

Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2018-2021

Introduction

Our CYPP has been developed by the Children and Young People's sub group, a sub-group of the Health and Wellbeing Board (previously the Children Trust Board). It builds on our previous Children and Young People's Plans, and aims to identify the key priority areas that all partners are asked to prioritise in their service delivery and commissioning decisions.

The CYPP has been closely aligned to the Health & Wellbeing Strategy, the emerging Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Business Plan 2018-2019 and the refreshed Workforce Strategy 2018-2021 to ensure a more coherent strategic focus on delivering better outcomes for our most vulnerable children and young people in Bath and North East Somerset Council.

We know from the available data, performance information and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) that these outcomes are influenced by a range of wider determinants, such as home environment, education and housing. The scope of this plan will therefore be on the services that the Local Authority and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) commission to support better outcomes for our most vulnerable children and young people.

How will we deliver the plan?

The CYPP has been developed in an ever changing economic, political and policy environment. All public sector budgets are under financial pressure, changing legislation, e.g. SEND reform, Working Together 2018, academisation of schools and significant welfare reform. It will, therefore, be delivered by using the collective resources available.

This plan aims to clearly identify how services in B&NES will increasingly be targeted to the most vulnerable and those not achieving their full potential. It highlights further areas to be developed over the period of the plan, to include a greater focus on early help, a 'Think Family' approach, support for complex families and those in need of increased support and safeguarding.

The CYPP does not detail all the ongoing work that all partners are doing to meet the needs of children and young people locally but rather to capture the key priority areas that need greater focus above and beyond the everyday '*business as usual*'.

It is important too that the CYPP is supported by schools, emerging Multi Academy Trusts and all partner agencies, as the success of its delivery requires the sign up and full support across ALL agencies in B&NES.

The Children and Young People's Voluntary & Community Sector Workforce

The Voluntary Community Sector (VCS) plays a vital role within the communities they work with and has the unique ability to recognise and respond quickly to local priorities and need. Our Children & Young People's Network (CYPN) co-ordinated by Bath Area Play Project, provides a range of services that supports the children and young people's workforce. The breadth of our membership is reflective of a wide range of organisations, and includes mentoring and advocacy services and play therapy to support families experiencing domestic abuse. Through our representation on a range of strategic boards, the members of the CYPN are able to be the 'voice of the sector', and influence policy and decision making, within multi – agency partnerships.

Our flexibility enables us to adapt quickly to change, providing a personalised approach and offering innovative, preventative services for children, young people and their families.

Through effective collaboration and partnership between organisations we are proactive and responsive to the changing needs of children, young people and their families. Historically, the third sector has always worked holistically and with a renewed focus on 'Think Family' we are well placed to offer early help to those who are most in need.

Within the statutory services there is great support for the work of the whole of the VCS and recognition of the importance of their contribution. The CYPN will continue to maintain this strong relationship and promote the voice of the children and young people we work with, enabling them to contribute positively to their future through active and meaningful participation.

This is evidenced by a recent survey (April 2018) showing that 82% of our members actively support vulnerable children and young people including those economically disadvantaged, in receipt of FSM, and those who are BME, LAC, and SEND

Through both Commissioned and non -Commissioned Services, the VCS in B&NES are well placed to provide:

- **Opportunities for appropriate intervention and early recognition of need**
- **Engagement with children & young people and families that find services hard to access**
- **Timely and holistic support and intervention within families and communities**
- **Collaborative partnerships between organisations which bring together strengths and expertise**

The sector will aim to build on its current good practice by providing an effective network of services, who will work towards supporting the priorities as set out in this plan. We appreciate that the priorities are key in order to deliver the best outcomes for the most vulnerable children and young people in B&NES. However, there are a range of organisations working with children and young people in the community and, although not directly linked to the priorities, the work they do should also be recognised.

Bath and North East Somerset Vision for Parents and Carers

In Bath and North East Somerset our local ambition for parenting is that:

Parents and carer's take responsibility for understanding and meeting their children's needs, enjoying their childhood with them and preparing them for adult life

Our current parenting strategy outlines how we will do this

Parenting Strategy 2016-2018

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/children-young-people-and-families/childcare-early-years-play/support-parents>

Our Vision
All children and young people will enjoy childhood and be well prepared for adult life.

Our 4 Outcomes

Children and young people are safe

Children and young people are healthy

Children and young people have fair life chances

Children and young people are engaged citizens within their own community

Our 11 Priorities

1. Increase the proportion of children and young people living in safe, supportive families and communities

2. Decrease the proportion of children and young people affected by unintended or accidental injury

3. Increase the proportion of children and young people that are protected from crime and anti-social behaviour

4. Increase the proportion of children and young people maintaining a healthy weight

5. Increase the proportion of children and young people experiencing good emotional and mental health, wellbeing and resilience

6. Increase the proportion of children and young people free from the harm of substance misuse, including alcohol and tobacco.

7. Ensure disadvantaged children are supported to have the best start in life and be ready for learning

8. Ensure children and young people are supported to achieve and that gaps in their educational outcomes are closed.

9. Ensure children and young people are able to access and maintain appropriate local education provision

10. Children and young people are supported through key transitions, including into adulthood

11. Ensure children and young people are supported to participate, have a voice and can influence change.

Our 4 Commitments

These underpin the delivery of the plan and link to the H&WB Strategy, LSCB Strategic Plan, Early Help Strategy, Children's Workforce Strategy, and the SEND Strategy

Think Family Approach – an increased emphasis on prevention, and early intervention, by using strengths based approach across children's and adult services, thereby empowering individuals to be more independent and resilient

Strengthen Early Help – The right help, at the right time, by the right service

Narrowing the achievement gap – Strong partnership working to reduce inequality in outcomes

A skilled and competent workforce - Ensure that we have sufficient, local workforce that is skilled, appropriately trained to support delivery of the priorities