

“Either/Or”

Providing Support to **Both** Offenders and their Families

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Revolving Doors Agency



Partnership and
development



Policy and
communications

Service user
involvement



Our focus

“People with multiple problems, including poor mental health, who are in contact with the criminal justice system”



The Families Project

- **Phase 1: Research**

“Unfamiliar Territory – Adult Services Thinking Family”

- **Phase 2: Development**

Three partner organisations explored the implications of developing a family focus in their existing work with adults with multiple needs.



Selected Findings from Research 1

- **Managing the unfamiliar**

Competence in family work

- **Resource implications**

Family work requires time and resources

- **The need for culturally sensitive responses to individuals and families**

Adult services need to develop greater cultural awareness



Selected Findings from Research 2

Barriers to multi-agency working

- Lack of knowledge and awareness about the roles of other agencies
- Information sharing and confidentiality.
- Particular confusion about the role and thresholds of children's services



Next Steps 1

- Improving links and understanding between services for families and services for offenders
- Increased mutual understanding of roles and strengths



Next Steps 2

- Improved services to individuals and families
- Realisation of potential mutual benefits in protecting children and reducing re-offending.





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THE VITAL LINK

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