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**Family Action comment on the Government's new mental health strategy –
No Health Without Mental Health**

Family Action Chief Executive Helen Dent said: “We broadly welcome the Government’s moves on mental health. However, we are concerned that the strategy seems to be very family-lite. Family features very little in the plans and with 450,000 parents with identified mental health problems it is vital that parental mental health is a priority so that the impact on their children is minimal. We know from our work that with support, parents with mental health problems can be great parents - and their children can flourish. That’s why we’ve launched our Against All Odds campaign to call for more joined up holistic support and better welfare provision. This group must be a priority for the Early Intervention fund and we’re looking forward to working with Government and commissioners to make sure families are at the heart of their agenda for mental health support services.”