

Early intervention - what do we know of government thinking?



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Early intervention



- The Early Intervention Grant
- What's new?
- What comes next?



Early Intervention Grant



- £2.2bn for 2011- 12
- Amalgam of many more grants – not all early...
- Localism – not ring-fenced
- Stronger focus on what works – use of C4EO

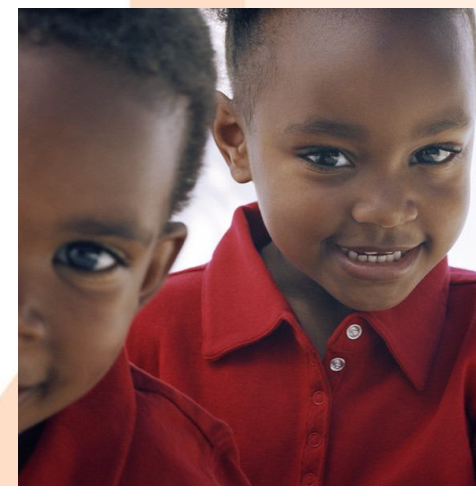
Impact:

- Lack of clarity on early intervention?
- Tough choices



What's new?

- Frank Field – “Foundation Years”
 - Prevent poor children becoming poor adults
 - Refocus Sure Start “on original purpose”
 - Shift money to early years services, not benefits
 - Better parenting
 - Good home learning environment
 - High quality child care, graduate led
 - Open up commissioning & roles of children's centres



- Graham Allen – “Early Intervention”
 - Reiterate the arguments, cross-party
 - Campaign on Parenting
 - Evidence-based programmes
 - “Early Intervention Places”
 - “Early Intervention Foundation”
 - Social Impact Bonds



C4EO – Grasping the Nettle

- EI works, when appropriate, applied well, following timely identification
- Evidence – not just of stand-alone programmes
- Engaging parents
- Communications
- Smarter working



What are the real lessons?

- Press for continued investment ...
- ...not just in branded programmes ...
- ...but in mainstream services...
- ...using skilled workforce...
- ...who follow the evidence



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