

An area that needs proper review is that of the Child Protection procedures. Taking a child into care on average damages the life chances of the child as well as acting to undermine the family from which the child is removed. It is also a very expensive process costing potentially hundreds of thousands of pounds a year per child.

There is evidence that children are taken into care on false allegations and unlawfully. With a bit of luck the opening up of the Family Courts will start to hold this process back. However, it is quite clear that in some situations a small amount of funding in family support could prevent a child being taken into care and hence save a substantial amount of money.