



## **Riots: Devastating indictment on the way society has failed some of the poorest**

Commenting on the latest figures about those arrested and charged during the Summer Riots Family Action Head of Policy and Campaigns Rhian Beynon said:

“These figures are a devastating indictment of the way society has failed some of the poorest and most disadvantaged younger men. These shocking figures make clear that the poverty, disadvantage and disaffection experienced by this group are root causes of the August Riots; and now their futures will be blighted by criminal sentences.

“We need a targeted, holistic action plan to tackle the issues that lie behind these figures. It should include earlier and better support for disadvantaged children and their parents at home and school; and action and investment to strengthen our communities and provide a stake in society so as to prevent this cycle of despair and violence in the future.”

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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.

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