

# KEEPING MORE CHILDREN SAFELY AT HOME

## KEY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This document provides headlines from the final presentation. The aim is to help you reflect on the learnings ahead of the meeting to enrich our discussion.

### Culture and Leadership

Stockton has faced an imbalance: more children have entered care than left care each year in the last 20 years

Caseloads cannot explain the trend seen in numbers of children in care

The system appears to be 'passive', reacting to need rather than proactively regulating demand

The numbers of children in care have seen exponential increase due to various reinforcing loops

### Nuts and bolts of delivery

The system is struggling to address complexity

Support is often framed around younger children

Services are not always well-matched to needs

### Collaboration

Complexity of issues often relate to parents not children

The choices of partners have knock-on effects on the system

Gathering useful data to calibrate the model has been challenging

**Develop a balanced strategy to safely reduce numbers in care**

**Reconsider responsibilities and workloads**

**Set explicit system goals to shift cultures and practice**

**Apply systems thinking – focus on prevention**

**Support should respond to multiple and co-occurring needs**

**Support should address teenage aggression and trauma**

**Clearly define and communicate available services**

**Frame support addressing adult needs as well as children's**

**Lead collaborative working with partners**

**Collect, reflect on and share information**

Project feedback: How has the project helped you?  
**What will you do differently?**