



## **Troubled Families Need More than Crisis Intervention Says Charity Family Action**

### **Commenting on the Prime Ministers speech on troubled families Family Action Chief Executive Helen Dent said:**

"It is long term and consistent support that makes the big difference to the most disadvantaged families as we know from Family Action's own experience. We welcome the significant commitment the Prime Minister has made today to help families turn their lives around. We look forward to working in partnership with local authorities and Government to make a difference for the most troubled families.

However, these are still crisis interventions and the levels of spending are not sustainable unless this money is ring-fenced and local authorities are given resources to match this funding. We would like to see further investment in early intervention and the early years. We are also concerned that the payments by results system set up to support this work does not put children and parents at risk by forcing parents out to work before the complex problems they have are resolved. Many families may be suffering in silence behind closed doors, not committing anti social behaviour but they also need support and early intervention services. Smart investment begins to tackle these problems early for the benefit of children and their parents."

### **Ends**

### **Notes to Editors**

#### **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.