



## Stronger Families Quarterly Performance Report Quarter 1 2017-18

### Headlines

2017 -2018 is the third financial year of the five year Expanded Stronger Families Programme. We have made significant increases in Q4 last year and Q1 this year in families who we are engaged and working with who meet the essential criteria for the Programme. We continue to progress but also continue to struggle to produce the required number of claims for Payment by Results (PbR).

No. of families identified as being eligible  
**3590**

No. of families who we are working with  
**2237**

We have a wider spread of families across the spectrum from 'superlight to complex' which means we are reaching a wider range of needs of families. We continue to have a much higher level of single parent households on the programme than the Doncaster Demographic and larger families on average too.

The beginning of this year saw a large amount of turmoil nationally with the Brexit referendum and the subsequent general election and the current issues relating to that result. The first Troubled Families annual report to Treasury was released earlier this year which is available here:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/611991/Supporting\\_disadvantaged\\_families.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/611991/Supporting_disadvantaged_families.pdf)

This report provides an insight into the national programme and this shows that many areas across the country are having similar issues to Doncaster in that they are struggling to convert family progress into claims for PbR. Some places appear to be doing well and so we will look at what we can learn from these areas over the next few months.

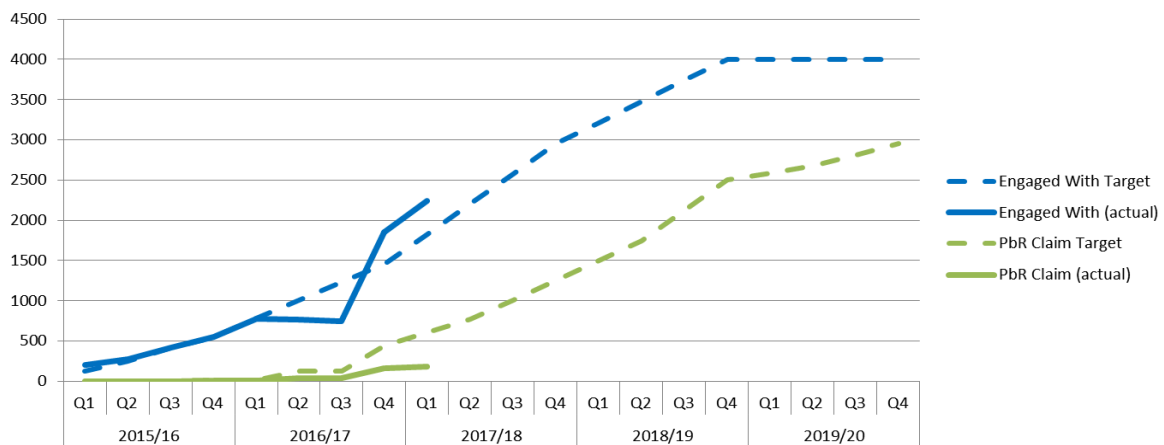
We have also seen a series of tragedies too across the country and these all have had an effect on Whitehall and the department that runs the Troubled Families Programme nationally. This means that the post-election direction of the programme nationally is not yet set but we are expecting some changes to be announced to help improve the processes and further align other policy from the Government.

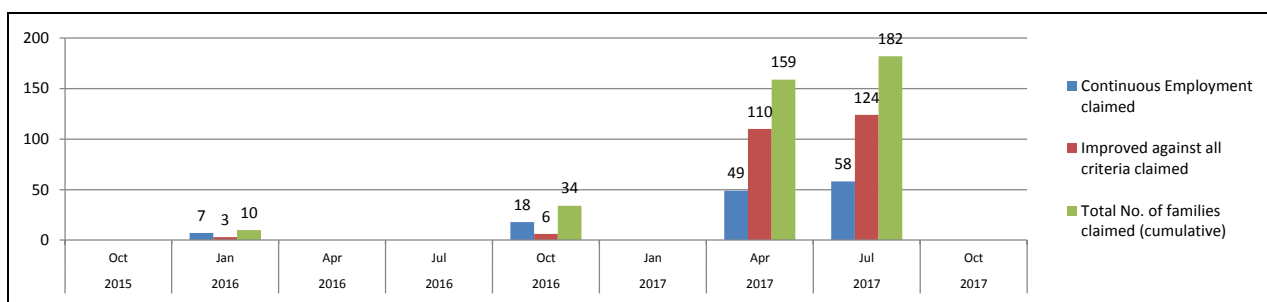
We are aiming to have the **case management** system on EHM implemented by October this year and this will help us record, monitor and track families more efficiently and this should lead to more claims being identified too. This system has, however, been dogged with issues and we are not yet in a position where we can be sure it will be in place on time.

In Doncaster Council the Children's Centres have been re developed and branded as **Family Hubs**, in line with the All Party parliamentary report on the future of Children's Centres. This will allow for a greater range of services for families and set the Hubs up as the '**go to place**' for families in their locality. The Family Hubs have a large part to play in Stronger Families and we aim to support them in this role.

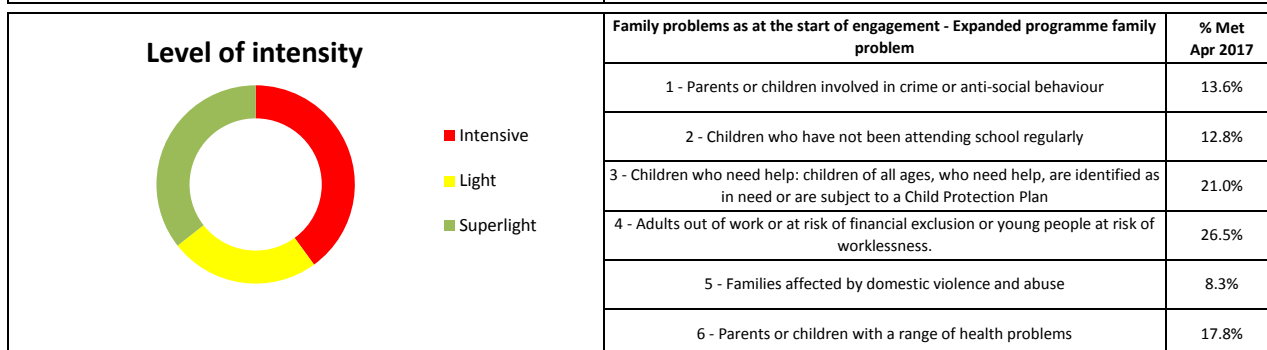
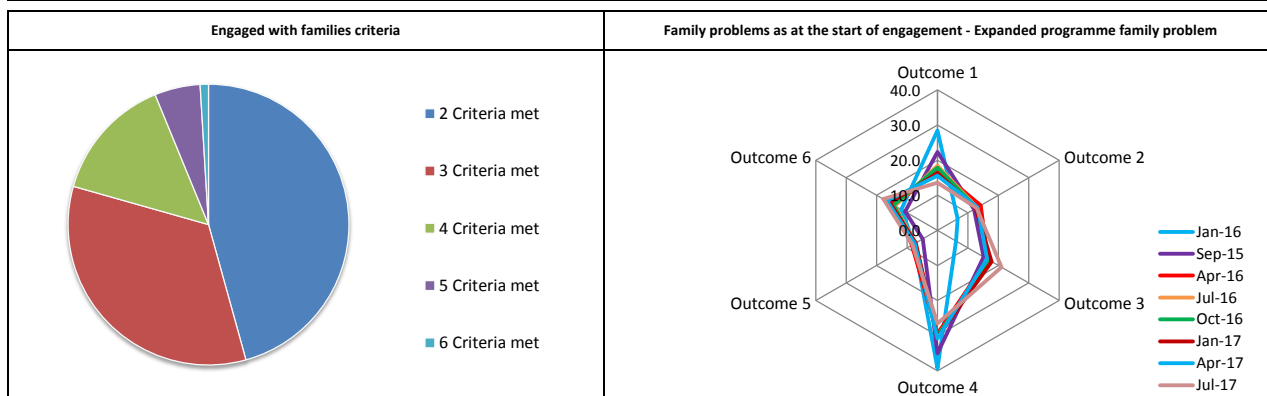
All structured family support has now moved to the Children's Trust and the new **Parenting and Family Support (PAFS)** service is up and running. We are working closely with them to improve the number of claims they are providing. Similar work will take place with health partners too so we can extract the required evidence for claims from the work they do with families.

### Eligibility and Payment by results performance





Organisation	DMBC	DCST	St Leger	NHS (rdash)				
Number of claims made to date	178	4	0	0				

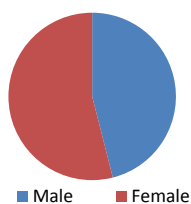


Local authority	Local	Maximum funded	Funded families on	SSP	EMP	Total claims for	% 5 year target	% Funded families
Doncaster	Apr-15	2,950	744	94	65	159	5.4%	21.4%
Barnsley (Geographic Neighbour)	Jan-15	2,210	1,070	132	38	170	7.7%	15.9%
Rotherham (Geographic Neighbour)	Apr-15	2,500	974	43	42	85	3.4%	8.7%
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)

#### Gender (All ages)



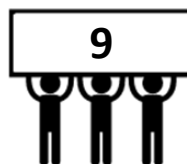
#### Average number of children

2.3



#### Average age of children

9



#### Number of lone parent households

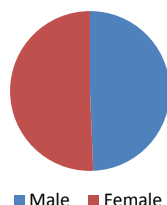
595

(47% of Stronger families identified)



### Census 2011 (Doncaster)

#### Gender (whole population)



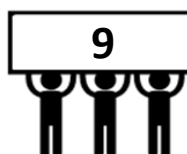
#### Average number of children

1.7



#### Average age of children

9



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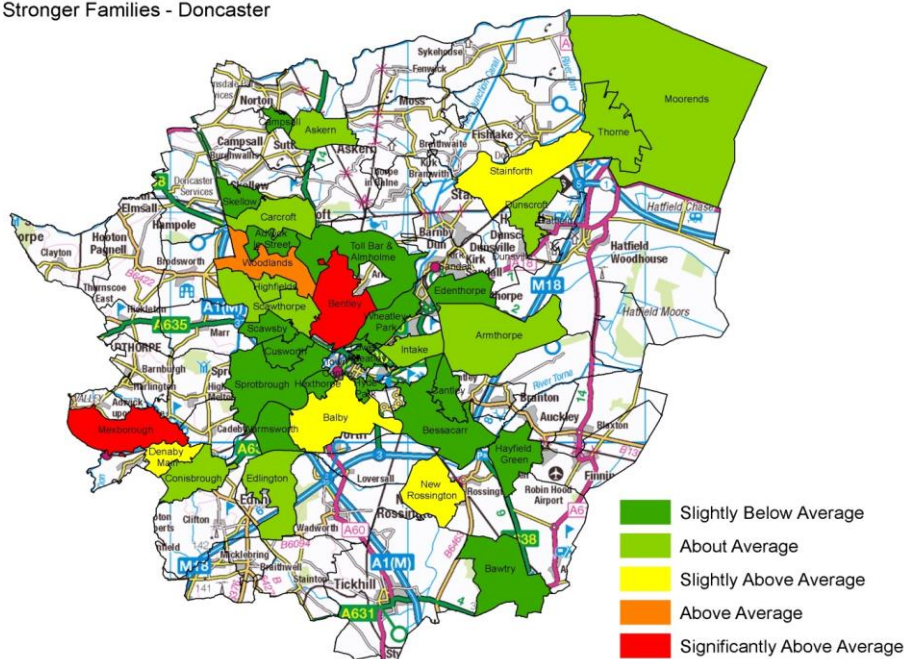
9,434

(10.6% of all family households in Doncaster)



### Distribution of Stronger Families in Doncaster

#### Phase 2 Stronger Families - Doncaster



The figures show a proportion of the number of active families ("working with" and families that are yet to be worked with) that are currently on the Stronger Families Programme as at July and therefore do not reflect the full engaged with figure.

## Doncaster's Stronger Families Programme Latest progress (July 2017)



We are  
working with  
**2237**  
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 1048 families that can currently be tracked and monitored for progress)



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

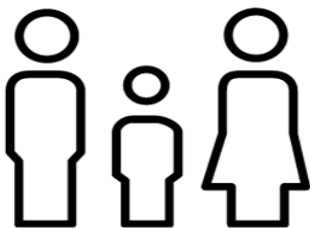


**75** Families have improved against Outcome 2 - Children who have not been attending school regularly

**164** Families have improved against Outcome 3 - Children who need help



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



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



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



**7** 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.

