



Stronger Families Quarterly Performance Report Quarter 4 2016-17

Headlines

We are now ending year two of the five year Expanded Programme. The next three years are crucial in transforming the way we work with Families and embedding it into ALL services. We have made great progress and the engaged figures are testament to this hard work; however we still struggle to draw through families to claim.

No. of families identified as being eligible
3249

No. of families who we are working with
1849

The first DCLG annual report went to Treasury in line with the legislative changes that came with the Expanded Programme. It shows a massive variation in progress of the programme across the country for claims and we know that many areas are struggling as we are. Both Rotherham and Barnsley are in a similar position to ourselves. The table at the bottom of page 2 shows how we fair against our geographic and statistical neighbours.

There are changes happening nationally with the programme that we are not yet fully aware of, however, it is clear that getting people into work will be a greater focus and DWP will play a greater part with us in the programme. We already have two great DWP advisors who have supported families and advised/trained other professionals in helping people on the pathway to work, this announcement by the Government will only help boost this activity.

Family Support workers transferred to the Children's Trust at the beginning of April and so a greater focus on supporting these workers and others in the trust to draw families through to claims will take place over the next six months.

The case management system is still not in place but there are changes being made to EHM following agreement to amend the forms to include the recording of adults in families. There is a lot of work to do and so the 'go live' date is set for October 2017.

As we enter year three we have a lot of catching up to do on claims and so we must focus on how we transfer all our hard work with families into claims by ensuring we meet the four essentials:

- A lead professional recognised by the family and other professionals
- A whole Family Assessment
- A whole family action plan
- Actions in the Family Plan align to the Stronger Families Outcomes Plan

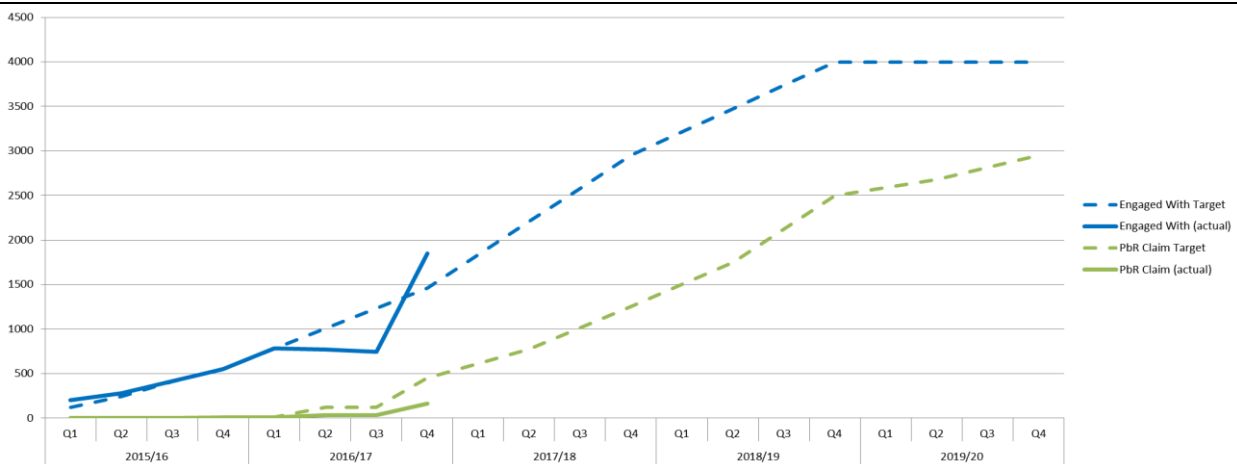
Without these we cannot submit any family for claim. When we have these we then need to evidence progress against ALL identified criteria during assessment and sustained progress for a minimum of 6 months. (Three school terms for attendance criterion).

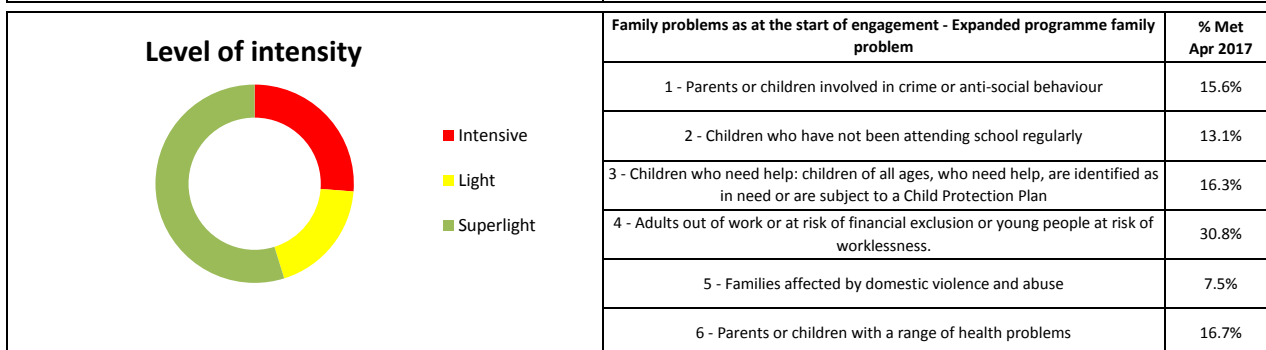
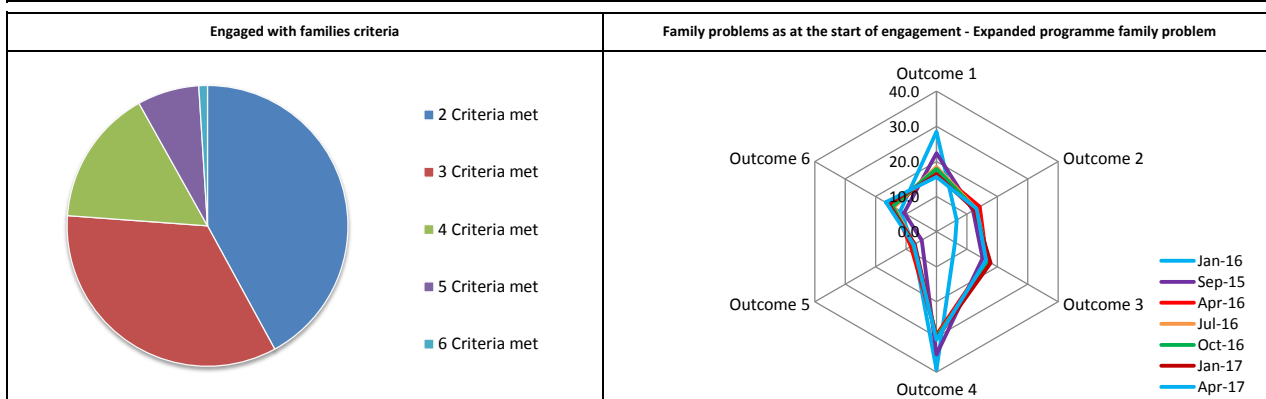
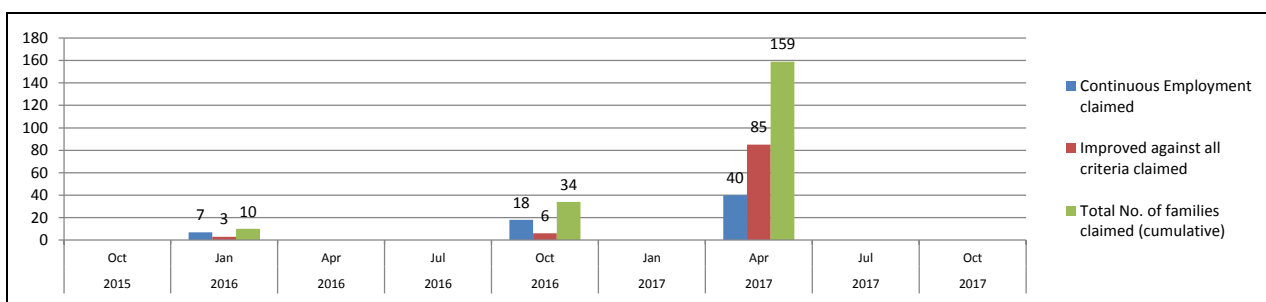
Remember there is lots of help for families who meet the minimum two criteria, and workers to support the progression towards claims. For more information visit our webpages:

<http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/what-is-stronger-families>

We have been successful in delivering Phase one and there is no reason why we cannot be successful in delivering the current programme. We have the full support of senior leaders and politicians, and a mandate from Team Doncaster to deliver the programme; Stronger Families is everyone's responsibility and everyone's core business.

Eligibility and Payment by results performance





Local authority	Local	Maximum funded	Funded families on	SSP	EMP	Total claims for	% 5 year target	% Funded families
Doncaster	Apr-15	2,950	744	94	65	159	5.4%	21.4%
Barnsley (Geographic Neighbour)	Jan-15	2,210	1,070	132	38	170	7.7%	15.9%
Rotherham (Geographic Neighbour)	Apr-15	2,500	974	43	42	85	3.4%	8.7%
Sheffield (Core City and Geographic Neighbour)	Sep-14	5,360	2,880	1,044	84	1,128	21.0%	39.2%
Stoke-on-Trent (Statistical Neighbour)	Apr-15	2,890	1,476	412	14	426	14.7%	28.9%
St. Helens (Statistical Neighbour)	Jan-15	1,710	852	30	16	46	2.7%	5.4%

Demographics

Stronger families data (Across all areas)

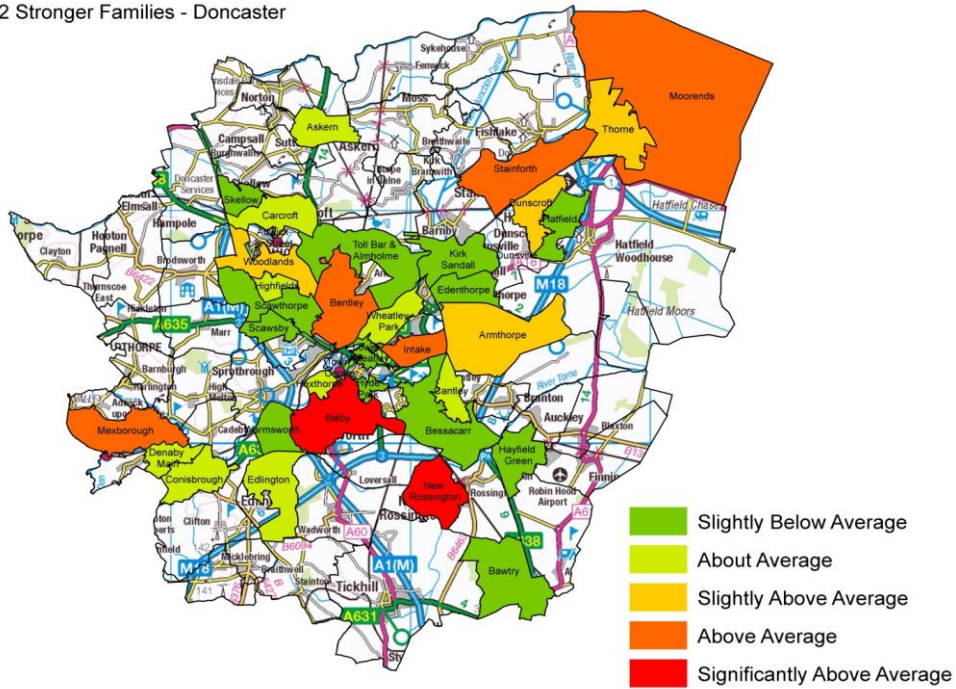
<p>Gender (All ages)</p> <p>■ Male ■ Female</p>	<p>Average number of children</p> <p align="center">2.4</p>	<p>Average age of children</p> <p align="center">10</p>	<p>Number of lone parent households</p> <p align="center">452</p> <p><small>(48% of Stronger families identified)</small></p>
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Census 2011 (Doncaster)

<p>Gender (whole population)</p> <p>■ Male ■ Female</p>	<p>Average number of children</p> <p align="center">1.7</p>	<p>Average age of children</p> <p align="center">9</p>	<p>Number of lone parent households</p> <p align="center">9,434</p> <p><small>(10.6% of all family households in Doncaster)</small></p>
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Distribution of Stronger Families in Doncaster

Phase 2 Stronger Families - Doncaster



The map above shows the number of active families that are currently on the Stronger Families Programme as at April by community, this includes families that we are "working with" and families that are yet to be worked with from community teams.

Doncaster's Stronger Families Programme Latest progress (April 2017)



We are
working with
1849
families

Progress has been made with families that we have been working with since 1st April 2015. The following graphics illustrate where families have made progress against the 6 headline outcomes.

(The below progress figures are only based on 604 families that can currently be tracked and monitored for progress)



93 Families have improved against Outcome 1 - parents and children involved in crime or anti-social behaviour

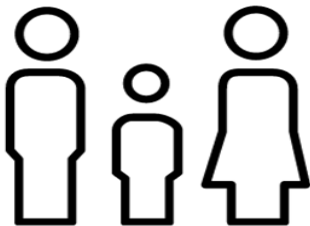


53 Families have improved against Outcome 2 - Children who have not been attending school regularly

116 Families have improved against Outcome 3 - Children who need help



125 Families have improved against Outcome 4 - Adults out of work or at risk of financial exclusion and young people at risk of worklessness



54 Families have improved against Outcome 5 - Families affected by domestic violence and abuse



76 Families have improved against Outcome 6 - Parents and children with a range of health problems



18 individuals who were in receipt of an out of work benefit (JSA, IS, ESA etc.) have secured a job but have not yet hit the required timescale for payment by results to be claimed.

