

Every Child Matters meets the Children and Families Pathway



Policy Context

- National Offender Management Service (NOMS) National Reducing Reoffending Strategy and Action Plan 2004 - Pathway 6
- Prolific and other Priority Offenders Strategy 2004 - prevent and deter and rehabilitate and resettle strands
- Every Child Matters
- Think Family
- The Corston Report on Women Offenders
- Sure Start - Practice Guidance - Chapter 19
- Children's Act 2004 - sections 10 and 11
- Children and Young People's Plans

ECM 5 Outcomes

- Stay Safe
- Be Healthy
- Enjoy and Achieve
- Make a positive contribution
- Achieve economic well-being



THE
OUTSIDERS
Information booklets for the partners and families of prisoners

Action
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NOMS Children and Families Pathway

Children and families can play a significant role in supporting an offender to make and sustain changes which reduce reoffending. However, many offenders' relationships are broken or fragmented as a result of their offending leaving their families unsupported and increasing the likelihood of inter-generational offending, mental health and financial problems.

How we aim to support offenders' family relationships:

- ensure life skills, including parenting and relationship skills, are provided for offenders through mainstream support
- engage with the voluntary and community sector and faith communities in supporting children and families
- develop better advice and guidance for offenders' children and families
- ensure the needs of offenders' children and families are considered within the implementation of **Every Child Matters** the Government's strategy to improve life chances for all children
- recognise that the most prolific offenders are often those with the most challenging lifestyles who require additional help to maintain their family ties.

Issues for Children's Services

- Strategic Influence
- In reach into prisons
- Outreach to families - specialist roles
- Links with probation
- Universal Services - schools, Children's Centres
- Dovetailing Children's Centres and Extended services remits

Issues for Criminal Justice Services and NOMS

Prison Service

- Consistency of approach
- Minimum standards
- Visitors centres

Probation Service

- Consistency of approach
- To CAF or not to CAF
- Safeguarding v Welfare

Family Matters Going Forward

Where Next?

- Further roll-out
- Project support
- Specialist Outreach
- Strategic work



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