



Challenge Question:

How will we know if our child poverty strategy delivers joined up services for the people and places which need them most?

In thinking about the challenge question you might like to use the following series of prompt questions and ideas for discussion with your partners and colleagues.

How well do we understand our role as lead partners in responding to challenges facing families living in poverty?

Tips



- Is there a common and wide understanding of the nature and causes of poverty in the area across the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and other partnerships?
- Is child poverty as defined in the Child Poverty Act understood by partners at all levels? Is it a priority for the LSP, and is there a recognised operational lead?
- Who is taking responsibility and action at senior political and organisational level?

Do we know where child poverty exists and who it affects?

Tips



- Where are the places and communities most at risk?
- What intelligence, data and assessments do we have already - what else do we need?
- What do we, or could we, share what we know?
- What do our service users/residents tell us about their experiences?

How integrated is our child poverty strategy?

Tips



- Is our activity to tackle child poverty clearly articulated in our Sustainable Community Strategy priorities, strategies and plans?
- Is there a 'golden thread' from the Sustainable Community Strategy through other strategies, children's services delivery plans, and Children's and Young People's Plan, so priorities are understood and reinforced at all levels?
- How will partners monitor progress on tackling child poverty? What indicators are we using and how well will our performance management framework support this?

How do we move from strategy to action?

Tips



- What can we do to pool our budgets and those of partners to make better use of resources to reduce child poverty?
- What could we commission jointly?
- How do we ensure service delivery is focused on relocation, integration or co-location of services?
- What use do we make of outreach or local services, using data and local intelligence, to target the most disadvantaged families and engage them with mainstream services?
- What effective activity is in place to inform, engage and upskill the workforce to tackle child poverty and to improve partnership working?

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