

Troubled Families

Phase 2



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“Our ambition is to create a Borough that is more confident, more vibrant and more successful than ever before. A place where people prosper and grow, where they feel happy, safe and healthy.

A place where people can see that our drive, integrity and imagination have delivered genuine improvement and exceptional value for money. A place that every single one of us is proud of. This is our vision.

We’re on with it.”



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Background

December 2010 1st phase of Troubled Families announced by government

Priorities were families who were:

- responsible for causing problems
- costing society a large amount of money in terms of services dealing with them
- households involved in crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB)
- children not in school
- adult on out of work benefits

Stockton Borough Council received funding to undertake this work. Delivery was contracted out to 13 Care & Support and Synergy Consortium.

- 5 year continuation announced in December 2014 to cover 2015 - 2020

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Troubled Families Phase 2 is projected for 5 years, 2015 – 2020, and has broader national criteria than Phase 1:

- Parents and children involved in crime or anti-social behaviour
- Children who have not been attending school regularly
- Children who need help (children of all ages who need help, those identified as 'in need' or subject to a Child Protection Plan)
- Adults out of work or at risk of financial exclusion or young people at risk of worklessness
- Families affected by domestic violence and abuse
- Parents and children with a range of health problems

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The Troubled Families programme will continue to engage and support families with multiple problems who are most likely to benefit from an integrated, whole family approach, and the families who are high cost to the public purse by:

- responding to local need in a clearly targeted way
- being coordinated across partner agencies to ensure a menu or pathway of support for children and families
- empowering parents and families to take responsibility for their children
- focusing on clearly demonstrating an impact on outcomes for children, young people and their families.

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This strategy forms part of a wider strategic approach to supporting children and families in Stockton-On-Tees which includes:

- Stockton-On-Tees Local Safeguarding Children Board Business Plan
- Stockton-On-Tees Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Stockton Borough Council's Corporate Plan

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Identification of Families

matrix system based on

- The primary indicators set out by CLG (Dept. for Communities and Local Government) for phase 1
- New phase 2 indicators added
- A weighting system applied to identify the most complex families

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Additional resources

- 5 years funding
- Two seconded DWP/Job Centre Plus workers
- Two Data Analysts

Will continue to be delivered by 13 Care & Support and Synergy Consortium but some in-house delivery will take place maximising existing external funding

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Statistics

- Phase 1 saw 455 families turned around
- Phase 2 to work with and turn around 1,480 families
- To date on Phase 2 - 89 families turned around

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Summary

- Troubled Families to continue until 2020
- Meeting all targets and demonstrating turned around families
- Full integration with Early Help Strategy