

Hampshire County Council

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Partners in Practice

“freedoms to innovate, to improve frontline children’s social work and to develop new systems of delivering social care and trialling new ways of working with families” (DfE)

A Partner in Practice is one of a select group of children's services ministers feel are the "best performing" in England

- Isabelle Trowler, chief social worker for children June 2016

Only 8 out of 152 local authorities have been selected by the DfE to be a PIP

Hampshire

Leeds

Lincolnshire

Islington

North Yorkshire

Achieving for Children

Tri-borough

Cambridgeshire

- Hampshire County Council is rated as ‘good’ by Ofsted and ‘outstanding’ for leadership and management and adoption performance
- Track record leading and managing change (Innovation Fund Programme, Isle of Wight improvement and now Torbay)

Why change?

- Increasing need, rising demand and reducing resources in children's social care nationally means local authorities need to find new ways of working
- Government has pledged to give children's services 'freedoms' from certain statutory duties in order to let them "test new ways of working"

- These reforms are underpinned by legislation in the Children and Social Work Bill
- This reform programme is articulated in the DfE Putting children first: Delivering our vision for excellent children's social care – July 2016, in which PiPs are the cornerstone

Our vision - a radical whole system change to create:

- A family service – improving outcomes for the child in the context of their family
- A social work led, integrated, multi-disciplinary service, from the front door to specialist services
- Social workers supported to deliver meaningful interventions, that create lasting change based on an underpinning methodology of resilience
- A service where good practice is free to flourish from bureaucracy and unnecessary regulatory demands
- Children supported by and within their own family/community wherever possible. Where children do come into care longer term, the experience to be life changing for the better

Overview

1. Identifying areas for trials of deregulation and removing bureaucracy to improve the efficient delivery of high quality children's social care services
2. Multi-disciplinary family interventions - supporting families through the delivery of evidence based, multi-disciplinary focussed interventions with longer term family support
3. Developing a model of ongoing social support through the use of non-social work qualified professionals and volunteers in local communities where families live

Seven linked components

Seven linked components:

1. **Protection and Support Service**
2. **Multi-disciplinary Family Intervention service and a multi-disciplinary permanence service**
3. **Integrated multi-disciplinary disabled children's services**
4. **Contribute to a national PiP improvement service**
5. **De-regulating to create capacity, reduce bureaucracy and improve outcomes**
6. **Teaching Partnership and Graduate Entry and Training scheme**
7. **Social Care Education Professionals**