

Brian McClory, Development Officer for Communication Strategy at the City of Edinburgh Council, has spoken highly of what the programme has to offer in regards to information sharing on a multi-agency level and how it has supported his working.

FAME (FrAmework for Multi-Agency Environments) is a National Project supported by the ODPM aimed at benefiting Local Authorities. A growing partnership has been formed between Organisations and Authorities in the North East to support the development of FAME in order to benefit a wider audience all across the UK who are looking to improve their multi-agency working.

How has FAME contributed to your multi-agency working?

After looking into the FAME framework, it was evident that FAME offered a well thought out framework for information sharing which we required. The combination of the FAME programme's nicely packaged strategies and useful checklists, proved to be balanced and comprehensive, drawing on practical experience and academic research.

FAME itself is evidence of multi-agency working. The ground rules are laid out in an accessible way giving me and my colleagues confidence knowing that FAME has gone through the same process already.

How did you use FAME's Readiness Assessment Tool to support your role within the Council?

We used the Readiness Assessment Tool to measure the ability of a number of agencies to share information in a safe way. The checklist and scoring system this tool provided proved to be very useful.

Through using this Readiness Assessment method, we saved ourselves a lot of time and unnecessary effort as we were able to base our planning around the results provided by the Readiness Assessment Tool.

Do you have any plans to use FAME again in the future?

When the opportunity arises for more information sharing and multi-agency working here, I will certainly use the Readiness Assessment Tool again. FAME provides useful, solid guidance and direction with a clear framework, which I will certainly refer to.

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