

## National Impact Study - Evaluation of Change and Challenge Programme:

### How we are using your information?

To understand whether the Change and Challenge Programme in Enfield has been effective in helping families turn their lives around and whether it is a good use of public money, the Government would like to combine personal data held by local authorities (such as names and dates of birth) with information routinely collected by Government Departments.

The progress of families who have taken part in the Programme will be compared with those who have not. This will provide information about how effective it has been in reducing offending, truancy and getting people ready for work and will be used to help improve the programme and services you may receive in the future.

It is important to note that the personal data (names, dates of birth and addresses) will be removed from any combined datasets before they are provided back to the research organisation (the National Institute of Economic and Social Research). **This means it will be impossible for anyone to identify you from any published reports because information will be anonymised.**

The combined data on your progress **cannot** be shared with London Borough of Enfield or used to make decisions about the treatment you currently receive – **it will in no way affect any benefits, services or treatment you may be entitled to.** The data can only be used for research with the goal of improving services going forward and is part of a larger evaluation of the programme. Your personal data will be destroyed at the end of the research.

**For example:** Joe Bloggs & family were asked to take part in the Change and Challenge Programme because Joe had been truanting from school regularly and convicted of theft. They agreed to take part and were assigned a keyworker in May 2014. Data about offences and school were used by the local authority in order to provide services to him and his family.

Joe and his family's personal data (names, addresses and dates of birth) were then sent to researchers at the National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR) to be used in a research project.

Researchers at NIESR sent the data they had on Joe's family along with data about other families to researchers at the Department of Education. The researchers at the Department of Education matched Joe's personal data to the data they had about his attendance and progress at school in maths and English. The researchers removed all names, addresses and dates of birth, including those for Joe's family from the data before they sent it back to NIESR.

NIESR were able to use Joe's school data, alongside data they had also collected from other Government Departments on his offending behaviour and any benefits his family had been receiving. They could then see if his school attendance and progress at school had improved and whether he had also reduced his offending. NIESR were also able to see whether the improvements were because he had taken part in the programme.

All data will be transferred, handled and stored in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Legally binding agreements are in place between London Borough of Enfield and the research organisation and agreements are in place between Government Departments to ensure that all parties comply with the strict rules on handling, transferring, storing and destroying the data under the Data Protection Act 1998.

If you would like to discuss this in more detail please contact Change and Challenge duty number:

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