

Building Community Resilience

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a better
future



Inter-Connected Programme

- 82 Commitments
- 5 Priorities
- Focus on Delivery
- Fundamental Importance of the Economy

PfG Commitment 34

- Deliver a range of measures to tackle poverty and social exclusion through the Delivering Social Change Framework

Key Objectives

To co-ordinate key actions between Government Departments in order to:

- (1) Deliver a sustained reduction in poverty and associated issues, across all ages; and
- (2) Improve children and young people's health, wellbeing and life opportunities thereby breaking the long-term cycle of multi-generational problems.

Programme Structure

Executive Ministerial Sub-Committees on Poverty and Social Inclusion and Children and Young People
(co-chaired by Junior Ministers)

(The DSC Programme Board reports to the Executive Ministerial Sub-Committees on a quarterly rotating basis)

Delivering Social Change Programme Board
(Meets every 8 weeks)

OFMDFM: Junior Ministers [Co-Chairs]
OFMDFM: Programme Director
OFMDFM: Special Advisers
Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
Department of Education
Department for Employment and Learning
Department of Finance and Personnel
Department of Health Social Services and Public Safety
Department for Social Development
Department of Justice
Department of the Environment
(Other Departments beyond this core group to be involved as required).
OFMDFM: Programme Support

PROJECTS

Associated Objectives

- To find new ways of ensuring effective cross-departmental working in tackling poverty and social exclusion;
- To ensure that mainstream education, health, employment and justice programmes are supported by a co-ordinated initiative to help tackle the long-term problems associated with deprivation; and
- To ensure that more people join and / or remain in the work force and have the appropriate work skills to strengthen economic growth.

Associated Objectives

- The Framework will take full account of the principles of the Ten Year Strategy for Children and Young People and its six high level outcomes for children and young people to be:
 - Healthy;
 - Enjoying, learning and achieving;
 - Living in safety and with stability;
 - Experiencing economic and environmental well-being;
 - Contributing positively to community and society; and
 - Living in a society which respects their rights.

Early Focus

- Early work has focussed on the identification of short, medium and long term strategic actions.
- This work has been informed by two consultation events with key stakeholders.
- An Early Action document has been developed which identifies a number of priority areas.

Priorities

- It is not possible to tackle all of the most persistent problems at once.
- We need to take a targeted approach in order to make a real difference.
- In terms of maximising outcomes it is clear that we should initially target children and young people.
- We need to concentrate on those services and measures which will have the greatest early impact.

Five Priority Work Programmes

1. Early Years and Early Interventions
2. Literacy and Numeracy
3. Transitions
4. Integrated Delivery
5. Joined up Planning and Commissioning.

Signature Programmes

- In addition to the development of early actions the Executive decided it was critical for Departments to come together to deliver a number of more immediate actions to address some of the key priorities already identified.
- Six Signature Programmes were announced on 10 October 2012 by the First Minister and deputy First Minister.

The Six Signature Programmes

1. Improving Literacy and Numeracy
2. Direct Family Support
3. Support for Parents
4. Accelerating Social Enterprise
5. Pathways to Employment for Young People
6. Early Intervention for Vulnerable Children

Signature Programmes

- £26 million has been made available to support these programmes over the next 2 years.
- This is about investing in early interventions which can assist everyone to reach their full potential and which can support a strong society and economy.
- The programmes will be delivered where social change is most needed.
- Lead Departments have been appointed to deliver these programmes through the Delivering Social Change governance structures.

Longer Term Actions

- Work is also progressing on how key social policies will be implemented as part of the next Programme for Government.
- A Project Board has been established and a Senior Responsible Owner appointed.
- This longer term work will be informed by an extensive Research Programme.