

# CAF and Early Help Annual Report 2014/15

- *Ofsted focus and the early help offer*
- *Holistic understanding*
  - *Quantitative (CAF Central Records/Carefirst)*
  - *Quality assurance (NCSCB/ VCF)*
  - *Voice of children and families*
  - *Feedback from practitioners*

*WHAT DIFFERENCE HAVE WE MADE?*

## Quantitative overview

- *1489 Partnership and LA CAF's initiated*
- *1% decrease for Partnership and 10% decrease for LA could be attributed to Priority Family Assessments*
- *70.3% Local Authority and increase for Health visiting*
- *Education settings*
- *Initiation Reason (Education and Learning; Emotional and Behavioural Developments; Health; Basic care and protection)*
- *Increase in need being met from 64.1% to 77.9%*
- *Decrease in escalation 18.9 to 12.6% of cases*
- *Decrease in cases closed due to non-engagement 7.7% compared to 11.7%*

# Quality assurance

- *NCSCB 38 CAF audits*
  - *Storage and record retention*
  - *Good partnership working*
- *Local Authority Quality Assurance tracks improvement*
- *Feedback from practitioners*
  - *Increase in confidence through training and communication*

## Feedback from families

- The Local Authority CAF feedback
  - Closure where child/young person views an improvement 81.2% (782/963)
  - Closure where parent/carer views an improvement 76.7% (601/784)
- Non engagement has reduced from 99 to 36
- 71% of children/young people and 93% of parents/carers have been consulted on their views and wishes.
- NCSCB she no longer wanted to “***run away.***” and didn’t “***feel alone***”. She did wish that the CAF had started sooner.

# Conclusion

## ***What's working well?***

- *Improved quality assurance*
- *CAF training from January 2014*
- *SOS and voice of children and families*

## ***What difference has this made***

- *A more confident workforce*
- *High proportion shows children's needs are being met*
- *Appendix 1 increase in the quality of provision*
- *Health visiting service 42% increase*

# Recommendations

- *Partnership to update CAF central records*
- *CAF central records, CareFirst and Priority Families*
- *Partnership IT portal*
- *Virtuous learning and good practice examples*
- *LSCB training*
  - *Assessment analysis*
  - *Engaging children and families*
  - *Planning*
- *Continued audits and tracking QA framework*