

**Children and Young
People's Plan 2018-2021**

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Introduction

The outcomes for Children and Young People are influenced by a range of wider determinants, such as home environment education and housing. The scope of this plan will be on the services that the Local Authority and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) commission to support better outcomes for children and young people.

This plan builds on previous Children and Young People's Plan's, data and performance information and the JSNA .It aims to identify the key priority areas that all partners are asked to prioritize in their service delivery and commissioning decisions.

This plan 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 has been closely aligned to the Health & Wellbeing Strategy, to the emerging LSCB Business Plan 2018-2019 and the refreshed Workforce Strategy 2018-2021 to ensure a more coherent strategic focus on the needs of children and young people in B&NES.

How will we deliver the plan?

This plan 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 2017, academisation of schools and significant welfare reform. The plan must be delivered within the available resources and be cost neutral.

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, Think Family, support for complex families and those in need of increased support and safeguarding.

This plan 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 collective focus above and beyond the everyday 'business as usual'.

This plan needs to be supported by schools, academies, emerging MATS and all partner agencies as its success requires the sign up and full support across ALL agencies in B&NES.

The Children & Young People's Voluntary & Community Sector Workforce (VCS) CYPP 2018-2021

The Children & Young People's Voluntary & Community Sector Workforce (VCS) within B&NES 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. The sector has actively contributed to the development of the plan.

The sector's flexibility enables the sector to adapt quickly to change as well as provide a personalised approach, offering innovative and responsive preventative services for children, young people and their families.

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

Within the statutory services there is great support for the work of the VCS and recognition of the importance of their contribution. We will continue to maintain this strong relationship a promote the voice of the children and young people we work enabling them to contribute positively to their future

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 our good practice by continuing to develop and support the priorities as set out in the 2018 – 2021 plan by providing an effective network of services.

Vision for Parents

Parents take responsibility for understanding and meeting their children's needs, enjoying their childhood with them and preparing them for adult life-On this page is a link to the 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

All children and young people are safe

All children and young people are healthy

All children and young people have fair life chances

All children and young people are engaged citizens within their own community

Our 11 Priorities

1. Increase the no of children and young people living in safe, supportive families and communities

2. Decrease the no of children and young people affected by unintended or accidental injury

3. Increase the no of children and young people are protected from crime and anti-social behaviour

4. Increase the no. of children and young people maintaining a healthy weight

5. Increase the no of children and young people experiencing good emotional health, wellbeing and resilience

6. Increase the no of children and young people free from the harm of substance misuse, including alcohol and tobacco.

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

8. Ensure children and young people are supported sufficiently to be able 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. All 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, Children's Workforce Strategy

Think Family Approach – an increased emphasis on prevention, early intervention and empowering individuals to be more independent and resilient using a strengths based approach across childrens and adult services

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

Narrowing the achievement and inequalities gap - Shared leadership and stronger partnership working with schools and partners across the area.

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