

Update and workshop outline for Community Safety Partnership 18/09/2014

Department for Communities and Local Government has recently confirmed that Haringey will be one of 50 Local Authorities identified as an Early Starter for the expansion of the Troubled Families Initiative.

This means that in addition to the 850 families we needed to work with in phase 1 of the programme, we will need to identify and work with 486 more families across the partnership between September 2014 and April 2015 when phase 2 will be rolled out to all LAs. Over the course of a proposed 5 year expansion, Haringey will be expected to work with 3,240 additional families and continue with the philosophy of whole family interventions (Team around the Family) with 1 lead worker and 1 multi-agency plan.

As early adopters we will be able to help shape and influence the programme moving forward. The expanded criteria still have a focus on crime, employment and education but also extend this to health, DV and adult offending. It is also trying to pick up earlier intervention with families and is putting responsibilities back onto LAs to decide which families to target and to demonstrate clear and sustained improved outcomes through multi-agency plans of interventions.

In Haringey, we will be aligning Families First with our overall development within Early Help including the Locality based Early Help forums. These are multi-agency hubs that develop an understanding of local need, ensure services are joined up around families and help partners to develop expert knowledge of their communities needs, services and any gaps in provision. They will also be problem solving forums on both an individual case basis and ideally an opportunity to align resources to influence future commissioning arrangements.

Given the work of Families First and the Tottenham Regeneration Programme, , there is a real opportunity to use the next CSP meeting to consider the following questions which I would like you to consider in advance of the meeting and be prepared to discuss in small groups in a workshop facilitated by Claire, Katherine and Jan:

- 1) How can we better align different multi-agency arrangements for individuals/families with “complex dependencies”**
- 2) What support would your service area need to ensure you are contributing to the target number of families by both taking on the lead professional role where appropriate or being part of a Team around the Family?**
- 3) How should services be redesigned to build capacity in communities?**
- 4) How can we achieve joint investment, alignment of budgets in early intervention and prevention to avoid escalation to specialist services and make savings to the public purse?**
- 5) How can your service and the work that you do contribute to the delivery of the ambition for Tottenham?**