

**What
Really
Matters?**

Budget Option
**Review
Commissioning
of Family
Support**

Savings

2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	TOTAL
£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
-	300	-	300

Option summary

The Council spends £3.1 million on Family support within Specialist Services. This budget option would see the Council make savings of £300,000 through more efficient and effective commissioning arrangements.

Family Support provides services to children in need. Services include supporting children in care with contact with their families, supporting children subject to a child protection plan and children with a disability. Family support also offers a range of interventions to support parents and foster carers.

Potential impact

Where children in care or vulnerable children in need require this support it will continue. The role of extended family members and foster carers in these areas will continue to be developed, where this is safe and feasible.

Reducing the impact

A reduction would be achieved through effective use of the skills of the workforce and targeted commissioning of specific areas of work such as supervised contact arrangements.