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the local authority and may with the right intervention and ongoing support be a better outcome for the child for the rest of their life.

So lots to do.....

And to finish let me just mention other possible developments our multi generational Trust is exploring:

Our CEO has started to talk with the Job Centre to explore us delivering services for them

He has also been talking with our local college to work in partnership with them to deliver early years training to up skill our childcare workforce. This could link into our existing work with the UEA and their EYP training.

: Community Finance is being explored which would enable personal loans for people with poor credit history, and we quite fancy running our local Branch Line as we feel we could do it better!

I am serious about that one! Maybe just not right now though!

So.....I am so glad we took that risk, it was right for Gt Yarmouth.....it was right for our families and although the future looks uncertain I appreciate having the opportunity to come to talk to you about our Trust at this time.

Thank you for listening

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