**What is the Strengthening Families (Troubled Families) programme?**

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The Strengthening Families programme is a programme of targeted support for families with multiple issues. It also encourages multi agency working amongst partner agencies.

**Benefits of the Strengthening Families programme?**

* The intervention can lead to enhanced and improved outcomes for children and young people, through a range of joined-up services, advice and support being readily available and easily accessible
* Agencies can use their strengths and individual specialised skills to the best advantage, and issues can be dealt with at a far faster rate, as the specified support required can be much more easily accessed through a multi-agency framework
* Families receive multi agency support at an early stage which is welcomed by parents and children.

**How are families eligible for the Strengthening Families programme?**

* Families must have two criteria’s from our outcome plan: Crime, Attendance, Child in need, unemployment or debt, domestic violence and Health Needs.

**Each family will have…**

* Key worker
* Assessment
* Holistic Action Plan
* Support for maximising school attendance

 **Tips for robust work with complex cases**

* Regular communication with all partners involved with the case
* A whole family approach to accessing support is important for joined up, effective multi agency work
* Key workers complete joint visits on a regular basis and with agencies supporting the family with specialized issues.

 **TFEA (**employment advisor)

Strengthening Families is committed to support families where unemployment is a factor. We have an in house employment advisor who can offer support, such as: building CV’s, interview skills, application forms and employability skills.