



# The Future of Troubled Families: Supporting Families with Multiple Disadvantages

A Public Policy Exchange Symposium

**Thursday 25th January 2018**

**10:15am – 4:30pm**

**Central London**

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## Overview

The 'Troubled Families Programme' is a targeted government intervention for families with multiple problems including crime, anti-social behaviour, truancy, unemployment, mental health problems, and domestic abuse. Local authorities engaged with 120,000 families during the first phase from 2012-2015, and claimed to 'turn around' approximately 99% of those identified and supported.

However, analysis commissioned by the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) and undertaken by Ecorys questioned the validity of these claims, and highlighted a lack of "consistent evidence that the programme had any significant or systematic impact". These findings were corroborated by independent research from the NIESR, exposing the £1bn flagship initiative to significant criticism and leading to the 'Troubled Families Inquiry' conducted by the Public Accounts Committee.

In April 2017, the DCLG published the first annual report on the next stage of this programme, rolled out across all upper tier local authorities in England in April 2015, and aiming to achieve sustained progress with 400,000 families by 2020. This agenda seeks to transform the way public services are delivered, with holistic interventions reducing demand for reactive services, and subsequently achieving savings for the tax payer. The first evaluation report evidences positive effects for both families and services, with nearly 44,000 families making significant and sustained progress.

Whilst the efficacy of this initiative may remain unclear, the multiple disadvantages on which the criteria for a 'troubled family' is based, are still having a detrimental impact on the lives of many households in England. There are 3 million households (14.5%) where no member of the family has employment (ONS, 2017), with 1.3 million children living in workless households. In 2016, 2 million adults in the UK experienced domestic violence (ONS, 2016). School truancy continues to rise, with 20,000 people taken to court in 2015. It is therefore obvious that the integrated service provision encouraged by the Troubled Families programme is desperately required to tackle a cycle of deprivation and improve life chances nationwide.

With the Troubled Families programme set to run until 2020, this symposium will provide practitioners across local authorities, the police, social services, education, welfare and the housing sector with a timely and invaluable opportunity to learn from the first stage of this scheme and discuss how to effectively galvanise a range of local services around families in order to turn their lives around.

*"This Government is determined to build a country that works for everyone. We want a fairer Britain in which everyone – even those who face huge barriers to fulfilling their potential – can go as far as their talents and hard work will take them".*

- Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP

Secretary of State Department for Communities and Local Government

April 2017

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## Why Attend?

- ✓ Assess the progress made on the second phase of the Troubled Families Programme
- ✓ Review the recommendations of the national evaluation report
- ✓ Examine ways to enhance multi-agency working to transform the health, social and financial circumstances of those families
- ✓ Understand how to carry out a robust assessment of needs using the broadened criteria of a 'troubled family' Share best practice and discuss innovative strategies to improve the lives of families with complex disadvantages
- ✓ Consider ways to support families in navigating services and find practical pathways to employment
- ✓ Explore how to deliver an effective whole family intervention approach
- ✓ Identify ways to improve educational attainment and child welfare

## Who Should Attend?

- Troubled Family Teams
- Adult Mental Health Professionals
- Mental Health Teams
- CAMHS Practitioners and Professionals including Parental Support Workers
- Child and Family Health Teams
- Child Protection Teams
- Safeguarding Teams
- Childcare Development Teams
- Children's and Youth Services
- Children's Centre Teams
- Commissioning and Delivery Teams
- Common Assessment Framework Teams (CAFs)
- Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT)
- Family Support Workers
- DIPs (Drug Intervention Programmes)
- Early Intervention and Prevention Teams
- Domestic Violence Teams
- Early Support Programme Workers
- Early Years Practitioners and Professionals
- Education Welfare Teams
- Educational Family Support Worker
- Parent Support Advisors
- Home-School Link Workers
- Educational Psychologists
- Family and Systemic Psychotherapists
- Family Information Service Workers
- Family Intervention Project Workers
- Family Nurse Partnership Practitioners
- Family Pathfinder Workers
- Family Support and Outreach Teams
- Health Visitors
- Midwives
- Ante-Natal Teachers
- Inclusion Teams
- CAF/CASS Workers
- Integrated Offender Management Services
- Local Safeguarding Children Boards
- Youth Justice Liaison Officers
- Youth Offending Teams
- Integrated Strategic Services
- Multi-Systemic Therapy Worker (MST Worker)
- Neighbourhood and Community Services

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## Programme

09:30	Registration and Morning Refreshments
10:15	Chair's Welcome and Introduction
10:30	<b>Panel Session One:</b> <b>The Troubled Families Programme: Assessing Lessons Learned and Building Future Success</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Troubled Families Programme 2015-2020: Assess the key findings of the national evaluation report</li><li>• Understanding 'Troubled Families': Analysing the complex and acute disadvantages of targeted families</li><li>• Tackling Reactive Demand and Supporting Families at the Earliest Opportunity: Enhancing whole family intervention practice</li><li>• Carrying out robust evaluation: Understanding how to apply the broadened criteria on what constitutes a Troubled Family when carrying out assessments</li><li>• Delivering a Joined Up Approach: Improving information sharing between agencies to strengthen workforce capability and leadership</li></ul>
11:15	Morning Refreshments
11:30	<b>Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel One</b>
12:30	Networking Lunch
13:30	<b>Panel Session Two:</b> <b>Transforming Support for Families with Multiple Disadvantages: Implementing a "Whole Family Approach"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Benefits, Employment and Housing: Supporting families to navigate services and find practical pathways to employment</li><li>• School Attendance and Child Welfare: Supporting children in need, raising aspirations and improving educational attainment</li><li>• Criminal and Anti-Social Behaviour: Minimising the contact of adults and children with police and the criminal justice system</li><li>• Health, Well-Being and Family Relationships: Helping families to overcome alcohol and drug misuse, poor mental and emotional health, and build positive relationships</li><li>• Sharing best practice: Discussing innovative strategies improving the lives of families with multiple disadvantages</li></ul>
14:15	Afternoon Refreshments
14:30	<b>Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel Two</b>
15:30	Chair's Summary and Closing Comments
15:40	Networking Reception
16:30	Close

*\*Please note that the programme is subject to change without notice\**

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**7th November 2017**



Considering the Future of Higher Education in post-Brexit Britain: Assessing Challenges and Opportunities  
**8th November 2017**

The Future of the NHS post-Brexit: Analysing the Impact upon Recruitment, Research and Resources  
**9th November 2017**

Revitalising UK Midwifery: Transforming Maternity Services to Improve Quality, Safety and Choice  
**14th November 2017**

Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons in Custody: Reducing Deaths, Self-Harm and Assaults  
**15th November 2017**

Digital Transformation in Local Government: Unlocking the Potential of Data on the Local Level  
**16th November 2017**

The Future of British High Streets: Working in Partnership to Revitalise and Modernise Town Centres  
**21st November 2017**

Working in Partnership to Tackle Alcohol Dependency and Abuse: Harm Prevention, Treatment and Recovery  
**22nd November 2017**

Putting Children First: Improving Outcomes for Looked After Children  
**28th November 2017**

Ensuring High Quality Careers Guidance: Reviewing the New Government Strategy and Supporting Young People to Achieve their Potential  
**30th November 2017**

Air Pollution in the UK Post-Brexit: Tackling air pollution and delivering a cleaner, greener and healthier future for the UK  
**5th December 2017**