

Hampshire's Children and Young People's Plan 2009 - 12

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This booklet provides an overview of Hampshire's Children and Young People's Plan for 2009-12.

Every Hampshire child really does matter

This Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) identifies six priorities for all those working with children and young people in Hampshire. These have been developed through an analysis of need and consultation with children, young people, their parents/carers and all Children's Trust partners. Furthermore, all priorities align to the *Every Child Matters* outcomes and national Children's Plan 2020 goals (www.dcsf.gov.uk/childrensplan).

Vision and priorities

The vision

Making Hampshire a better place for children and young people, where all of them, including those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged, have the best possible start in life and are supported by the whole community to reach their potential.

Hampshire Children's Trust is committed to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and to the Declaration on Child Well-being in the UK, which aims to improve the well-being of all children and young people.

The priorities

The CYPP identifies six priorities for all those working with children and young people in Hampshire:

1. Reducing the incidence and impact of poverty on the achievement and life chances of children and young people.
2. Securing children and young people's physical, spiritual, social, emotional and mental health, promoting healthy lifestyles and reducing inequalities.
3. Providing opportunities to learn that raise children and young people's aspirations, encourage excellence and enable them to enjoy and achieve beyond their expectations.
4. Ensuring that children and young people are safe and feel safe, enabling them to build resilience and personal confidence.
5. Providing vocational, leisure and recreational activities that provide opportunities for children and young people to experience success and make a positive contribution.
6. Removing barriers to access, participation and achievement, and not tolerating discrimination and abuse.

Making it happen

To deliver this CYPP, Hampshire Children's Trust will strive to further improve the way services for children and young people are planned and delivered. These improvements will emerge from a range of processes, including:

- engaging children, young people and their families in the planning, delivery and evaluation of services;
- building strong and inclusive Children's Trust arrangements;
- strengthening of early intervention and prevention strategies, including closer working between all partners;
- rigorous and robust local safeguarding arrangements;
- professional development opportunities to build the skills, expertise and capacity of the children's workforce in Hampshire.



Working together

This CYPP represents a shared commitment to unlocking the potential of every child and young person, to providing the support that enables success in their adult lives and making Hampshire a better place in which to enjoy childhood.

Children's Trust partners and other stakeholders all have a part to play in improving the lives of children and young people, by working together and accepting responsibility for specific actions within this Plan.

The CYPP includes an improvement plan that establishes a series of key actions for delivery of the six priorities. Divided into clear sub-sections for each priority, the Improvement Plan identifies the lead partners responsible for supporting targets under each area (www.hants.gov.uk/cypp).

Making the priorities a reality

The success of this plan will be demonstrated by how well the priorities are met and the extent to which they are shared and understood by children and young people, and by partners. To enable this, the priorities have been translated into actions for all children and young people, parents and carers, local communities and vulnerable children and young people.

What the priorities mean for all children and young people

- Working with you to ensure that you receive an excellent education and enjoy opportunities for learning and play in school and the wider community.

- Involving you in decision making so that services are relevant and easy to access.
- Learning from, and working with, you and your parents and carers so that, together, we can do the best for you.
- Protecting you from harm and promoting your safety and well-being.
- Celebrating your achievements and responding quickly when you need support, so that you have every opportunity to be a successful learner, confident individual and responsible citizen.

What the priorities mean for all parents and carers

- Working with you as a key partner, based on the recognition that parents and carers bring up children and young people and that the home environment you create is the crucial influence on your children's well-being.
- Making information, advice and support available to you, including parenting courses and family learning opportunities, if and when needed.
- Engaging you fully in the planning, commissioning and monitoring of services, particularly through schools, Sure Start Children's Centres, parent groups, parenting services and practitioners.
- Providing access to sufficient and affordable childcare that meets your needs.
- Supporting service families by addressing issues of school admission and improving access to local services and amenities.

What the priorities mean for local communities

- Supporting stronger, safer and healthier communities through closer working with community and voluntary organisations, recognising their role and vital contribution to community engagement and well-being.
- Protecting vulnerable people and tackling crime and anti-social behaviour to ensure that areas are safe and welcoming to people of all ages and backgrounds.
- Promoting healthy lifestyles and reducing health inequalities.
- Maximising well-being, maintaining and improving quality of life and working to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to be active in their community.
- Providing access to community based learning and services and offering support when needed.
- Working with rural communities to deliver the vision outlined in Hampshire County Council's Rural Delivery Strategy (www3.hants.gov.uk/rh/rural).
- Enhancing the quality of place, making Hampshire a good place to live by protecting local distinctiveness and diversity, providing excellent facilities, respecting Hampshire's heritage and proactively planning for the future.
- Developing children and young people's sense of belonging by encouraging them to contribute to, and take responsibility for, their local community.

Vulnerable groups

The CYPP priorities are aimed at improving outcomes for all children and young people; with a focus on reducing inequalities and narrowing the gap between vulnerable groups and their peers. Vulnerable groups include children and young people who are:

- living in relative poverty;
- in care;
- disadvantaged because of learning difficulties and/or disabilities;
- young carers;
- victims of neglect or abuse;
- black, minority, ethnic, Traveller or are facing barriers to participation or experiencing prejudice and discrimination because of their ethnic background (including refugees and asylum seekers);
- at risk because of mental health problems;
- young parents;
- lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender;
- young offenders.



The CYPP aims to prevent and reduce the impact of these issues through the delivery of the priorities. In particular, Hampshire's Children's Trust will use available resources to ensure that children and young people affected by these issues are able to reach their potential, enjoy success at school and can look forward to further and higher education, training and employment. Services will work together to keep vulnerable children and young people safe from harm and take action to prevent and stop abuse, including all forms of discrimination.

Putting their needs first

The guiding principle to improving services is to put the needs of children, young people and families first and ensure provision is both seamless and of the highest quality.

Improved outcomes depend on effective co-ordination and use of resources. As Hampshire's Children's Trust develops, it will move to align budgets and streamline the way resources are commissioned, as well as making it easier to identify partners' contribution to the delivery of the CYPP.

Unlocking the potential and securing the well-being of every child and young person can only be delivered by skilled and motivated staff. Hampshire's Children's Trust will develop an integrated workforce strategy, establishing the long term vision for joint working and professional development across a range of partners.

Staying on track

Progress against the CYPP will be monitored twice yearly by Hampshire's Children's Trust. As part of the monitoring process, there will be an annual refresh of the needs assessment and associated outcomes and actions to ensure that the Plan remains relevant and appropriate.

Further information on the following can be accessed online:

- Children's Trusts - www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/aims/childrenstrusts
- UN Convention on the Rights of the Child - www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/strategy/uncrc
- Declaration on Child Well-being in the UK - www.childwellbeing.org.uk
- Hampshire Local Area Agreement - www.hants.gov.uk/localareaagreement

You can view the full Children and Young People's Plan 2009-12 online at www.hants.gov.uk/cypp or request a hard copy by contacting childrens.services.enquiries@hants.gov.uk or 01962 845375

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