

Supporting Solutions Annual Update

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Supporting Solutions Service

What we do . . .

Edge of care

- Work with young people and their families/carers who without intensive support may need to come into care
- Provide tailormade intensive support packages
- Work when families need us most - every evening and weekend

Family Group Conferencing

- Empower families and wider support network to find their own solutions to prevent children & families coming into care



Current Developments

- Increase in families presenting in crisis with younger children on the edge of care
- Piloting an Edge of Care Mini's Team working with children 7-11yrs
- Worked with 37 children to date in the pilot – 36 children remained in the care of their parents/extended family - Pilot to be fully evaluated in March 2023
- Extended criteria to work with 16-17yrs on the edge of homelessness



Edge of Care Outcomes 2021 - 2022

Worked with 198 children and young people

167 (74%) YP's have remained at home or in their long term placement

21 YP's have become looked after. For these YP's this was because their were safeguarding reasons or relationships completely broke down.

16/17yr olds on the edge of homelessness – 5% of YP's moved into supported accommodation and became looked after

3% of 16/17yrs old moved into appropriate accommodation with support but did not become looked after

Profiles of the Young People on the Edge of care

40% - CHILD
EXPLIOTATION

45% - REGULARLY
MISSING FROM
HOME

25% - LIVING OUT
OF PARENTAL CARE

18% - NOT IN
EDUCATION

41% - PARENTAL
MENTAL HEALTH

57% YP MENTAL
HEALTH

24% SUBSTANCE
MISUSE

25% CONTACT WITH
POLICE/OFFENDING

7% ADOPTION
BREAKDOWN

Family Group Conferencing Outcomes

145 children remained with parents with support

28 children remain with family members

17 children have remained in care

5 children supported back to their parents from care