

Health and Wellbeing Board

Troubled Families Programme

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**Nottinghamshire
County Council**

National Agenda

“I set this ambition: by the end of this Parliament, I want us to try and turn around every troubled family in the country.”

David Cameron December 2010

PM formally launches the Troubled Families Programme during speech post “disturbances” - August 2011

Troubled Families team write to Local Authority Chief Executives – December 2011

Local Context: Nottinghamshire

- 120,000 troubled families in England
- 1,580¹ troubled families in Nottinghamshire (1.3% of national total)
- Costing Nottinghamshire £118.5m¹ per year (£75,000¹ per family per year)

¹ = Government estimates

Troubled Families Programme

- What?
 - ‘Turning around lives’:
 - Adults into work
 - Children at school
 - Cutting crime and ASB
 - Cutting costs and saving money
- Why?
 - These families **have** lots of problems and **cause** lots of problems:
 - Known to many agencies
 - Known to their long suffering neighbours
 - Draining budgets of hard pressed services
 - Avoid the risk of children leading the same disruptive and harmful lives as their parents

Costs for local and national agencies

| | Organisation Bearing Cost | Cost |
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| Youth Crime | Youth Offending Team | £1,102- £31,865/ annum |
| Truancy | School, Local Authority | £44,468/ lifetime |
| Noise – including staff time and prosecution | Local authority, social landlord | £624.69 - £12,994/incident |
| Neighbourhood disputes, nuisance behaviour | Local authority, social landlord, Police | £778- £9,500 |
| Mental Health Services | Primary Care Trust, Mental Health Trust | £2,740/case plus £81/ per hour |
| Drug and Alcohol Services | Primary Care Trust, Mental Health Trust, voluntary sector | Methadone maintenance Health Service £48/week Residential rehabilitation £717/week |
| Child being taken into care | Local authority | £36,653/year |
| Social care | Social Services | Social worker £58/ 30 mins, Psychiatrist Social worker £108/30mins, |
| Other support | Local Authority, RELATE, Citizens Advice Bureau | Housing Benefit/other adviser £16/30 mins Voluntary sector worker £8 0.5/30 mins |

The National Offer – 3 Yr Programme

1. Money:

2011/12: £20k per LA preparation funding (top tier)

2012/13 to 2014/15:

- £370m via PbR (40% cost of intervention) – estimate £4.8m over 3 years for Nottinghamshire, based on 1.3% of troubled families living in Nottinghamshire
- £50m for Troubled Families Co-ordinators (£175k for Nottinghamshire over 3 years)
- £228m ESF Programme

2. A new relationship

Agreements with local authorities on how to work together, and how the money will work:

- complimentary national and local focus
- national evidence to support local plans and business cases

What are we doing in Nottinghamshire?

- Aligned leadership of the programme with Family Intervention Programme (FIP) based in Children's Social Care
- Recruited a commercial analyst post to work with partners to verify and identify Nottinghamshire's 1580 “troubled families” (£20k in 2011/12 to do this)
- Begun the recruitment process for a senior colleague to lead local programme of action (£175k funding per year)

Next Steps in Nottinghamshire?

- Appoint Troubled Families Co-ordinator
- Establish Troubled Families Executive Partnership Group to:
 - Verify Nottinghamshire’s “Troubled Families”
 - Agree scope of local Troubled Families Programme with Partners and Government
 - Develop Troubled Families Business Plan
 - Align with existing work, including Think Family