



Government Stabbing in the Dark on Child Poverty

Commenting on a report by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation on child poverty rates carried out by the Institute for Fiscal Studies, Family Action Chief Executive Helen Dent said:

"These figures show that Government's commitment to the 2020 target to end child poverty is just empty words without action. The IFS figures show that Government policies mean we're going back to the future on child poverty with a return to 1 in 4 children living in poverty. IFS states that Government policies will push 700,000 more children into poverty. Universal Credit will mean more children living in families in and out of work and there is no evidence that Government policies are leading to the creation of more jobs. We know from the families we work with how much rising food and energy prices mean they're struggling. We need to see a renewed commitment and significant extra measures from Government to lift the poorest families and children out of poverty."

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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.