

## **Appendix 9a – Service/Sector Specific Insight – Police\*\***

At the time of the study reported in Appendix 5, local Family Intervention Project outcomes for Troubled Families were impressive and considerable across the whole range of outcome areas, replicating the outcomes from the national programme.

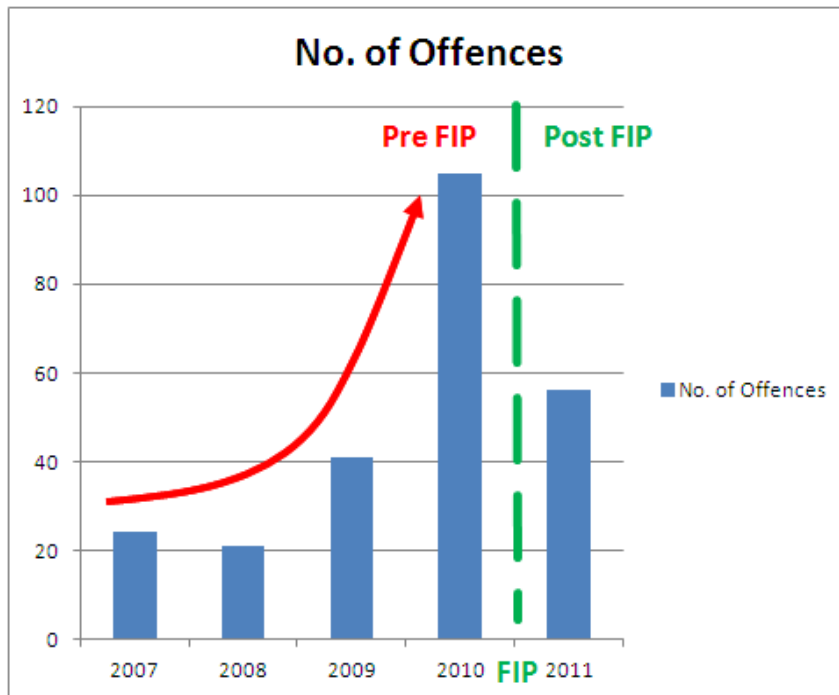
The most notable outcomes for Leicestershire families to the Police, were in the area of **Crime** and **ASB**, which had been a particular focus of much of the work of the Family Intervention Workers.

Of the families who have already been through a Family Intervention project in Leicestershire:-

- **63% had been involved in crime**
- **90% had been engaged in ASB**
- 63% worklessness
- 100% facing educational risks and family dysfunction risks
- 93% have some form of mental health problem (includes substance misuse)
- 49% have physical health issues
- 71% have housing issues (e.g. facing eviction or having poor accommodation)
- 41 % have Child Protection Plans
- 83 % have truancy issues
- 88% have behavioural issues

The impact on crime and ASB after interventions (using actual crime data supplied by Leicestershire Constabulary) shows:-

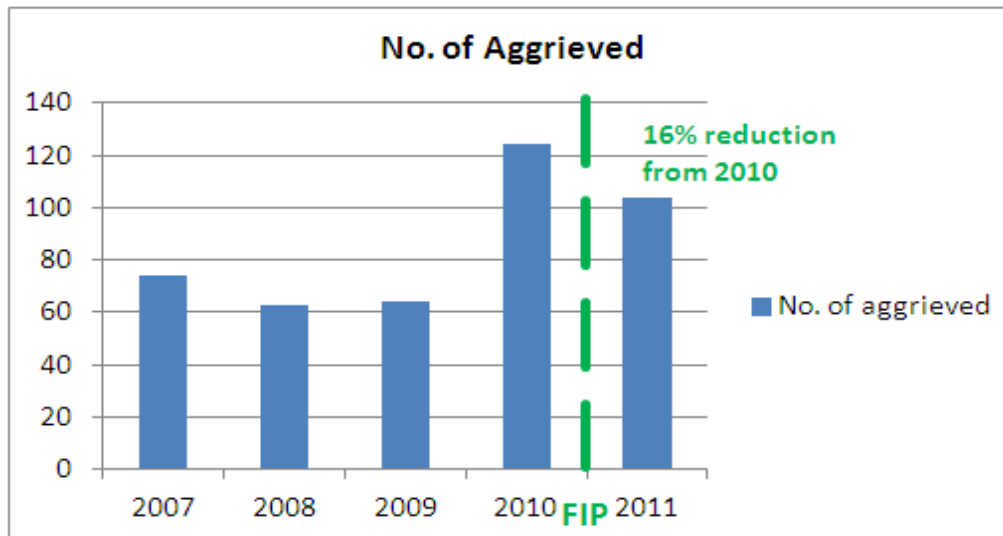
- 15% involved in crime – a reduction of 77%
- 7% engaged in ASB – a reduction of 92%



**Figure 1 – Levels of Crime in families who have been through FIP 2007-2011**

The trend shows crimes amongst these families increased year on year prior to the FIP intervention.

However, after exiting FIP the chart shows that the number of offences reduced in 2011, **dropping by 47% from 2010**, reversing the upward trend. Further year on year monitoring will show whether or not this downward trend has been sustained



**Figure 2 – Levels of aggrieved families (where families have been potential victims of crime)**

A similar upward trend can be observed pre-FIP, with a **reduction in 2011 after FIP exit by 16%**.

*(Anecdotally, many crimes are tit-for-tat cases between Troubled Families so reduction in crimes in one family often has a wider benefit )*

### **Costs of crime**

The costs of the crimes by families in the study were estimated using the **Criminal Justice** element of Home Office costs for “average costs of **crime against individuals and households**” \*. *Costs for some crimes e.g. fraud and possession of drugs are therefore **not included** and this will underestimate the results.*

The Criminal Justice costs include elements such as Police Activity, Prosecution, Courts, Jury, Legal Aid & defence, Probation & Prison.

Costs for Arson are included but this just includes the Police element.

Assumptions were made in mapping the Home Office crime category with the Offence data provided by Leicestershire Constabulary. E.g. Home Office “ASB” category was used to map to more than one crime such as “Harassment” & “Anti Social Behaviour non crime”. The Crime Registrar at Leicestershire Constabulary provided some assistance with this exercise.

\* Source: Home Office - The Economic and Social Costs of Crime Against Individuals and Households 2003/04

<http://rds.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs05/rdsolr3005.pdf>

CPI was used to obtain 2011 costs.

### Opportunity for families with crime/ASB issues

Of the **42** families who had completed a FIP process in Leicestershire, **25** had committed crimes pre FIP.

From insight gained from partners (*actual crime data beyond the FIP cohort not yet available from Leicestershire Constabulary*) we know:

- Of the identified **1300** Troubled Families in Leicestershire **665** are reported to have crime/ASB issues
- Of the identified **2000** At Risk Families in Leicestershire **172** are reported to have crime/ASB issues.

Therefore there are further potential Criminal Justice cost savings to be achieved through working with this wider set of families.

Without intervention, the costs to Criminal Justice per year would be

- for the 665 Troubled Families      **£ 3.1 m**
- for the 172 At Risk Families      **£810 k**

*(This is based on the average yearly Criminal Justice cost per family calculated earlier as £4,700)*

Rolling out the Family Intervention Model across all of Leicestershire, assuming similar rates of success in crime elimination or reduction would give wider annual Criminal Justice cost savings. If crime was reduced / eliminated at an equivalent rate to the sample the savings could be :

Likely Impact Of Intervention	Potential Annual CJC Saving for 665 TF	Potential Annual CJC Saving for 172 AR	Total Potential Annual CJC Savings
30%	£930,000	£243,000	£1,173,000
40%	£1,240,000	£324,000	£1,564,000
50%	£1,550,000	£405,000	£1,955,000

\*\*Additional analysis is available in file TF Hi-Level Analysis – Criminal Justice v0.5.pptx from the Troubled Families Programme Office