

Health Inequalities in the Early Years

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Overview

- The Policy Context
- Policy into Practice
- Challenges

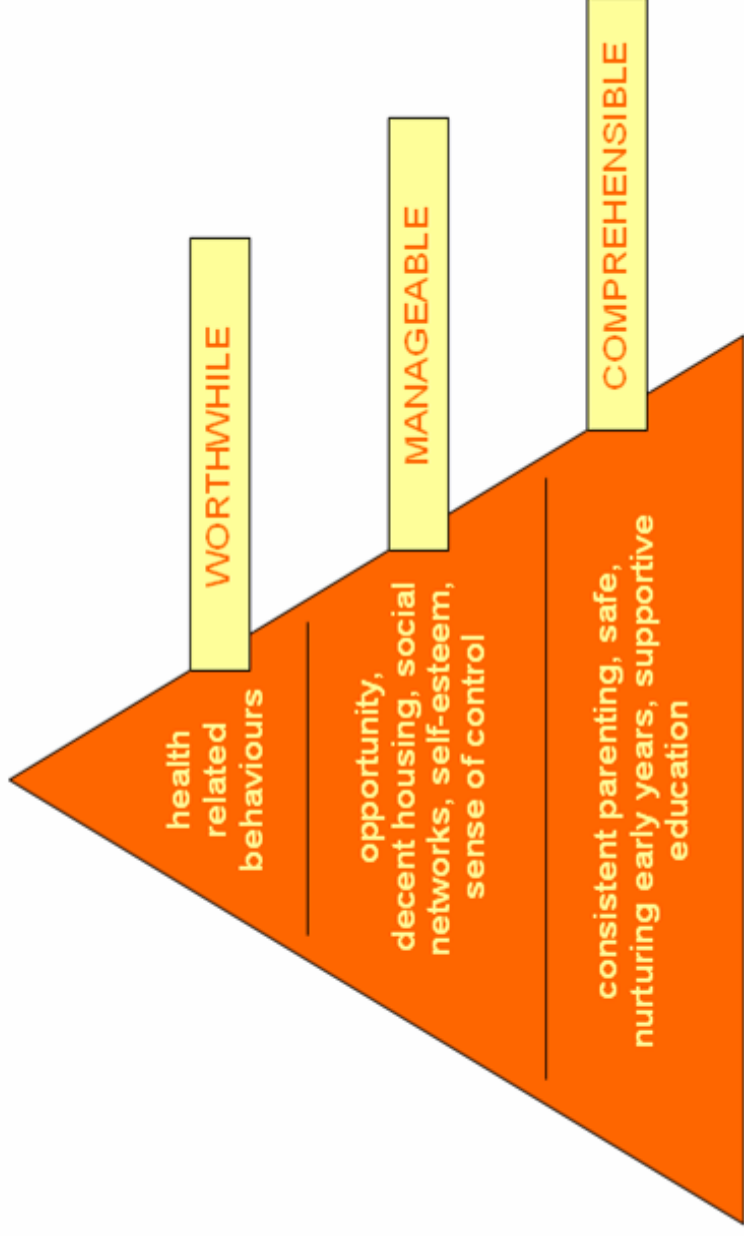
3 social policy frameworks

- ***Equally Well***, June 2008
(plus *Implementation Plan*, December 2008 and *Review*, June 2010)
- ***Early Years Framework***, December 2008
- ***Achieving our Potential***, December 2008

3 social policies but a shared approach

- Prevention and early intervention
- Long term change
- Assets, not deficits, approach
- Better use of existing resources/argue for more investment
- Service redesign/universal and targeted/better client pathways

A Sense of Coherence



Key Findings from *Equally Well* Review

- We have the right policies
- Collaborative approach across public services
- Focus on prevention
- Strong, cross-sector leadership
- Shift in resources

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Policy into Practice

- Priorities within SOAs
- *Equally Well* test site
- Family Nurse Partnership
- Early Years “Pathfinder”
- Early Years HEAT target
- Other Early Years projects...
- Policy responses to other “risk” factors
- Community Capacity

Challenges

- How do we ensure the compelling evidence base for focussing on the early years is translated into action?
- How do we ensure we invest in the best/right form of early years interventions?
- How do we support the shift in resources that this implies through the difficult financial climate that lies ahead?