



**Commenting on Eric Pickles speech today on plans to tackle “troubled” families and extend Community Budgets Family Action Chief Executive Helen Dent said:**

“We welcome further action from Government to help complex families turn their lives around. We work with some of the most disadvantaged and troubled families and know that joined up services and support, working in partnership with these families can make a difference as independent evaluation of our services show. The earlier we intervene the better it is for families, children communities and the tax payer, saving high cost intervention later down the line.”

“However, not all complex families are causing the kinds of problems Eric Pickles describes – families suffering in silence behind closed doors must also receive the help and support they need to make their families safer and stronger. We’re looking forward to working with Eric Pickles and Louise Casey to help the Government ensure that they are listening to the views of the troubled families they’re targeting.”

**Ends**

Full details of Eric Pickles speech on troubled families is available below:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/2009538>

**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.

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