

# “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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