

National Offender Management Service

Children & Families Pathway and the implications for local probation practice

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Why Involve the Probation Service?

- National Reducing Reoffending Strategy and Delivery Plan 2005
 - 7 pathways to resettlement
- Pathway 6 - Children and Families
- Key linking/signposting agency

Impacts on other pathways

Good family relationships while an offender is in custody can reduce the likelihood of re-offending . Stable family ties can secure a range of supporting /stabilising factors:

- Accommodation
- Education and Employment
- Health
- Financial management
- Childcare

Children's Act 2004

- Children's Act 2004 - provides legislative framework for ECM
 - Section 10 - probation relevant partner to LA with duty to co-operate and make arrangements to improve children's well-being
 - Section 11 - places a duty on NPS to make arrangements to ensure that in discharging their functions they have regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children

Joining up Services for Offenders and their Families

- Children and Young People's Plans
 - Joining up health, social services, education, family support services under 5 ECM outcomes
 - Joint commissioning
- Sure Start Children's Centres

Offender Management and the Children and Families Pathway

- Role of the Offender Manager
 - Local knowledge, information
 - Signposting
 - Joint working e.g. Banbury, Slough, High Wycombe, Oxford
- Role of the Offender Supervisor
 - Sentence planning
 - Knowledge and information