

Title of paper:	CYPP Priority: Empowering Families to be Strong and Achieve Economic Wellbeing		
Report to:	Children's Partnership Board		
Date:	5th July 2017		
Relevant Director:	Helen Blackman, Director for Children's Integrated Services	Wards affected: All	
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Other officers who have provided input:	None		
Relevant Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) priority or priorities:			
Safeguarding and supporting children and families: Children, young people and families will benefit from early and effective support and protection to empower them to overcome difficulties and provide a safe environment in which to thrive.			Y
Promoting the health and wellbeing of babies, children and young people: From pregnancy and throughout life, babies, children, young people and families will be healthier, more emotionally resilient and better able to make informed decisions about their health and wellbeing.			Y
Supporting achievement and academic attainment: All children and young people will leave school with the best skills and qualifications they can achieve and will be ready for independence, work or further learning.			Y
Empowering families to be strong and achieve economic wellbeing: More families will be empowered and able to deal with family issues and child poverty will be significantly reduced.			Y
Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):			
This report outlines the City's progress in relation to delivery of the national Troubled Families programme (known locally as Priority Families). It highlights key performance in relation to national targets and outcomes for families worked with to date, it outlines national and local developments and potential risks associated with the programme.			
Recommendations:			
1	For Children's Partnership Board to note the contents of this report in relation to the successes of the Priority Families Programme to date.		
2	For partner agencies to consider where they can support whole family approaches to supporting children and young people in the future.		

1. BACKGROUND AND PROPOSALS

- 1.1. This report relates to Phase 2 of the national Troubled Families which is planned to run from 2015-2020. The programme aims to, through local partnerships, deliver system transformation by embedding a whole family approach to working with our most complex children, young people and families. The aim is to work to identify parental and wider factors in family networks which impact on outcomes of children and young people and build a team around the family which can provide holistic support to address underlying contributory factors which affect the safety, wellbeing or achievement of the child or young person.
- 1.2. For Phase 2 of the national programme Nottingham City has a target to delivery significant and sustained progress for 3,840 families. The programme is funded by DCLG through 'attachment' fees (when we are working with a family) and payment by results (when we are able to demonstrate significant and sustained progress). We receive £1800 per family when we are able to demonstrate significant and sustained progress against all of the outcomes identified prior to our intervention or that a family member has achieved continuous employment and that the programme principles have been met. There are possible 36 outcomes in total, detailed in our local Troubled Families Outcomes Plan (TFOP), across six domains. For a family to be eligible for the programme they have to have two of the 36 outcomes identified across two members of the household.
- 1.3. Funding generated through the programme is used to pilot new ways of working, delivers training and workforce development across the partnership and funds a number of Priority Families Accredited Practitioners (APs) across the partnership.
- 1.4. For 2016/17 we were set national targets to work with 1136 families and to achieve significant and sustained progress for 546 families. We over-achieved against these targets as we worked with 1137 families and achieved progress for 654 families. Our attachment target for 2017/18 is 941 families. Since Phase Two began in 2015 we have achieved progress for 675 families and 175 of these have been for continuous employment.
- 1.5. 92.5% of cases in Phase Two of the programme are managed by colleagues within Nottingham City Council's Children's Integrated Services Directorate. Other partners, including Nottingham CityCare Partnership, Nottinghamshire Police and some schools, also hold a small number of cases.
- 1.6. The national Troubled Families Unit (TFU) at DCLG has recently been discussing potential changes to the funding framework for the programme. They have launched a new Maturity Model to judge progress of local areas against the service transformation element of the programme and it is likely that there will be a greater focus, including monitoring and reporting against a self-assessment, on this element in future. We have recently completed an initial baseline against the Maturity Model with partners and overall have self-assessed as 'maturing', although further work needs to be done to develop the evidence base for judgement.

2 RISKS

- 2.1. There are risks associated with any potential changes to the national funding framework for the programme as programme funding supports a significant amount of support to families in the City.
- 2.2. We are confident that, based on our previous successful work, we will meet all of our targets. However, it is worth noting that if the partnership does not achieve national targets

funding can be withheld by DCLG and this would reduce the support available to families in the City and outcomes for children and young people, as outlined in the CYPP, would be negatively impacted.

- 2.3. Programme funding ends in 2020 and so by this time whole family working will need to be embedded across partner agencies as financial support for services, training and workforce development will end.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Funding is available for service transformation, 'attachment' and on a payment by results basis. Over the life of the programme there is the potential to attract circa £7m of investment in system change and service transformation for the City. If targets are not met and funding is not secured this will impact on support available to families.

4 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None

5 CLIENT GROUP

- 5.1 Children, young people and families in all wards of the City can access Priority Families support if they meet the programme criteria. Citizens accessing the programme are likely to face complex and multiple challenges.

6 IMPACT ON EQUALITIES ISSUES

- 6.1 All citizens meeting the programme criteria, irrespective of ethnicity, race, faith, gender or sexuality, are able to access support through the programme.

7 OUTCOMES AND PRIORITIES AFFECTED

- 7.1 The Priority Families programme contributes to the all CYPP priorities.