

TITLE OF REPORT: Update on the FamiliesGateshead Programme

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Summary

FamiliesGateshead is the local model for delivery of the national Troubled Families programme funded and overseen by the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG). Families eligible for the programme between 2012 – 2014 were identified against nationally-set criteria of worklessness, school attendance and youth crime and ASB. Local indicators, including take-up of free early years provision and previous involvement of services, was also included in the revised eligibility for the programme.

From 2014 (until 2020) families must feature a minimum of two from a list of six national indicators, including parents and children involved in crime and ASB, school attendance, children who need help, worklessness and adults at risk of financial exclusion, families affected by domestic violence and abuse and parents and children with a range of health problems.

The programme uses a Payment by Results (PbR) model which allows the Local Authority to claim a financial dividend where outcomes for the family have been achieved.

The focus of the programme changed from April 2017, when an increased emphasis on tackling worklessness within families was announced by the DWP in *the Improving Lives: Helping Workless Families* paper.

Background

The presentation will provide members with an update on:

- The allocation of family cases across services
- Progress with making (PbR) claims
- The Troubled Families delivery model and the Early Help Service

Recommendation

Committee are asked to:

- Note the contents of the presentation and report
- Comment on the report/presentation
- Agree to receive further updates at future OSC meetings

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