

Request for Information: Ref NCC-026255-17

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act for information about the first phase of the troubled Families Programme which ran from 2012 to April 2015. You asked;

1. Could you please tell me in how many of the families you claimed for 'turning around' in the first phase of the Troubled Families Programme, via the crime / anti-social behaviour / education result (i.e. not the 'continuous employment' measure), the education element had become 'neutral' due to a child of concern leaving school during the course of the programme, and there being no other children in the household whose school attendance was required to improve in order to meet the 'success' criteria.

2. Could you please also tell me in how many of the above cases the education measure becoming neutral was the only change that occurred in respect of the crime/anti-social behaviour/education result.

Your authority will hold this information as it will have been submitted to DCLG in order to claim Payment by Results funding, and it will have had to have been internally audited prior to this submission. If you require any clarification regarding my request, please do not hesitate to contact me and I apologise in advance if I have caused any confusion.

I am pleased to advise that we are now able to provide the following information;

At the end of Nottinghamshire's Phase one troubled families programme, 1319 Troubled Families were 'turned around' in terms of achieving crime/anti-social behaviour/education result. (out of the total of 1580 Successful 'Turn arounds').

If there was a school leaver in the household, we could make it a claim if there was originally crime in the same household and this was reduced and the school leaver was not NEET (i.e. they were in college, on a training programme or found a job).

I refer you to the paragraph below taken from the troubled families financial framework, for which we returned information back to DCLG, at no point in time we were asked to monitor what you refer to "education measure becoming neutral", these were not tracked and we are unable to supply this information.

"Identify households affected by truancy or exclusion from school, where a child:

Has been subject to permanent exclusion; three or more fixed school exclusions across the last 3 consecutive terms;

OR

Is in a Pupil Referral Unit or alternative provision because they have previously been excluded;
OR is not on a school roll;

AND/OR

A child has had 15%2 unauthorised absences or more from school across the last 3 consecutive terms."

We had to record the following progress information and a breakdown of our final figures at the end of the phase 1 programme were as follows:

Total number of families = 1580

Number of families identified = 1580

Number of families worked with = 1580

Number of families achieving crime/anti-social behaviour/education result = 1319

Number of families achieving continuous employment result = 261

Total number of families turned around = 1580

Number of families achieving progress = 204

I hope that you find this information to be helpful. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been dealt with, please email us at foi@nottscc.gov.uk