

## Nottinghamshire Child Poverty and Life Chances Action Plan – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017

This action plan is part of the Notts Child Poverty Strategy and is performance managed and developed by the Nottinghamshire Child Poverty Reference Group

This action plan has been informed by the Child Poverty and Life Chances Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2016. This can be found here:  
<http://jsna.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/insight/Strategic-Framework/Nottinghamshire-JSNA.aspx>

For more information for professionals please go to:

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/childrens-social-care/nottinghamshire-childrens-trust/child-poverty>

Information for children, young people and families is available at: [www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk/](http://www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk/)

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<b>Children and Families experience fewer negative outcomes from the effects of poverty (Short term)</b>	<p>That staff recognise the importance of tackling child poverty in improving outcomes for families</p> <p>Ensure all frontline staff are aware of the effects of poverty on families and what they can do to mitigate against the effects of poverty</p>	<p>Continue to roll out child poverty awareness training for staff working with children and families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be 6 workshops this year</li> <li>• 460 professionals will participate in workshops</li> <li>• There will be 10 facilitators trained to lead the workshops</li> <li>• 90% of participants state they have improved techniques to mitigate the effects of poverty</li> </ul>	<p>Child Poverty Facilitators sub group and NCC Child Poverty Lead</p> <p>NCC Early Childhood Services Locality Managers</p>	April 2017	Impact evaluations post events demonstrate practitioners are applying learning from workshops to practice with families

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<p><b>Cont/d ...</b></p> <p><b>Children and Families experience fewer negative outcomes from the effects of poverty (Short term)</b></p>	<p>Increase families' money management skills and build financial resilience for children and families in poverty.</p> <p>Families receive high quality support in a timely way</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local partners are aware of and using money management tools in their settings</li> <li>Data around the nature of money advice issues including debt is routinely collected and shared with the Child Poverty Reference Group</li> <li>Staff in all services are aware of the Notts Help yourself website and routinely signpost families there for advice.</li> <li>Information on credit unions is added to Notts Help Yourself website</li> <li>Information is targeted to families during times of financial burden</li> <li>Update post - Christmas support leaflets and circulate to partners and through the Notts Help Yourself website.</li> </ul>	<p>NCC Child Poverty Lead</p> <p>NCC Early Childhood Services Locality Managers and Family Information Service (Inspire), District money advisers, NCC Family Service, Citizens Advice Bureau</p> <p>NCC Child Poverty Lead and Family Information Service (Inspire)</p> <p>NCC Early Childhood Services Locality Managers, District Children and Families Locality Management Groups</p>	<p>December 2016</p> <p>January 2017</p> <p>March 2017</p> <p>March 2017</p> <p>November 2016</p>	<p>More families report increased confidence in money management</p> <p>Data is used to identify levels of financial inclusion in each district and to inform service planning</p> <p>All services are aware of financial support for families</p>

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<b>Families and Children are able to move out of poverty (medium term)</b>	Increase families' income and outcomes through tackling fuel poverty.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with partners to identify where families are affected by fuel poverty.</li> <li>Support and interventions to tackle fuel poverty are effectively promoted to families experiencing fuel poverty.</li> </ul>	NCC Public Health, NCC Child Poverty Lead, District Councils; Local Energy Partnerships	December 2016	Localities where families are most affected by Fuel Poverty levels are identified
	Increase families' income and outcomes through tackling food poverty.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Map community kitchen provision across the County to help shape service planning.</li> <li>Improve data collection around the nature and extent of food poverty in families with children</li> <li>Explore the role of schools, children's centres and the local authority in tackling holiday hunger</li> </ul>	NCC Public Health & NCC Child Poverty Lead, voluntary and community sector	December 2016	Fuel Poverty levels decline across Nottinghamshire (measured annually).  A clear picture of services to tackle food poverty is developed across the County
	Move parents into sustained employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish referral routes for services to employment support for parents with mental health issues</li> </ul>	Children's Centre Services & NCC Child Poverty Lead  NCC Family Service, Department for Work & Pensions	October 2016  December 2016	A comprehensive understanding of the causes of food poverty is developed across the County.  Data and knowledge of existing services informs effective service planning re

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<p>Cont/d ...</p> <p>Families and Children are able to move out of poverty (medium term)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove the barrier of the cost of childcare for working parents with a sustained increase in the number of 3 and 4 year olds (whose parents are in work) accessing 15 hours of free childcare.</li> <li>Promote the new extended childcare offer to parents to enable them to increase their working hours by accessing 30 hours of childcare a week from September 2017.</li> </ul>	<p>All NCC services and Children's Centre Services</p> <p>All NCC Children's Services staff , Children's Centre Service, NCC Economic Development</p>	<p>December 2016</p> <p>July 2017</p>	<p>food poverty</p> <p>All services working with families are aware of who provides employment support for parents with mental health difficulties and these parents receive timely support</p> <p>100% of eligible 3 and 4 year olds accessing 15 hours free childcare</p> <p>70% of low income families take up additional 15 hours childcare</p>

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<b>The Cycle of Poverty is broken as children are prevented from becoming poor adults (Long term)</b>	Children and young people in poverty have improved educational outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 year olds from low income groups access their free childcare and early education entitlements using early years settings that are 'good' or 'outstanding'</li> </ul>	All CFCS services and Children's Centres	July 2017	80% of eligible 2 year olds accessing their free early education entitlements (measured quarterly). The gap is narrowed for children gaining a good level of development at Key Stage 1
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the parents pledge to promote the uptake of free school meals</li> </ul>	NCC Child Poverty Lead	December 2016	Parents are aware of services to help them and their families to be school ready and job ready.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore how data sharing could be used to identify those who are eligible for free school meals</li> </ul>	Nottinghamshire Closing the Gap Board, District Councils	December 2016	The attainment gap between FSM and non-FSM pupils is narrowed
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pilot poverty proofing audit tool with schools</li> </ul>	NCC Child Poverty Lead, NCC School Improvement, schools	December 2016	Schools are able to identify low cost and no cost ideas to improve disadvantaged children experience of school

**This action plan complements and has interdependencies with the following plans and strategies**

- Nottinghamshire Early Years Improvement Plan 2016-17
- Nottinghamshire Closing the Gap Strategy 2014
- District/ Borough Council plans
- Nottinghamshire Children, Young People and Families Plan 2016-18
- Nottinghamshire Children and Young People's Mental and Emotional Wellbeing Strategy 2014-16
- NCC Family Outcomes Plan 2016

#### **Glossary**

*CFCS Children, Families and Cultural Services*

*FIS Families Information Service*

*FSM Free School Meals*

*NCC Nottinghamshire County Council*