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Children that are Born Broke Will Find No Recompense in Easier Access to an Internship

Commenting on the Social Mobility Strategy and Child Poverty Strategy Family Action Chief Executive Helen Dent said:

"The Government is shooting down its Social Mobility and Child Poverty strategy before they've even got off the ground. While we welcome the emphasis on early years as a step towards addressing social mobility and child poverty, sure start cuts and welfare and tax changes coming in tomorrow will put huge strain on disadvantaged families particularly those with babies and young children. Some babies will literally be born broke as a result of measures this Government has introduced."

"This is why tackling relative income poverty in childhood should be at the crux of the Child Poverty Strategy. Also, we're very concerned that the refocusing of Sure Start will stigmatise the service and discourage the poorest families from taking advantage of it. Easy access to an internship in their twenties will be no recompense for disadvantage from birth and a childhood in poverty for the poorest families. We're very concerned that kids born under the Coalition will be left behind in the Social Mobility stakes with no prospect of catching up at another point in later life. We're disappointed neither the Social Mobility Strategy or the Child Poverty strategy address this."

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