



**Title:** Multi-Agency Early and Effective Intervention Implementation Guidance

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(accessed July 8<sup>th</sup> 2010) NB. Also consider the document National Audit Office (2006) *Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour* (Report by the Controller and Auditor General | HC 99 Session 2006-2007) which is also available at this web address.

**SCS topic headings:** Partnership Working, Offending Management, Safety of Vulnerable Groups

**The document presents GUIDANCE to implement selected effective intervention practices.**

### **Summary of the intervention's aim**

This guidance has been produced to assist local teams in Scotland to implement on a realistic and systematic basis, the Early and Effective Intervention process (EEI) in their area. It has been designed as a practical guidance to implementation. Although the focus is on early intervention, which takes place long before any consideration of a Children's Hearing, this guidance makes reference to the options which involve the Hearings System and therefore assumes a high degree of knowledge and familiarity with their structure and operation.

The main focus of the guidance is on offending behaviour and how referrals to the Reporter might be addressed. The guidance has been designed to inform both the strategic and operational workings of the EEI. It is important in looking at the needs and risks to any such child or young person that the holistic needs are identified and addressed which emphasises the importance of appropriate multi-agency involvement where relevant.

The guidance is designed to prompt discussions, developments and ways of working in local areas which are tailored to their particular local context or circumstances. As such it is not intended to represent detailed practice guidance for practitioners nor is it intended to be taken as a list of mandatory elements required to implement a successful EEI process; neither is it intended as a re-statement of policy.

## Outcomes

There are a range of benefits envisaged for young people and local partners through the implementation of an EEI process. These include:

- More timely and effective intervention with a young person, coming together on a multiagency basis as appropriate;
- Access to a broader range of interventions which offer better opportunity of improved outcomes through greater inclusion of partners;
- A release of operational staff time back to front-line services through a reduction in bureaucracy as demonstrated in the EEI evaluation;
- Potential to more effectively undertake an audit of local need in respect of the services and interventions required at a local level.

## Summary of evaluation conclusions

- Positioning Early and Effective Intervention within the areas current structure and processes for engaging with young people
- Suggested key stages in developing the strategic governance arrangements
- Suggested key stages in setting up an effective coordination process
- Suggested key stages in the establishment of an effective multiagency meeting
- Continually improving the Early and Effective Intervention process.

## How the evaluation gathered information for findings and conclusions

The report draws primarily on evidence gathered via an independent evaluation of new ways of working which have been developed and tested in five areas of Scotland, namely: Dundee City, The City of Edinburgh, Fife, Glasgow South and Renfrewshire.

**Further details about the SCS evaluation of this report are available on request.  
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