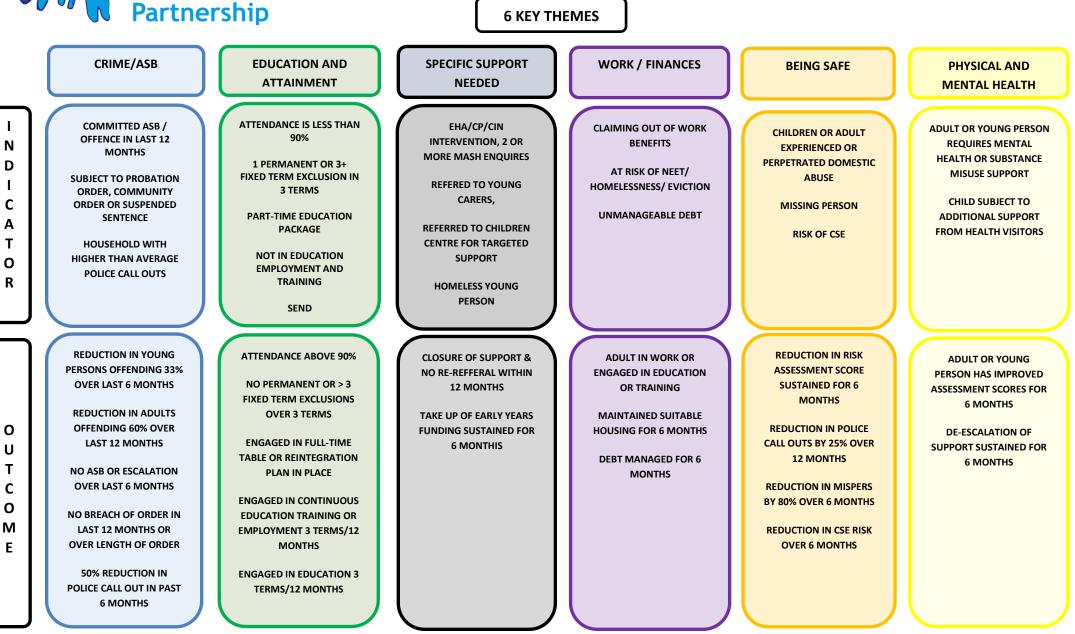


## Supporting (Troubled) Families in Devon a One minute Guide



**TROUBLED FAMILIES IN DEVON.** Our Early Help system in Devon is made up of service users, community resources, and universal service providers and targeted services working together to enable families to manage their own dilemmas and solve their own problems. Our Early Help offer is underpinned by the expanded <u>National Troubled Families programme 6 Key themes</u> that are embedded within our Devon Early Help systems and processes and take <u>a whole</u> <u>family approach to support</u>;

- 1. Parents or children are involved in crime or anti-social behaviour. Crime and ASB
- 2. Children not attending school regularly or are being excluded. Education and Attainment
- 3. Children who need help (Vulnerable Children). Specific Support Needed
- 4. At least one adult is out of work, young people are at risk of unemployment, and families are experiencing financial exclusion. Work /Finances
- 5. There is domestic violence and abuse, risk of CSE or missing children and young people. Being Safe
- 6. Individuals have a range of health problems, physical or mental health. Physical and Mental Health

To be eligible for the Troubled Families programme a family needs to meet at <u>least 2 out of the 6 key themes</u> which could increase as further needs is uncovered. Success need to apply to <u>ALL</u> family members. The new Right for Children Early Help case recording system, Early Help tools, Assessment and Plan/Review, are designed to support the expanded Troubled Families programme and ensure families receive co-ordinated multi-agency support. Improving outcomes for families also enables Devon to access additional funding through payment by results claims (PBR) that go towards supporting the Early Help system and on-going support to families. We need to evidence <u>successful outcomes for all members of a family.</u> These need to be sustained. Families for whom a PBR claim is being made must also meet <u>4 key Principles</u> that include:

- 1. There will have been an Assessment that takes into account the needs of the whole family;
- 2. There is an Action Plan that takes account of all (relevant) family members;
- 3. There is a Lead Worker that is recognised by the family and other professionals involved with the family;
- 4. The objectives in the family action plan are aligned to those in the area's Troubled Families Outcomes Plan (Early Help Outcomes Plan).

SO WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR <u>YOU</u> THE PRACTITIONER?	
Think - WHOLE FAMILY	FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE DEVON EARLY HELP SYSTEM, OFFER, EARLY
Think - THE 6 KEY THEMES	HELP LEAFLET FOR FAMILIES AND THE FULL DEVON TROUBLED FAMILIES OUTCOMES PLAN CAN BE FOUND AT THE DEVON SAFEGUARDING CHILDRENS
Think - RIGHT FOR CHILDREN, ASSESSMENT AND PLAN	BOARD WEBSITE UNDER EARLY HELP:
Think - LEAD PRACTITIONER	http://www.devonsafeguardingchildren.org/workers-volunteers/early-help/
Think - SIGNIFICANT & SUSTAINED ENGAGEMENT /OUTCOMES	