs and their families in LS13 and LS12.

Total Budget (amount)

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Annual Budget (breakdown)

1.4.09 – 31.3.11 £225k total (£75k per annum)

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

Families experiencing – We work with families who are affected by:
Domestic Violence
Alcohol or Substance Misuse
Poor parental mental/physical health
Sub standard housing which affects children's well being
Significant difficulties in children's behaviour management
Parents/carers with learning difficulties
Significant difficulties in household management and budgeting

We are providing a preventative service working with families with additional and multiple additional needs.

Referrals accepted from:

We accept referrals from all agencies, families can also self refer. We accept referrals from Social Care as part of family case closure as an exit strategy.

Key objectives

The primary objective for the service is to improve outcomes for children living in families with additional needs. The focus of service delivery is specific to the needs of each family we work with. Key themes include managing children's behaviour, tackling the effects domestic violence, raising self worth and self esteem and improving family relationships.

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

Key Outcomes for the service began 1.7.09 include:

- Provided intensive support for 131 parents, carers and children.
- Delivered 197 support sessions including initial assessment, CAF management and one-to-one support for both children and parents.
- Developed relationships with Social Care to maximise integrated working/understanding for the benefit of our most vulnerable families.
- Partnership work with Parenting Unit to deliver accredited parenting programmes.
- Developed a children's assessment (based on ECM outcomes) with the help of the children in our service in order to maximise our understanding of issues they are facing.
- Service Evaluation - we have received an honest and positive feedback from the families we have been working with.

What is being delivered

Intensive Family Support to families with children aged 8-13 years with additional and multiple additional needs.

The focus of service delivery is specific to the needs of each family we work with. Key themes include managing children's behaviour, tackling the effects domestic violence, raising self worth and self esteem and improving family relationships.

Our programme of service delivery includes – One to One Support, Parenting Sessions, Targeted groups, Drop in Sessions, Community Cohesion and effective signposting.

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?

Internally we are recording/monitoring our service activity in accordance with the framework provided by Leeds City Council.

Externally the service is being monitored and evaluated by Leeds City Council through evidence of our quarterly reporting.

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board

We are working to maximum capacity and currently unable to receive new referrals. (April 2010). Our team are working with families with multiple complex needs. This decision has been made to ensure our work remains quality, focused and priorities safeguarding children and their families.

We are working closely with key partners in West to offer an appropriate package of support of children and their families.

Within West we are working closely with the 0-5 IFS (Barnardos) in order to offer a level of service for children aged 5-8 years.

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Think Family 8-13 Barnardos

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Additional Partners:

1) Shantona Women's Centre

2) Health for All

3) Barca Leeds

Aim of the project / target group

To provide intensive support to families with children aged between 7 and 13 years.

Total Budget (amount)

£118,000.00

Annual Budget (breakdown)

See above

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

Any agency who knows the family

Self referrals accepted

Key objectives

To develop and maintain appropriate family relationships within the home environment.

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

Currently 44 open cases. Direct work 25 families and 1:1 sessions provided for 14 parents and children.

Current Partners include:

- Many of the Schools, Children's Centres and other agencies in our reach areas
- Health For All – joint referral allocation panel
- Junior YIPs and Parenting Unit to provide parenting programme
- Quarry Mount Children's centre
- Space @ Hillcrest
- Wattoto (Sahara)
- Women's Aid
- Gipsil
- Harehills Primary school
- Getaway Girls
- School nurse
- Quarry Mount Children's Centre

What is being delivered

- Direct work with 25 families
- Signposting for bereavement support
- Parenting support group held at Hillcrest school raising awareness of ECM 5
Outcomes – three sessions only due to low numbers
- Providing 1:1 support for 14 families, children and young people
- Letter to support housing application x 2
- Supporting parent with debt management
- Referral to Family Group Conferencing
- Support for mum and children at dentist appointment
- Lead professional and support for mum during CAF process
- Providing links between schools/parents/children centres/other agencies
- Information on bereavement counselling provided for three families
- Signposting information provided to families enquiring about ADHD
- Counselling information provided for children

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?

Monitoring completed within the Think Family consortium, co-ordinated by Health For All through quarterly review and reports to commissioners

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board

- Domestic abuse
- Substance misuse issues
- Non school attendance
- Mental health issues / help to rebuild confidence and self esteem
- Housing support needs
- Development of parenting skills
- Behaviour management
- Loss and bereavement support
- Sexuality issues
- Neighbourhood harassment

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Think Family 8-13 Health for All

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Additional Partners:

- 1) Barnardo's – City Wide
- 2) BARCA Leeds – City Wide
- 3) ASHA Leeds – South

Aim of the project / target group

The aim of the project is to provide intensive support to families with children aged 6 to 13. To target families affected by multiple disadvantages and additional / complex needs to improve their outcomes on the principles of Every Child Matters. To prevent families from escalating into specialist services.

Total Budget (amount)

2009-2010 : 109,000, 2010-2011 : 109,000 (East)

2009 -2010 : 100,000, 2010-2011 : 100,000 (South)

Annual Budget (breakdown)

109,000 per annum for East from April 2009 until March 2011

100,000 per annum for South from April 2009 until March 2011

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

We work with families from South and East of the city in particular those affected by the following :

- Domestic Violence
- Alcohol or substance misuse
- Poor parental mental / physical health
- Substandard housing which is impacting on children's outcomes
- Children experiencing significant loss or bereavement
- Parents / carers with learning disabilities
- Significant difficulties in household management and household budgeting
- General parenting advice

Referrals are accepted from the following :

- Social care
- Education
- Police
- Schools
- School nurses
- Youth Services
- Housing
- Voluntary Organisations
- Self Referrals
- Any agency that working with children and families

Key objectives

We make contact with families with in home, community settings or within schools either individually or within groups to ensure our services are tailor made and accessible. All our family support staff is CAF trained and we adopt a multi agency approach in supporting families.

Encourage parents to access focussed family support groups and parenting sessions as well as offer them an opportunity to share experiences and support each other.

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

- This service provided by Health for All (Leeds) is part of a consortium working in partnership with Barnardos and BARCA Leeds.
- More than 70 referrals actioned to date since April 2009 in the South and the East of the city.
- 6 family support groups supported in the South of the city for children 6-13.
- Around 140 families registered or accessed the service since April 2009. The service also has a strong partnership with ASHA in South Leeds. Close links have been developed with GIPSIL in the East.
- The groups can be accessed by families from the South and the East of the city.

What is being delivered

Intensive one to one support to families

Drop-ins / structured groups :

Junior wardens at Belle Isle Family Centre, Tea-time club at Belle Isle Family Centre, Saturday Fun, Children making choices, One family Middleton, Happy Tuesdays.

The service has had a presence at 14 community events / galas since April 2009 and on one of the events in Belle Isle the service organised a Think Family Marquee to engage parents and children in fun and learning activities.

Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?

Leeds City Council Monitoring Officer – quarterly monitoring

Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board

Long term sustainable funding for intensive one to one work to support families. Social Care, Health and Education are the key partners of the service. This service is funded only until March 2011

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Together Women Project

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Additional Partners:

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Aim of the project / target group

Together Women Project supports women offenders and women at risk of offending. Offering a holistic, gender specific approach TWP aims to reduce offending, divert women from custody and keep families together. This scheme is aimed at women where the children in the family may be offenders, have ASBOs or not attending school.

Total Budget (amount)

£170,765 over 2 years

Annual Budget (breakdown)

See above

Referral criteria / Referrals accepted from

Referrals are made via West Yorkshire Police.

Key objectives

TWP delivers a holistic, one stop shop framework delivered at a gender specific centre in Leeds. Each TWP customer undergoes an in depth needs assessment which is used to develop an individual support plan, designed to enable her to tackle and meet the needs that have been highlighted. Women can access a range of services at the centre including counselling, 1-1 work, crèche, courses and groups, all designed to develop skills and confidence.

Key outcomes to date (e.g. number of families / partners supported)

37 referrals have been received since July 09

What is being delivered

- Individual delivery to women includes:
- 1 to 1 work around specific support needs including accommodation, parenting and domestic abuse
- access to groups including ETE, parenting and anger management
- signposting to other agencies
- access to the creche

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Who is monitoring and evaluating the programme and how?
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Comprehensive monitoring reports are submitted quarterly to funders.- Annual Strategic Delivery plans set out performance target as well as strategic and delivery objectives. Quarterly reports highlight progress against targets.- Leicester University Evaluation: action research – outcome study to evaluate the project's performance- Partner agencies and customer evaluation carried out quarterly- Customer Involvement Group meets 4-6 weekly- Local Implementation and Advisory group takes place quarterly |
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Key messages / issues to be addressed by the Family Support and Parenting Board
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None
