Further to your Information request FOI64319, please find your questions and our response below:

In relation to the Troubled Families programme, would you please provide me with the following:

1. How many families were returned as living with five out seven multiple disadvantages - which include no parent in the family is in work, family lives in poor quality or overcrowded housing, no parent has any qualifications, mother has mental health problems, at least one parent has a long-standing limiting illness, disability or infirmity, family has low income (below 60% median), family cannot afford a number of food and clothing items - in your authority in the year 2009-2010? These represent the population of families that could be considered for Family Intervention Projects.

Response: Accurate data is not known. The national Troubled Families Team estimates that there are 140 such families living in RBWM.

2. How many families were returned in your area who met the criteria specified in the DCLG’s “financial framework for the Troubled Families programme’s payment-by-results scheme for local authorities”?

Response: The Troubled Families Team has informed us that 117 families are eligible for payment-by-results funding under the DCLG financial framework.

3. How many families were returned in your area who solely met the criteria specified in the DCLG’s “financial framework for the Troubled Families programme’s payment-by-results scheme for local authorities” solely on the grounds of worklessness?

Response: We do not hold this information.

4. How many families were returned in your area who solely met the criteria specified in the DCLG’s “financial framework for the Troubled Families programme’s payment-by-results scheme for local authorities” solely on the grounds of local discretion?

Response: We do not hold this information.

5. Any assessment made in the last year that the council has made of the savings that could make if troubled families were helped by intervention projects?

Response: No local assessments have been collated. The Troubled Families Team estimates that the 140 ‘troubled’ families in RBWM cost the taxpayer an estimated £10.500m.

6. And if possible within cost limits, how many times the local authority identified families who met one or both of the crime/ anti-social behaviour or education criteria under the government’s Troubled Families scheme and used the new legal gateway enabling a GCSX secure email account to check if the named adults were claiming out of work benefits?
Response: The gateway has been used 5 times up to the end of August 2012.

This concludes your request FOI64319.

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