Reading Supporting Families Programme Outcome Plan Brighter Futures for Children

The Supporting Families programme is supporting families with a range of needs, changing lives and services for the better. There are two key objectives, for families to achieve significant and sustained progress and for local services to transform the way public services work for and with families to take an integrated 'whole family' approach.

The outcomes plan sets out the Reading indicators used to identify families and the successful outcome measures against the six headline areas of the programme. The outcomes plan aligns with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) Programme Guidance (2021).

A Family must include dependent children and/or expectant parents and experience difficulties in at least at least two of the following areas:

- 1. Staying Safe in the Community: parents or children involved in crime or anti-social behaviour
- 2. Getting a good education and skills for life: children who have not been attending school regularly.
- 3. Improving children's life chances: children how need additional support, from the earliest years to adulthood.
- 4. Improving living standards: families experiencing or at risk of worklessness, homelessness or financial difficulties.
- 5. Staying safe in relationships: families effected by domestic abuse
- 6. Living well, improving physical and mental health and wellbeing: parents and children with a range of health needs.

These principles apply to all families:

- a) There is whole family assessment
- b) There is a plan that takes account of all relevant family members
- c) There is a lead/key worker that is recognised by the family
- d) The objectives in the family plan are aligned to the indicators and outcomes in this plan (Reading Outcome Plan)

Reading Supporting Families Programme Outcome Plan

Family Headline One.

Staying Safe in the Community: Parents or children involved in crime or anti-social behaviour.

- a) A child or adult who has committed a proven offence in the previous 6 months.
- b) An adult or child who has committed an Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) incident in the last 6 months.
- c) Adults or children identified by a professional because their potential crime problem or offending behaviour is of equivalent concern to indicators above.
- d) An adult prisoner who is less than 12mths from his/her release date and will have parenting responsibilities on release.

Family Headline One.

Staying Safe in the Community: Parents or children involved in crime or anti-social behaviour.

Outcome Measure	Source of Information
1.1 No additional members of the family become known to the Criminal Justice System in the 6 months prior to the report.	Thames Valley Police (Adults)
	Youth Offending Service (Young People)
Linked to Indicators: a	
1.2. Overall level of proven offending across the family has reduced by at least 33% in the past six months, compared to the overall level of proven offending in the six-month period before that.	Thames Valley Police (Adults)
	Youth Offending Service (Young People)
Linked to Indicators: a	
1.3. Incidents of ASB have reduced by 66% in the past six months, compared to the level in the six	Reading Borough Council ASB Team and
month period before that.	Housing Providers
Linked to Indicators: b	
1.4 Evidence that potential crime problem or offending behaviour has reduced and/or no longer	Key worker/Lead Practitioner assessment
a risk.	
Linked to Indicator: c	

Family Headline Two.

Getting a good education and skills for life; children who have not been attending school regularly

- a) A child who is persistently absent from school, achieving less than 90% average attendance during the last 3 terms *.
- b) A child who has received at least three fixed term exclusions within the last 3 terms *.
- c) A child who has been permanently excluded from school in last 3 terms *.
- d) A child nominated by an educational professional or lead professional as having school attendance problems of equivalent concerns to the indicators above because he / she is not receiving a suitable full-time education.
- e) Child attends designated Pupil Referral Unit or missing education or is electively home educated.
- * All '3 terms' periods are calculated based upon a twelve-month calendar period, corresponding to the duration of a full school year.

Family Headline Two.

Getting a good education and skills for life; children who have not been attending school regularly SEE APPENDIX A

Outcomes:

Outcome Measure	Source of Information
2.1 Each child in the family has attended more than 90% of sessions in the last 3 consecutive	School Census
terms *.	
	Education Welfare Service
Linked to Indicators: a	
2.2 Each child in the family has had fewer than three fixed term exclusions in the last 3 school	Brighter Futures for Children
terms *.	
Linked to Indicators: b	
2.3 None of the children in the family have been permanently excluded from school in the last 3	Brighter Futures for Children
schools terms *.	
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Linked to Indicators: c	
2.4 Child is on school roll <i>or</i> confirmation that education provision is suitable <i>or</i> negative impact	Brighter Futures for Children
of child's attendance has reduced in cases where attendance has been significantly lower than	
normal (below 60%)	Key worker/lead Professional assessment
Linked to indicator: e & d	

All '3 terms' periods are calculated based upon a twelve-month calendar period, corresponding to the duration of a full school year.

Family Headline Three.

Improving children's life chances; children who need additional support, from the earliest years to adulthood.

- a) A child or family who have been identified as needing early help (Early Help Enquiry, Early Help Assessment, Outcome Star, one or more occasions assessed under S17 or 47 but not deemed 'in need')
- b) A child in need under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989
- c) A child who has been subject to an enquiry under Section 47, The Children Act 1989 or subject to a child protection plan.
- d) A family where a child has been reported as missing.
- e) A family where a child has been identified as being at risk of exploitation or neglect.
- f) A family with a child who has been identified as having speech, language and communication needs. [This includes children not reaching the threshold in the communication domain at the 2yr child and without an EHCP.]
- g) A family who is or has been entitled to 15hrs of free early education for two, three- or four-year olds and it has not been taken up.
- h) A family identified as benefiting from Universal Plus or Universal Partnership Plus by Health professional.
- i) Children with SEND, including social, emotional and mental health needs.
- j) Children who did not achieve a good level of development at age 5.
- k) Children affected by parental conflict.

Family Headline Three.

Improving children's life chances; children who need additional support, from the earliest years to adulthood.

Outcome Measure	Source
3.1 The Early Help case is closed and/or stepped down to Team Around the Family and there are	Brighter Futures for Children - Mosaic
no repeat referrals in the following six months that lead to a further case allocation to Brighter	
Futures for Children early help or children social care service.	
Linked to Indicator: a, h & k	
3.2 The Child Protection plan or Children in Need plan has reduced in intensity for six months	Brighter Futures for Children – Mosaic
and no further escalation has taken place. E.g. CP Plan steps down to a CIN Plan, CIN Plan to	
Early Help or plan ended.	
Linked to Indicators: b & c	
3.3 Child reported as missing are identified and supported to stay safe and incidents have	Thames Valley Police
reduced by 50% in the past six months, compared to the level in the six months before that.	
	Brighter Futures for Children - Mosaic
Linked to Indicator: d	
3.4 Children in the family are assessed that the risk of exploitation or neglect has reduced, and	SEMRAC
their situation has stabilised.	
	Brighter Futures for Children - Mosaic
Linked to Indicator: e	
	Key Worker/Lead Practitioner assessment
3.5 Family are making use of services or financial assistance to which they are entitled.	Brighter Futures for Children – Early
	Years' Service
Linked to Indicators: g & h	
	Public Health
3.6 Family take part in Tiny Talkers Group and/or a Key worker/health professional assesses	Brighter Futures for Children - E-Start
child as having made significant and sustained progress in communication.	

Linked to indicator: f	Key Worker/Lead Practitioner assessment.
3.7 Child receives support that helps manage /improve assessed needs.	Key Worker/Lead Practitioner assessment
For children with SEND this includes the child has an EHCP in place, they are in suitable provision (as per EHCP), annual review has taken place.	Brighter Futures for Children – Mosaic
Linked to indicator: i & j	

Family Headline Four.

Improving living standards; families experiencing or at risk of worklessness, homelessness or financial difficulties

Indicators:

- a) An adult in the family in receipt of out-of-work benefits*
- b) A child who is about to leave school, has no / few qualifications and no planned education, training or employment. (Equivalent concern)
- c) A young person who is not in education, employment or training (NEET).
- d) An adult who is claiming Universal Credit and subject to work-related conditions.
- e) Family at risk of homelessness due to rent arrears and/or financial position is unmanageable, including those experiencing work poverty.
- f) Family are located in unsuitable or unsafe accommodation.

G) During C19

• Family member is temporarily out of work due to Covid 19 and will be work ready when the crisis subsides, and/or been subject to the government Furlough scheme.

^{*}Excluding those in any 'no work-related requirements' groups.

Family Headline Four.

Improving living standards; families experiencing or at risk of worklessness, homelessness or financial difficulties

Outcome Measure	Source of Information
4.1 Working age/legacy benefits: 13 weeks consecutive employment - 26 out of last 30	Department of Work and Pensions
weeks for JSA.	
Linked to Indicator: a	
4.2 Any adult or person aged 16 – 18 who is not in education, employment or training is	Elevate
engaged in training, work- or work-related activity* for a sustained period of 13 weeks.	
* Apprenticeships, work experience, volunteering, permitted work, work choice, non-	
mandatory training courses.	
Linked to Indicator: c	
4.3 Universal Credit: reach the Average Earning Thresholds (AET) or above continuously	Department of Work and Pensions,
for 26 weeks out of the last 30 weeks.	
	Supporting Families Employment Advisor.
Linked to indicator: d	
4.4 Progress to work –	Department of Work and Pensions.
Individual makes a level of progress on JCP 'Progress to Work' scale:	Supporting Families Employment Advisor
• Level 1 - Job goals agreed (engagement), no qualifications or CV in place	
Level 2 - Basic skills, and job goals, in place	Key worker/Lead Practitioner assessment
• Level 3 - CV, basic skills, and job goals, in place	
• Level 4 - CV, basic skills, job goals, applying for work experience, is applying for jobs.	Outcome Star online
• Level 5 - CV, basic skills, job goals, work experience completed, applying for jobs and	Bishas Edwarf Collider Marsin
interview(s) in progress.	Brighter Futures for Children - Mosaic

OR	
Individual makes progress on Family Star 'Progress to Work' scale	
Linked to Indicator: b & g	
4.5 Family access rent deposit scheme.	Reading Borough Council – Housing Service
OR	
Family is working with a Homeless Prevention Officer	Outcome Star online
OR	
Family is working with a Homeless Resolution and Enablement officer	Key Worker/Lead Practitioner assessment
OR	
Plan in place for debt issues and followed for 6 months i.e. Fuel Poverty, personal debt,	
no longer accessing foodbank or crisis loans	
Linked to Indicator: e & f & g	
4.6 Family are housed in stable or suitable accommodation.	Brighter Futures for Children – Mosaic
Linked to indicator: e	Reading Borough Council Housing Services
4.7 Family have engaged with financial support and have made progress to financially	Department of Work and Pensions
stability,	
	Key Worker/Lead Practitioner assessment
and/or	One Reading Community Hub
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Family member has achieved a temporary job or volunteered supporting the Covid 19 effort	
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Linked to indicator: g	

Family Headline Five.

Staying safe in relationships; families effected by domestic abuse.

- a) Domestic Violence / Abuse report with a child present in the last six months.
- b) Young person or adult known to local services has experienced, is currently experiencing or is at risk of experiencing Domestic Violence / Abuse. (Equivalent concern)
- c) A young person or adult known to local services who has experienced, currently experiencing or risk of experiencing 'honour based' violence.

Family Headline Five.

Family Headline Five: Staying safe in relationships; families effected by domestic abuse.

Outcome Measure	Source of Information
5.1 No referrals to Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub for domestic abuse or violence for 6 months.	Brighter Futures for Children – Mosaic
Linked to indicator: a	
5.2 The DASH score has reduced noticeably and is below 14 at the point of case closure or referral to appropriate specialist service has been made or family are engaging in	SEMRAC
appropriate support to lessen risks.	Key Worker/Lead Professional assessment
Linked to Indicator: b & c	

Family Headline Six.

Living well, improving physical and mental health and wellbeing; parents and children with a range of health needs

- a) Any member of the family (adult with parenting responsibilities or child) with substance misuse problems or a child exposed to substance use in their home environment.
- b) Adults with parenting responsibilities **or** children who are nominated by a key worker/health professional as having any mental, emotional or physical health problems that may include unhealthy behaviours. (Equivalent concern)
- c) Expectant or new parents with mental health, substance use or other health factors which may affect their parenting.
- d) Referrals to Adult Social Care for an adult who has parental responsibilities.

Family Headline Six.

Family Headline Six: Living well, improving physical and mental health and wellbeing; parents and children with a range of health needs

Outcome Measure	Source
6.1 Family member reduces intake and harm in use of drugs or alcohol over six months	Adults: Drug Alcohol Action Team
and/or successful completion of treatment programme.	
	Young Person: Source Young Peoples Substance
Linked to Indicator: a	Misuse Team
6.2 A care plan or self-care strategy in place where there wasn't one before, at the end	Adult Social Care
of intervention.	
	Key worker/Lead Practitioner assessment
Linked to Indicator: b, c & d	

Appendix A

Family Headline Two – Getting a Good Education and Skills for Life; children who have not be attending school regularly

Measuring Attendance during COVID 19 Due to the COVID 19 pandemic there have been a number of periods of restricted school attendance during 2020 and 2021. The following guidance, as agreed by the Department for Education and the Ministry of Housing Community and Local Government, sets out how school attendance should be measured when claiming for a successful family outcome where the sustainment period includes a period of restricted attendance.

Application of 95% average attendance during restricted attendance.

For all claims for significant and sustained progress where the sustainment period includes a school term impacted by restricted attendance the average national attendance of 95% and zero expulsions and suspensions should be applied for each school aged child within the family for the relevant term. This includes the following terms: • Spring 2020 • Summer 2020 • Spring 2021

Please see the national Supporting Families Guidance (2021) for full details of attendance calculations and evidence.

Reviewing the Supporting Families Outcomes Plan.

The outcomes plan has been reviewed as follows:

April 2015

June 2015

November 2015

April 2018

July 2018

December 2018

April 2019

March 2020

May 2020

October 2020

June 2021