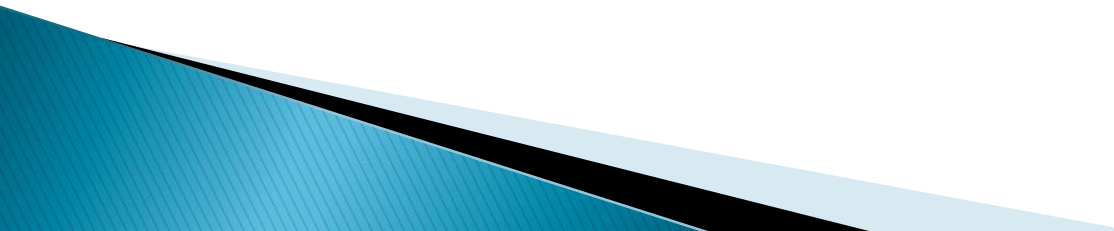



Early intervention and prevention for teenage parents



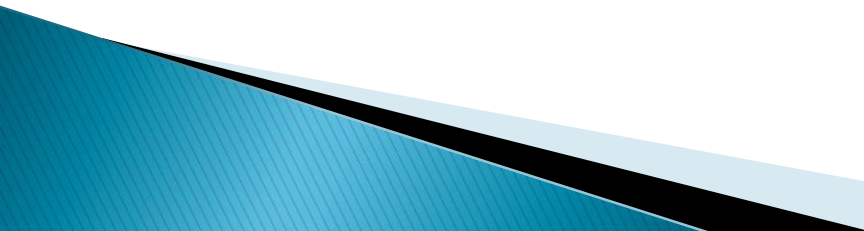
Context

- ▶ Brighton and Hove has a population of 256,000
 - ▶ 21% of the population is under 19, 64% between 20 and 64
 - ▶ Areas of high deprivation
 - ▶ Significant health inequalities in the city
 - ▶ Teenage conceptions have decreased by 25% since 1998
 - ▶ Needs of the cohort that do become teenage parents are complex
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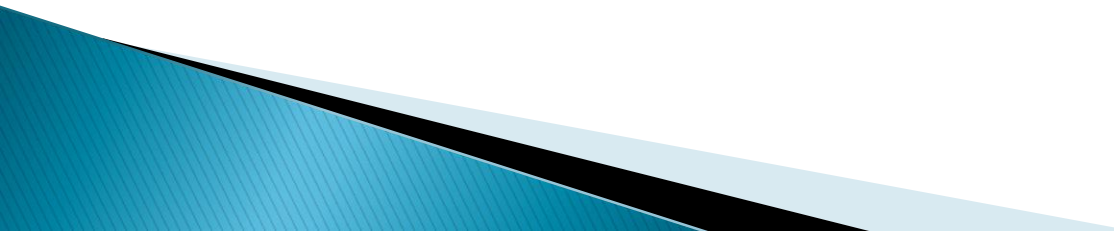
Children and Young People's Plan

- ▶ Decrease in the under 18 conception rate
 - ▶ Decrease the proportion of children and young people living in poverty
 - ▶ Care leavers having access to settled accommodation once they leave care
 - ▶ Increase in the numbers of 16-18 year olds in education, training or employment
 - ▶ Increase in the numbers of Young People making a positive contribution.
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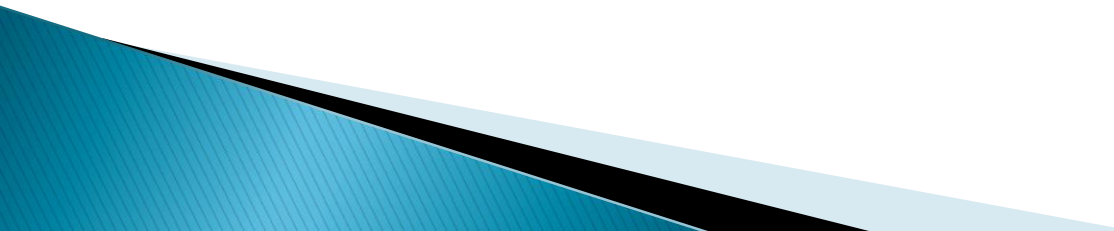
Partnership approach to meet the needs of teenage parents

- ▶ Teenage pregnancy action plan – dedicated health visitors, connexions personal advisors and school reintegration officer
 - ▶ Youth homelessness strategy - Recognition that there was a lack of supported accommodation for teenage parents
 - ▶ Joint bid from children's services and housing needs to DfE for anti-poverty pilot funding
 - ▶ Service model – wrap around support for teenage parents, including fathers in independent flats
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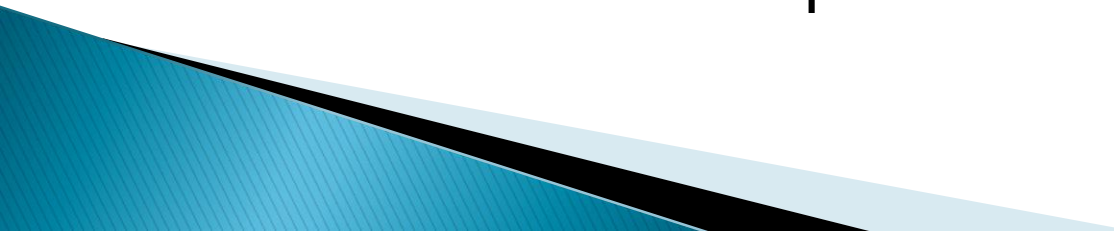
Support offered

- ▶ 10 self contained flats over 2 sites
 - ▶ Keywork
 - ▶ Group work: literacy, numeracy, parenting skills, nutrition and cooking
 - ▶ Life Coaching: psychological interventions to improve relationships, self esteem and aspirations
 - ▶ Good linking in with health visitors (attend team meetings at the project) and where necessary social workers.
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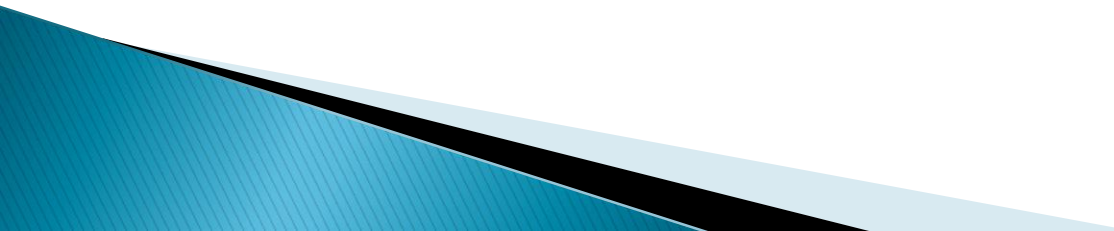
High levels of need

- ▶ At one point 50% of families had child protection concerns
 - ▶ Low levels of educational achievement
 - ▶ Domestic violence issues
 - ▶ Some issues with ability to live independently
 - ▶ Issues with relationships with partners and families.
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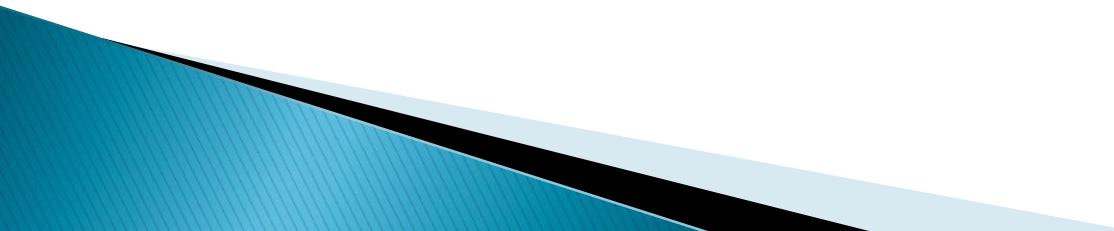
Successes

- ▶ Joint working with children's services and health services
 - ▶ Child care attached to the project has given young parents confidence
 - ▶ Good engagement with education provided at the project - 90% have engaged
 - ▶ 40% now in education training or employment outside of the project
 - ▶ Life Coaches have helped with improving relationships
 - ▶ Project started in July 2009 – 3 residents have moved out to their own independent accommodation.
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Use of Family CAF

- ▶ All CAF assessments in Brighton and Hove now Family CAF so support given to the whole family
 - ▶ Within the teenage parent project this approach has been used from the start
 - ▶ Early intervention and prevention model, useful as a framework for multi-agency support
 - ▶ Family CAF done in partnership with health visitors.
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Next steps

- ▶ Funding has been mainstreamed – supporting people and children's services
 - ▶ Keeping the focus on under nineteens
 - ▶ Losing group work space, but hoping to use children's centres and community centres
 - ▶ Life Coaches will continue, and aim to improve engagement.
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Integrated working

- ▶ What are the factors that enable this to happen?
- ▶ What are the barriers?