

Research review and validated local practice



Research review question

What do we know about

- effective practice
- to protect children living in **highly resistant families**
- where they may be suffering, or are likely to suffer, significant harm
- because of ill-treatment or the impairment of health or development due to abuse or neglect?

What do we mean by highly resistant?

- Families who do not engage or cooperate with services, including those who are outwardly compliant
- Families who do not demonstrate positive change despite support



Key sub-questions

- What forms does resistance take, how does it manifest itself?
- What are the circumstances and characteristics of these families?
- What challenges to practice are raised?
- What services, treatments and interventions are effective?

Review process



- Scoping, searching and coding
- Selection of core set of key texts (30-50)
- Summarising
- Narrative review, with background, context, key data and standalone summary, and incorporating validated local practice
- Detailed QA process
- Published and launched at Regional Knowledge Workshops in March-April 2010

Validated local practice - what is it and why do you need it?

- Local proven examples of practice that works which can supplement research findings
- Can be traditional, well-proven practice or newer more innovative examples
- Practice for which you can demonstrate positive outcomes for children, young people and families.

Validated local practice – how to submit examples

- Complete the form in your packs – e-forms available from C4EO website or sent after this workshop
- Guidance helps you answer questions on: what you did; what impact it made; how do you know that it made a difference
- Send by e-mail to NFER.



Validated local practice – validation and use

- Panel of sector experts assesses material, and may ask for extra information
- Validation criteria relate to adequacy of information, strength of evidence of improved outcomes and ability to transfer to other settings
- Validated practice contributes to reviews and is placed on safeguarding theme web-pages.