

Fair processing notice

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Troubled Families National Impact Study

The Troubled Families Programme transforms the lives of families with multiple and complex problems. These are families who have an average of nine significant problems, including domestic violence, unemployment, mental illness, drug abuse and poor school attendance. In June 2013, the Government announced plans to expand the Troubled Families Programme for a further five years from 2015/16 and to reach up to an additional 400,000 families across England.

All 152 upper tier local authorities in England signed up to the Troubled Families Programme and as a result they are not only helping families turn their lives around but also are changing the way they work with families and bringing down the amount of money public services need to spend reacting to their problems.

The purpose

The National Impact Study (NIS) aims to estimate the impact of the Troubled Families Programme on family outcomes. It will track individuals' outcomes via central government's datasets and link information on these individuals at a family level. Using datasets of those who nearly met the programme's eligibility criteria and those waiting to start the programme, it will provide evidence on the added value of the Troubled Families Programme.

- The personal data of individuals and families will be linked with information from public agencies. This includes both those only assessed, and also those who have participated in the programme.
- The reason to link the information is to help the government and local service providers understand whether or not the programme has been effective in reducing offending, truancy and getting people ready for work and to help improve the service over time.
- Data agreements are in place to ensure that:
 - the data can only be used for carrying out research;
 - the linked data cannot be used to make decisions about individuals;
 - the linked information is anonymised to reduce the risk of individuals being identified;
 - it will be impossible for any person or family to be identified from any published reports;
 - the linked personal data will not be shared with or made available to the local authority or any other public agency;
 - all data is transferred, handled and stored in accordance with the Data Protection Act;
 - appropriate measures are in place to prevent unauthorised use of the data;
 - the data is destroyed after five years.

Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/helping-troubled-families-turn-their-lives-around>. If you have any questions regarding data sharing please email the Information Governance Manager at infogov@lambeth.gov.uk