



Meeting: Community Safety Partnership Board

Date: 27th March 2014

Report Title: Haringey Families First (HFF) performance highlight and exception report

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1. Purpose of the report

- To update the partnership on the progress of the Families First Programme
- To report the main highlights and areas of concern

2. State link(s) with Other Plan Priorities and actions and /or other Strategies

2.1. Addressing the prevention and reduction of crime, the fear of crime, the harm caused by drugs and alcohol; anti-social behaviour and reducing re-offending are priorities that sit under the Council Plan. These remain top priorities for residents. HFF is also helping to drive the Early Help agenda within children's services as well as the Corporate Prevention, Early Help and Intervention Strategy.

3. Recommendation

That the board note progress of the programme, and also the challenges in embedding whole family working across the partnership as well as in evaluating effectiveness of interventions.

4. Haringey Families First Cohort

Identifying Year 2 families

4.1 The latest data matching exercise in January 2014 has found an additional 100 families who qualify as Troubled Families. This brings the total number identified in Haringey to 814. Haringey is expected to find 850 troubled families.

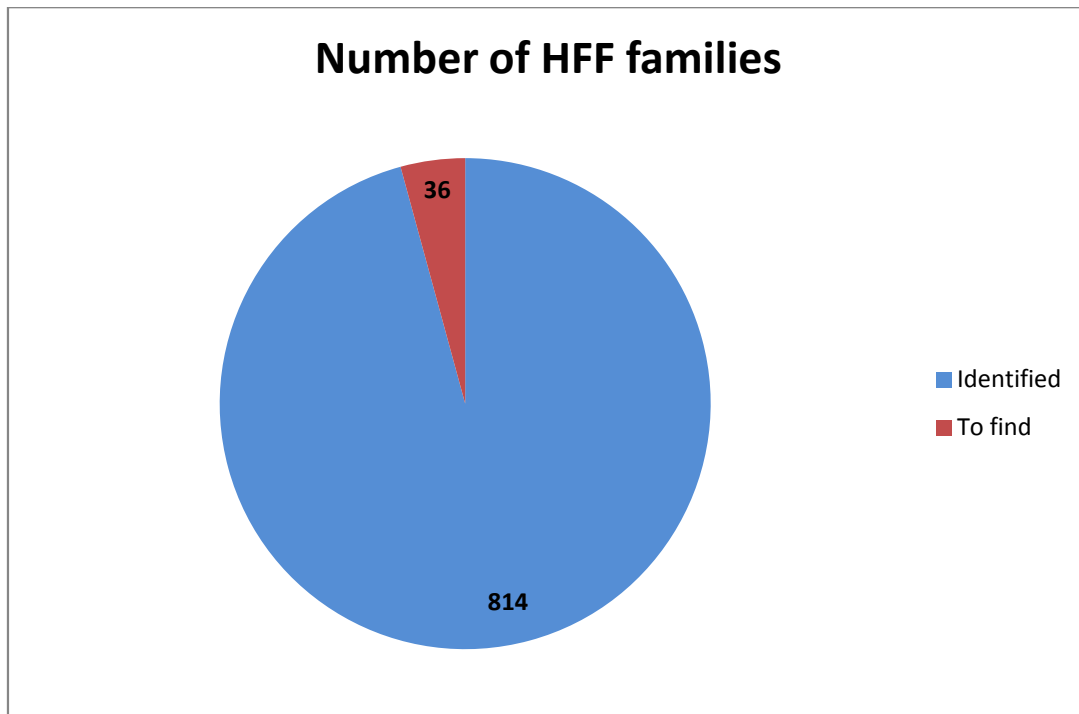


Fig 1: Number of families identified for HFF

The DCLG has requested that all local authorities should identify their quota of families by April 2014, to ensure that payment by results can be made for these families by April 2015.

The remaining families could be identified by the January 2014 school census, or with any additional referrals from other services or local authorities.

At least 20 families have moved out of Haringey since they were identified.

1. Lead worker

Haringey has identified 632 troubled families who had a lead worker or are currently being worked with. This equates to 75% of all identified families.

The DCLG has stated that by the end of March 2014, local authorities would need to be working with all of our year 1 and year 2 families, a total of 713 families.

Haringey is currently working with 88.6% of the year 1 and year 2 families. In order to qualify for the full up front funding for year 3, each local authority had to work with 85% of its year 1 and year 2 families so we have achieved this target.

Families who have qualified as troubled but have not received any support from Haringey have been written to offering HFF services.

2. Payment by results

The amount of payment differs based on the number of families that have already been claimed for. The first 288 families could attract a claim for a maximum of £800 per family. For the next 425 families we could claim £1600 per family and for the final 137 families we could claim £2400 per family. Haringey has moved into the year 2 payment by result amount. Haringey has made full payment by result claims for 312 families and minor claims for 15 families amounting to £200,400 so far.

Over the 3 year period of the programme it would be possible to claim £1.03m in payment by results.

- 293 families have been claimed under the improved education and reduction in ASB/youth crime result
- 19 have been claimed under the continuous employment criteria.

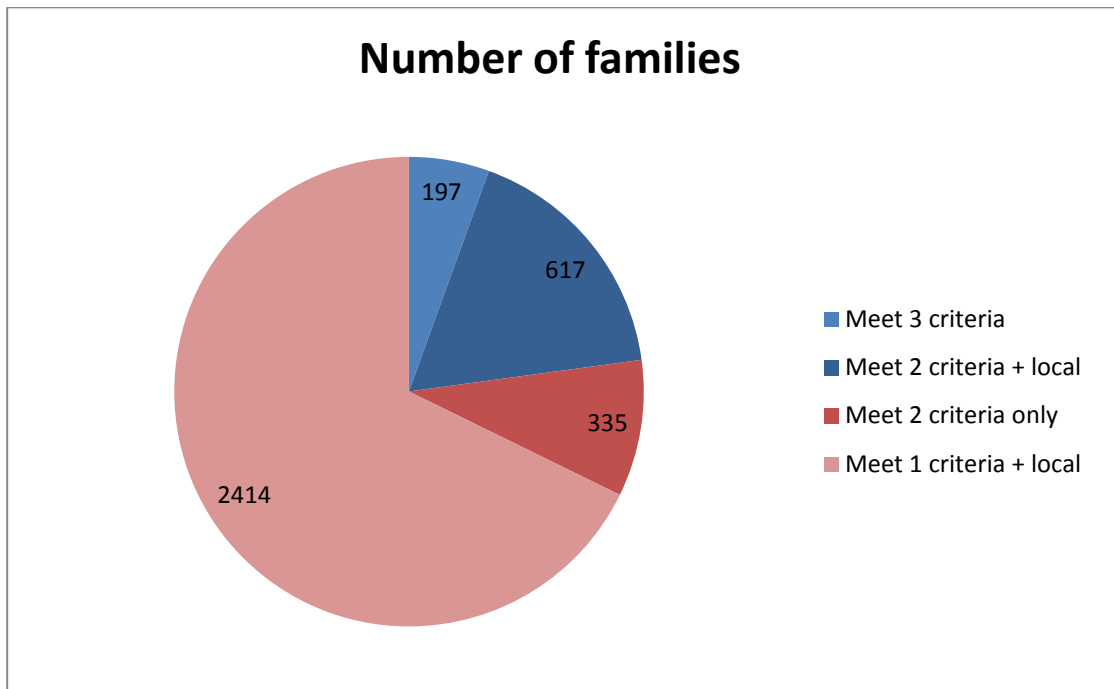
February 2014 payment by result breakdown

- 179 families have achieved the education, youth crime and ASB result
- 15 families have achieved the progress to work outcome
- 9 families who have already claimed an education/ASB/youth crime result subsequently moved off benefit and into employment
- 8 families have been claimed under the continuous employment result

Extension of the programme

The DCLG is consulting about the likelihood of extending the programme to help turn the lives around of 400,000 families, which means that Haringey would need to find at least an additional 2,000 families. It has not yet been decided which criteria will be used to find these families and so DCLG is still keen to hear ideas from LAs and their partners as to which criteria are likely to make the most difference to families. Progress would need to be easily measurable as the system of Payment By Results is highly likely to continue.

There are many families in Haringey who are on the fringe of qualifying for Troubled Families. There are 335 households who meet 2 of the DCLG criteria only (unemployment, education issue and/or youth crime/ASB). There are also 2,400 households who meet 1 DCLG criteria and local criteria.



4 Outstanding issues

- We need to decide as an authority how we want to reinvest the payment by results money back into the programme
- We need to make recommendations to DCLG regarding criteria for the extension of the programme
- We need, as a partnership, to find more effective strategies to embed integrated, Team around the Family interventions with an identified lead worker into the way that all services work with families.
- Evaluation of the effectiveness of interventions provided by all services in the partnership. While we are starting to get some case studies in relation to the families that the HFF Core Team is directly working with, it is also important that other service areas provide us with their examples of good practice with the families identified in the cohort. This will help us to objectively evaluate the interventions that achieve successful outcomes for families.