



Early Intervention Foundation Welcomed but Public Finance Must Remain Part of the Equation When Dealing with Problem Families Says Family Action

Commenting on the news that the Prime Minister has made a commitment to the setting up of an Early Intervention Foundation Chief Executive Helen Dent said:

“We congratulate Graham Allen on getting closer to turning the promise of an Early Intervention Foundation into reality and we welcome the Prime Minister’s commitment to helping turn around the lives of families with multiple complex needs. We look forward to seeing how we can work effectively with the Early Intervention Foundation and make a significant contribution to achieving positive outcomes for families in crisis. However, we continue to believe that “troubled” families shouldn’t be reliant on the whims of the City and markets. The tax payer should continue to be one of the most important investors in Early Intervention services. Independent evaluation of our services show that early intervention can save money for local authorities, health services and the tax payer. Public finance must remain part of the equation when dealing with problem families.”

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About Family Action

Family Action has been a leading provider and services to disadvantaged and socially isolated families since 1869. We work with over 45,000 children and families a year by providing practical, emotional and financial support through over 100 services based in communities across England. A further 150,000 people benefit from our educational grants and information service.