

## *WHO IS AN AUTHORISED OFFICER?*

An Authorised Officer is a person who has been given special authority to act on behalf of an Appropriate Agency when considering a Family Responsibility Agreement or Order for a family.

The Chief Executive of each Agency decides whom, and how many, Authorised Officers are appointed.

### **What do Authorised Officers do?**

Authorised Officers will:

- work directly with families and children in need of support and assistance;
- share information with other Authorised Officers and the Family Support Centre to decide which families are in greatest need of assistance and support;
- sit on the Interagency Collaboration Panel and determine how Government will respond and assist a family struggling with youth anti-social behaviour;
- coordinate the implementation of any Agreements and/or Orders if the Agency they represent becomes the Lead Agency;
- provide information for court hearings and attend court if necessary; and
- monitor the Family Responsibility Agreements and/or Orders and start the necessary processes if a breach is made by the family or young person.

*For more information on all of the above, see the relevant fact sheets.*

*Family Support Centre – fact sheet 5*

*Interagency Collaboration Panel – fact sheet 9*

*Family Responsibility Agreement – fact sheet 3*

*Family Responsibility Order – fact sheet 4*

*Lead Agency – fact sheet 7*