

Early intervention



GOEM Regional Child Poverty Conference Nottingham; Early Intervention City and Local Area Agreement (LAA) Demonstration Area

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Given the importance of the Early Intervention Programme to Partners in Nottingham, it has been critical to ensure that links with the Local Area Agreement are as strong as possible. One of the key principles within the development of the new LAA was the need to ensure that it helps Nottingham to move towards earlier interventions by selecting indicators that facilitate:

- Focus on intergenerational issues
- Focus on those activities that, if delivered, can reduce the number of specialist interventions
- Focus on bringing Partner resources together to make this happen
- Continued work on prevention and a shift to looking at causes rather than symptoms

As a result of its approach, Nottingham was selected as one of the 12 national LAA Demonstration Areas. Learning that results from the Demonstration Area Programme will be used to refine and improve the Nottingham LAA as well as helping to shape and challenge Government thinking and models; exploring the tensions between short-term improvement targets and long-term investment to deliver inter-generational change.

Child Poverty

After much discussion with partners the conclusion was that reducing levels of child poverty was best addressed by dealing with the underlying causes. A 'basket of indicators' approach was agreed that would facilitate a whole system perspective, through three national indicators:

- Working age population qualified to Level 2 or higher (NI 163)
- Working age people out of work (NI 152) and
- Repeat incidents of domestic violence (NI32)

Informing Early Evaluation

As part of Nottingham's LAA Demonstration Area work, a work strand is developing to ensure robust long-term evaluation of what does and does not work within early intervention. Work to inform early evaluation includes:

- Translating learning from successful models to new areas
- Robust literature review
- Partnership with the University of Nottingham to link graduates to individual projects
- Work to share methodologies and increase organisational capability to evaluate
- Developing a 'Theory of Change' model at City level
- LAA as a three year 'health check'

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