

Birkenhead Foundation Years Project milestones

| SERVICE OUTPUT and OUTCOME | September - December 2014 | Red, green, amber | Commentary |
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| Progress towards service level outputs - reaching and sustaining engagement with poorer families | Bump-Start: 72% of families supported meet 2 or more poverty indicators | Green | 23 families: 6 have not provided full monitoring data yet; 6 meet 1 poverty indicator; 5 meet 2; 9 meet all three. |
| | Read it Together @ groups: 25% of families meet 1 or more poverty indicators | Yellow | 14 families: 2 have not provided full monitoring data; all of the remainder meet one poverty indicator and 11 of the 12 live in social housing. <i>In discussion with social housing providers we have arrived at the conclusion that young families living in social housing will have a low income and that this status could be considered as a poverty measure in itself.</i> This shift in profile of the families we are supporting reflects the new focus on supporting families on the Beechwood estate. |
| | Home Play: 25% meet 1 or more poverty indicators | Yellow | 14 families: all bar one family live in social housing |
| | Play focussed groups: 78% of families meet 1 or more poverty indicator | Green | 54 families across 3 groups: as above, there is a strong shift here to supporting families living in social housing. Two families do not fall neatly into our poverty measures as they were mothers being supported in a fostering arrangement. |
| Impact on home learning environment | Secure referrals from a variety of services for families at levels 1 -2 of need | Red | The Bump-Start service continues to receive referrals at higher levels of need than we were targeting. This appears to reflect the priorities of referrers. We are confident that the service addresses real needs for those families. We continue to work on attracting referrals from lower level families to this service. Group-based services which do not rely on referrals are predominantly at Ls.1-2. |
| | Secure synergy of delivery with Children's Centres and specifically services focussed at a universal level | Red | We have delivered a taster at a Children's Centre and will build upon this start. |
| | Secure partnerships with schools to deliver in buildings previously occupied by Children's Centres and to develop services which complement the school's Foundation Stage delivery. | Green | The partnership with a single school on the Beechwood estate this quarter got off to a very productive start, including work at the Foundation Stage in direct support of the school's delivery. Contacts with other schools will be pursued energetically but external events continue to make this complicated. |
| | Activities to engage parents with 'fun' piloted | Green | Activities on the Beechwood estate 20+ families involved. |
| | Initial programme for play activity on Beechwood estate planned | Green | The initial programme successfully delivered and extended plans for 2015 are developed. |
| | 30 or more families attend groups | Green | 59 families attended groups: St James Centre; Priory School; Rock Ferry Children's Centre - two locations new to the project this quarter which will be the focus of future development. This is a 59% increase on the previous quarter. |
| | 8 or more families receive one-to-one support | Red | 4 families received one-to-one support, half the number in the previous quarter. Long-term staff sickness affected the service and we are reviewing the management of delivery. |
| | Impact on parental warmth and sensitivity | Secure referrals from midwives and health visitors for antenatal support | Green |
| Secure shared data relating to pregnancy and births from Arrowe Park and 121 midwives. Needed for evaluation and planning. | | Yellow | Commitment to data sharing with Arrowe Park was agreed in principle prior to the project's start. This has been slow to achieve but we believe that there will be progress on this front soon. |

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| Impact on parental warmth and sensitivity | Deliver 1 Reflective Parenting programme | | A programme was piloted with very low numbers but has been used to test delivery in a different format going forward. |
| Impact on parental mental health and wellbeing | 20 or more families receiving one-to-one antenatal support support | | 23 families are now receiving support, a 92% increase on the previous quarter. |
| Influence multi-agency collaboration around school readiness | Collaborative work with Springfield Nursery at Beechwood agreed | | No new developments this quarter. |
| | Meeting with hospital maternity service to discuss action in response to maternity report | | No developments. |
| | Baby to Toddler consultation questionnaire piloted. | | 10 pilot questionnaires completed and reviewed. |