



Early Action Together programme mission and objectives

Programme mission

The mission of the Early Action Together Programme is to facilitate the start of a transformation of policing in Wales to a multi-agency, ACE informed approach that enables early intervention and root cause prevention.

So what is being done?

In Wales, – we are supporting police, prison and probation staff and wider partners to better meet the needs of vulnerable people using what we know about ACEs and trauma to help people earlier. This programme is known as the Early Action Together Programme.

The Early Action Together Programme is aiming to do this in the following ways:

- 1) By training front-line police officers and prison and probation staff so they understand the impact of ACEs and can spot vulnerable people (who have experienced childhood trauma) and help them early on to get the support they need.
- 2) Working with police forces to make sure the way they gather information, structure their organisations and develop their people to meet the needs of their communities.
- 3) Creating an 'Early Help' system that means no matter what the need of a vulnerable person - policing, social care, health, housing etc. - they will receive the right support at the right time, and police know how to respond at any time of day or night.
- 4) The police can't do this by themselves; they need to work in partnership with other statutory and third sector organisations. Police will be working closely with partners within their local police force areas so everyone is aligned and joined up in meeting the needs of vulnerable people and support Wales' vision of tackling ACEs.

The Early Action Together programme hopes to see a number of outcomes from this programme including:

- A more ACE aware, trauma informed workforce across policing and criminal justice.
- Police working more closely with key statutory and third sector partners.
- Earlier intervention with vulnerable people, sign posting them onto relevant services so that we can help them before their problems escalate.
- A reduction in repeat demand for policing and partners – reducing how many times the same people come back into contact with the police, which in turn will stop people's issues escalating into high level crime and hopefully break the generational cycle of crime / lead to less people getting caught up in the criminal justice system.