

Contents

Introduction	5
1 Understanding the problem	13
Examples from medicine	15
Early intervention and children in need	22
Individual pathways	25
Groups predisposed to social and psychological problems	35
What has changed in the last 50 years?	41
Taking stock 1	46
2 Success and failure in responding to children's needs	53
Living situations and environment	55
Family and social relationships	58
Social and anti-social behaviour	69
Physical and psychological health	79
Education and employment	88
Taking stock 2	98
Conclusion	
A way forward for services for children in need	105
Principles of effective prevention and early intervention for children in need	III