



## PRESS NOTICE

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### Autumn Statement promises better support for people with multiple needs

The Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM) coalition [1] has welcomed today's commitment in the Autumn Statement to better support people facing multiple needs [2].

The government has confirmed that it wants to extend the principles underpinning the Troubled Families programme – which incentivises local areas to take coordinated action for families with multiple problems - to other groups of individuals with multiple needs.

The announcement follows the publication of the government's Service Transformation Challenge Panel report [3], last week.

In October, **Baroness Tyler of Enfield, Chair of the MEAM coalition**, called for a national focus on multiple needs in a House of Lords debate on Social Justice, saying that:

“Government could help to change the national finance and outcomes structures that so often pull services apart rather than pushing them together. By taking the best bits of the Troubled Families programme and combining it with a really strong input from the voluntary sector, a new ‘troubled families for individuals’ programme could make significant cost savings over the course of the next Parliament.”

#### **Oliver Hilbery, Director at the MEAM coalition, said:**

“We welcome the announcement in today's Autumn Statement. As our work with local areas shows [4], coordinated services at the local level can improve lives, increase wellbeing and reduce costs.

“While the detail of any plans will be important, there is potential for a national programme to develop the accountability, finance and outcomes structures that can actively help local services to work better together.

“We look forward to working closely with the government as these plans are developed.”

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## **NOTES TO THE EDITOR:**

- 1) Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM) is a coalition of four national charities – Clinks, DrugScope, Homeless Link and Mind – formed to influence policy and services for adults facing multiple needs and exclusions. Together the charities represent over 1,600 frontline organisations working in the criminal justice, drug treatment, homelessness and mental health sectors.

MEAM works across the country to help local areas improve support for people facing multiple needs. Using the MEAM Approach, we help local areas to design and deliver better coordinated interventions and to measure their impact. We also provide support to twelve areas across the country as part of the Big Lottery Fund's Fulfilling Lives: Supporting people with multiple needs programme.

Through our Voices from the Frontline project, the four MEAM organisations are seeking to bring the voices of people with multiple needs and those who support them to the heart of the policy debate.

For more information please see: [www.meam.org.uk](http://www.meam.org.uk); [www.clinks.org](http://www.clinks.org); [www.drugscope.org.uk](http://www.drugscope.org.uk); [www.homeless.org.uk](http://www.homeless.org.uk); [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk);

- 2) The Autumn Statement can be downloaded at the link below and the announcement is in paragraph 1.77:  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/382327/44695\\_Accessible.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/382327/44695_Accessible.pdf)
- 3) The Service Transformation Challenge Panel report can be downloaded at:  
[http://publicservicetransformation.org/images/2902929\\_ChallengePanelReport\\_acc3.pdf](http://publicservicetransformation.org/images/2902929_ChallengePanelReport_acc3.pdf)
- 4) More information on the MEAM Approach can be found here:  
<http://www.themeamapproach.org.uk/>