**Youth Respect Project**

ChildA\* as a 12 year old male who was referred to the service by Families First. ChildA was displaying abusive behaviours towards his parents and younger siblings.

Initial risk assessment disclosed a medium risk of harm that included physical abuse, coercive control, verbal abuse and intimidation. ChildA was physically abusive and using threats of violence to control situations at home- this was having a negative impact on his parents and his siblings (one of whom is Neuro-diverse and was said to be fearful of him).

During initial sessions ChildA disclosed a difficult relationship with Dad (family all reside together) due to Dad’s poor mental health. ChildA also disclosed a lack of self esteem with a ‘dislike’ for his appearance, feeling easily frustrated and scared that Dad’s mental health will deteriorate again.

ChildA has completed work on Safety Planning, ‘Behind the anger’, Rights and Responsibilities, Strengths based work, Violence and abuse, Feelings work, power of words, power and control capva wheel, ‘Excuses and making amends’, Belief systems (what ‘being a man’ is) and communication. In total, Jack has engaged in 18 sessions of work. There has been some drawbacks during the engagement and Mam has updated us of behaviours that were returning at different points. These were all addressed with ChildA in safe manner, and he took accountability for them and worked with us on adapting the safety plan accordingly.

As ChildA’s negative behaviour at home decreased and family relations improved, there were concerns from parents and Phoenix about his isolation and lack of networks outside of his home and school. ChildA has agreed to a referral to the Youth Service to explore activities and enhance his social experiences.

At closure, parents report a happier home with significantly less outbursts and improved communication