



CALL FOR PRACTICE FORM

Vulnerability and violent crime programme

Please be careful not to include any personal information that may identify an individual (e.g. a member of the public) as part of your description of any cases, practice, or interventions you submit on this form.

Name of the practice/ intervention

Think Family Early Intervention Scheme

1. Focus of the practice/ intervention

Please tick the area(s) the intervention relates to:

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| Domestic abuse | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Knife crime | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Stalking and harassment | <input type="checkbox"/> | Gangs | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Child sexual abuse/ exploitation | <input type="checkbox"/> | Adult sexual offences | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Missing Persons | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Vulnerable adults at risk | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mental Health | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Forced marriage | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| County Lines | <input type="checkbox"/> | Honour based violence/ FGM | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Other (please state)

2. Status of the practice/ intervention

- Proposed
- Partially implemented
- Fully implemented
- Discontinued

3. Please provide a brief description of the practice/ intervention.

Think Family Early Intervention scheme is Avon and Somerset’s response to the National Troubled Families scheme. It is a policing initiative that aims to help those families that fall below the threshold of receiving help from Council and Social Services but still require significant time, costs and resources from the police. It is an initiative to support these troubled families by preventing an escalation or intergenerational cycle of offending and aims to reduce the demand that these families may be placing on services. The early intervention scheme is based on core values taken from the National Troubled Families programme and is a multi-agency approach which aims to pool the resources of key public services to help families with multiple and complex problems. The intervention aims to utilise the skills and knowledge of PCSOs and PCs to help even more vulnerable families.

4. Please briefly outline why this practice/ intervention was developed. What specific problem(s) does it aim to address?

It was developed with the aim to reduce the demand that families place on services. The TFEI scheme also aims to help families with multiple problems to overcome them. The specific problems that it would aim to be address is; reducing youth crime and anti-social behaviour, tackling domestic violence, and reducing missing persons reports. Additionally, the early intervention scheme aims to reduce the high costs that these families place on the public sector each year.

5. Please briefly describe how the practice/ intervention is delivered. Who is involved (including partners)? What do they do?

A family that is brought to the attention of the Think Family Early Intervention scheme is first researched and an Intel pack is created which includes a list of previous linked offences to assess their suitability for the scheme. An occurrence is then created on Niche which will allow all work that is being completed to be documented in one place. The intervention pairs either a PCSO or PC with a family, who works with a whole family approach to identify what their key difficulties are and how they may help them with those difficulties. The officer's Neighborhood manager, Sergeant or Beat Manager would allocate a family for the officer to work with under the Think Family Early Intervention scheme. The officer allocated to work with a family would initially visit the family, explaining the scheme and once consent is gained the officer will begin working with the family and make regular contact with them. Any updates/work done with the family will be noted on the occurrence on Niche. A family is often worked with for between 6-12 months, addressing the policing issues and signposting/submitting referrals in reference to wider issues. As it is a multi-agency approach, there is partnership involvement which includes key workers, school workers and other council agencies.

6. Which groups or individuals is the practice/ intervention aimed at? Are there any specific eligibility criteria?

It is aimed at families who are at the bottom end of qualifying to be a troubled family, generally those that match 2 out of the 6 criteria.

There are 6 criteria which a family may fall into which are: Crime and ASB, Domestic abuse, Poor school attendance, Unemployment, Health problems, and Children who need help. To be worked with on the scheme a family have to meet at least 2 criteria, and 1 of those has to be police related. The police related criteria are: Crime and ASB, Domestic abuse and Children who need help as this includes missing persons. Additionally, a family cannot be on a Child Protection Plan to be eligible for the early intervention this initiative offers.

7. On average how many individuals go through the intervention each year?

Approximately 50 families each year.

8. What is the geographic focus of the practice/ intervention?

- Regional (multiple forces)
- Force wide
- Specific command areas
- Specific locations

Other (please state)

9. Please briefly describe what data is currently collected to measure the impact of the practice/ intervention (e.g. completion rates, number of referrals, crime data, arrests).

Data is collected from the completion rates of 3 forms which are Niche templates. These forms are the Think Family Indicators, Think Family Action Plan and Think Family Outcome Plan. The Indicators and Action plan forms are to be completed and added to the Niche OEL after the officer's initial visit with the family, and when the officer is ready to finish work with the family, the Outcome plan should be completed. To measure the intervention the completion of these forms are monitored. Spot checks are also completed, which involve reviewing the OEL entries that have been populated by the officer/s working with the family, and this ensure that their work is properly recorded.

10. Have you measured the impact of this practice/ intervention in any way?

Please include both internal and external (independent) evaluation activity - tick the most relevant box(es) below:

- No assessment of impact conducted
- Analysis of changes in performance data
- Analysis of changes in performance data and use of comparison groups
- Qualitative measures of change (e.g. case studies, process evaluation)
- Other evaluation activity (please state)

Please provide further details below. If you are able to share any evaluation materials, please send these to us along with your completed call for practice form.

Numbers of incidents linked to those families on the Think Family Early Intervention scheme were looked at in the 6 months prior to the intervention and the 6 months after the intervention.

11. Other relevant details

If there are any other relevant details that you would like to share please do so here. For example you might wish to outline any barriers or facilitators to the implementation of the intervention.

Completed forms should be returned to
vulnerabilityprogramme@college.pnn.police.uk
Closing date - Friday 21st September 2018.

Thank you for your support.