

Stronger Families Programme

- DCLG Troubled Families Programme 2012-2020
- Identifying, tracking and supporting 4,925 high cost families with multiple problems
- Working with the whole family
- Tackling Domestic Abuse
- Tackling housing and debt
- Finding work-gaining skills and confidence
- Training for front line workers

A minimum of 2 SF criteria identified through data matching or agency nomination

Crime and ASB	<p>Child or young person who has committed a proven offence in the past 12 months</p> <p>A member of the household has been involved in a recorded incident of ASB</p> <p>Offenders with parenting responsibility assessed as low or medium risk and subject of a community disposal or leaving prison</p>
School attendance and behaviour	<p>Less than 90% attendance, excluded or at a P.R.U</p> <p>Equivalent concerns</p>
Children who need help	<p>Child in Need or subject of a Child Protection Plan or L.A.C.s placed with relatives</p> <p>Repeat requests for service, missing and CSE</p>
Out of work or severe debts	<p>Adult(s) out of work and claiming DWP benefits</p> <p>Young Person in the family is NEET or at risk of becoming NEET</p> <p>Families at risk of financial exclusion and or homelessness due to housing related debt</p>
Domestic abuse	<p>2 or more police call outs in the previous 6 months or 1 call out where there is a child present referred to MARAC</p> <p>referred to the sanctuary scheme as a result of domestic abuse identified by a professional as experiencing Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse(APVA)</p>
Poor mental health or substance misuse	<p>A member of the family has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> has a medically diagnosed mental health condition has poor mental health or emotional wellbeing regularly misuses drugs or alcohol and requires support

Stronger Families Practice (*Think Family*)

- **Assessments and plans** address the needs of all family members;
- One **lead worker** is recognised by the family and other professionals;
- The **objectives** in the plan mirror **the Stronger Families Outcomes Plan**.
- Practical **hands on** support combined with- a **persistent, assertive** and **challenging** approach

Stronger Families models of intervention

1. Engagement of families /Brief intervention
2. Key working and Team around the Family
3. Consultation and collaboration
4. Stronger Families Opportunities Fund
5. Evidence based programmes
6. Employability support

Key to successful outcomes

- **Agency *buy in*** to the shared priorities
- Use of **whole family** approaches
- Innovative practice local **evidence of what works**
- Improved **collaboration** and integration
- Better **skilled workforce**
- Improved **information sharing** underpinned by good Information Governance
- **Robust commissioning** and performance monitoring

In their own words

- *Relationship building with families;*
- *Having the time to work intensively with the whole family;*
- *Showing personal resilience and not giving up on families-persistence;*
- *Working early on with families no other agency will work with (targeted intervention);*
- *Making a difference no matter how big or small;*
- *Freedom to explore / Flexibility of the role;*
- *Multi agency approach – limiting the number of workers with each family;*
- *The workforce believes in what they do.*

Impact On Families

- Off benefits and into paid work
- > £204,000 better off – through claiming correct benefits and debts reduced
- Children in school, better sleep patterns able to concentrate in school
- Home conditions improved- isolation reduced
- Improved relationships and reduced violence at home
- Parent in control at home and more confident