

Edges of Care Programme: Information sheet

What are the phases of the programme?

Phase 1: Scoping work (March – June 2017)

Phase 2: Planning, design and testing of approaches (July 2017 – December 2018)

Phase 3: Ongoing implementation support to sustain positive change (January 2019 onwards)

The Robertson Trust has funded phase 1 of this programme. A funding application will be completed over the course of phase 1 to support the delivery of action plans in phases 2 and 3 of the work.

What are the broad aims of the programme?

- To improve child and family wellbeing
- To reduce the number of children accommodated, and the associated negative impact of family breakdown
- To decrease local spend on late-stage, crisis interventions
- To develop and enhance preventative and early intervention options within local communities
- To grow local capacity to support practice improvement and implementation
- To expand and/ or introduce effective child-welfare practice
- To accelerate the realisation of GIRFEC for children on the edges of care

What is the nature of the work that will take place over phase 1?

- Definition and identification of population of children who are on the edges of care
- Tracking these children and families' journeys from the point they become known to services
- Analysing the range of children's and families' needs
- Mapping the system 'as is,' including third sector and community provision
- Understanding organisational structures
- Identifying barriers and challenges
- Costing of current infrastructure of support

What is the support on offer?

The CELCIS Edges of Care Project Lead will work with the local implementation team to:

- Undertake the scoping work
- Report on progress to the CPP

- Develop an action plan which outlines how to improve the outcomes of children and families on the edges of care, which will form the basis of a funding application to support phases 2 and 3 of the programme
- Apply improvement and implementation approaches
- Co-ordinate engagement with children and families, staff working in the statutory and third sector, and community groups.
- Design and test new and existing approaches, based on a full understanding of need and the local CPP context
- Create data systems to support the aims of the work
- Implement and sustain effective approaches to supporting children on the edges of care

What must CPP leaders commit to?

- Supporting a programme of change for children on the edges of care, which is designed in partnership with children and families, statutory and third sector providers, and community groups
- Actively driving the programme in their area, through overseeing its development and monitoring progress
- Reflecting their commitment to, and prioritisation of, this agenda in the Children's Services Plan
- Accommodating an in-depth scoping exercise to understand the current approach to supporting children on the edges of care
- Identifying a minimum of three members of staff from the CPP to work with the CELCIS Edges of Care Project Lead to drive the programme locally
- Through the local leads, co-ordinating engagement with a wider group of stakeholders
- Supporting the design of a data and evaluation system which reflects the aims of this work
- Moving to phases 2 and 3 of the programme

Join our community of practice

For CPP areas interested in this work, but not able to participate at this time, we would suggest joining our mailing list which we will use to distribute information about the programme, publicise upcoming events and roundtable discussions, and to carry out consultations.

Please submit your contact details to lisa.macaskill@strath.ac.uk, and include the reference 'edges of care community of practice.'

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