

Impact: Our Parent Liaison Service

Cost benefit to West Yorkshire



A recent evaluation found that Iverson Trust enhances the quality of life for families and children affected by child exploitation. This early intervention service also has the potential for significant cost savings across education, healthcare, social care and the criminal justice system.



Improved Health Outcomes

Following one-to-one support from their Parent Liaison Officer:

- ✓ 90% of parents reported improvement in their mental health.
- ✓ 100% of parents felt supported to understand the effects of trauma.
- ✓ 93.8% of parents felt supported to deal with the effects of trauma.

- £ **Financial savings per child**
Emotional and physical wellbeing:
£2,927 Self-harm
£55,168 Mental health admissions
£2,311 Alcohol related cases
£575 Substance misuse

"My wellbeing score was 32. I'd had enough and retreated to curl up in a dark place... my current wellbeing score is 7 now and I feel reborn." — Affected parent



Improved Safeguarding

Following the Parent Liaison Service:

- ✓ 83% of parents felt supported in addressing safeguarding issues in real-time.
- ✓ 95% of parents felt their knowledge of grooming had increased.
- ✓ 86% of parents reported an increase in confidence to protect their children.
- ✓ 70.6% of partner agencies reported a reduction in the need for involvement with children's social care.

- £ **Financial savings per child**
Children's social care:
£7,292 Child protection plan
£2,125 Children in need

"Our Parent Liaison Officer was our saviour. She helped us gather information to try and stop the offenders. We honestly would not have been able to cope without Iverson Trust – they helped keep our family together." — Affected parent



Improved Relationships with Professionals & Services

- ✓ 100% of partner agencies had confidence in the PLO service.
- ✓ 100% of professionals felt the PLO service created trusting relationships between young people and families and the supporting agencies.

"We need more Parent Liaison Officers; they are a key agency in protecting children from exploitation." — Social worker



Improved Outcomes for Children & Families

- ✓ 87.6% of partner agencies felt the PLO service helped young people to engage with education, training and employment.
- ✓ 93.8% of partner agencies felt the PLO service reduced young people's involvement with anti-social behaviour or crime.
- ✓ 93.8% of partner agencies felt the PLO service supported the reduction in the use of alcohol and drugs.

- £ **Financial savings per child**
Education and Youth Justice:
£2,463 Persistent absenteeism
£3,324 Exclusions
£11,796 Involvement in the justice system

£87,981

potential savings per family supported by a full-time Parent Liaison Officer.