

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 001023
Date 31 March 2017

Troubled Families Programme

Request:

1. Does the work of your [Troubled Families](#) programme(s) include help for parents to work through difficulties in their couple relationships as well as with their parenting skills? If yes, please describe in as much detail as possible what work is typically done with couples.
[The Troubled Families programme drives forward change in children's services and is therefore embedded into parts of our children's services delivery. Wolverhampton adopt a whole family approach when working with troubled families. This involves a whole family assessment aimed at improving outcomes. In cases where there are 'couple relationship issues' these would be explored as part of the family's action plan and the specific work undertaken would be focussed on the individual family's needs.](#)
2. Do you use any specific programmes and/or refer to external agencies e.g. Relate, or is help delivered directly by keyworkers working within the Troubled Families programme?
[No](#)
3. Do you provide any Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)? If yes:
[No – the local authority do not directly deliver any Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services as part of the Troubled Families programme. The CAMHS service is externally commissioned and keyworkers working with troubled families will link in with CAMHS where appropriate.](#)
 - a. Do your CAMHS workers routinely collect information on the background circumstances of children and young people presenting with mental health services in particular with regard to exposure to intense, unresolved and frequent parental conflict (violent and non-violent) or experience of the breakdown of their parents' relationship, and if so, how?
 - b. When and if negative family circumstances such as parental conflict and relationship breakdown are considered to be implicated in their children's mental health problems, are parents i) seen by the services treating the child or young person and/or ii) routinely referred to other services such as Relate?

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

- c. If the answer to either part of 3.b is yes, how many parents have been seen in CAMHS or referred to other services in the last year?