

***Interim Refresh of  
Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP)  
and  
Implementation Plan  
2021-2023***

## Introduction

Our CYPP has been developed by the Children and Young People's subcommittee, of the Health and Wellbeing Board

The CYPP has been closely aligned to the Health & Wellbeing Strategy, the Early Help Strategy and the BCSSP Strategy 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 BSW Commission to support better outcomes for our most vulnerable children and young people(cyp)

## Impact of COVID

During 2020 we have all experienced the threat of COVID 19 which has had a huge impact on our services and how they are delivered

All services have had to adapt very quickly to new ways of delivery during 2020 - 2021. Our refresh will, therefore, reflect the continued response to COVID 19 identifying the key areas that all partners will have to prioritise in their service delivery and commissioning decisions, during what will be an extremely challenging year.

Reflecting on this there will be greater emphasis on shaping our work with a focus on the challenges faced in the delivery of services particularly around:

- Poverty (including food, digital and socio economic)
- Children and Young People's Mental health
- Narrowing the Gap (Inequalities)

We will clearly also have to concentrate our work on new priorities that have been identified as a result of COVID and our 'next steps' for the following years.

*The CYPP 2023 onwards will be developed alongside the new H&WBB strategy with future priorities for cyp aligning with those of the H&WBB.*

## **How the plan will help us deliver better outcomes for the most vulnerable children & young people**

The CYPP does not detail all the ongoing work that is being undertaken to meet the needs of children and young people locally, but rather captures the key priority areas that need greater focus above and beyond the everyday '*business as usual*'. The Implementation Plan will (page 6) will reflect how services in B&NES will have to increasingly be targeted to the most vulnerable and those not achieving their full potential.

It will continue to inform our current commissioning and will, as we progress through what will be a challenging and difficult year, start to help us identify our future commissioning intentions for our vulnerable children and young people for the short, medium and longer term.

It is important too that the CYPP is supported by all partner agencies and Multi Academy Trusts 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) have very much been at the forefront of the response to COVID-19 in B&NES over the past year, providing support to the most vulnerable within communities. Increased partnership working between the VCS and the statutory services has been a positive outcome of the impact of the Pandemic and a 'Think Family' approach from across the sectors has increased the Early Help offer to those who are in most need.

The Children & Young People's Network (CYPN), co-ordinated by Bath Area Play Project, provides a range of services that supports the diverse children and young people's workforce. The breadth of its membership is reflective of a wide range of organisations and includes mentoring and advocacy services and play therapy to support families experiencing domestic abuse.

The CYPN will continue to promote the voice of the children and young people, enabling them to contribute positively to their future through active and meaningful participation.

Through representation on a range of strategic boards, the members of the CYPN are able to be the 'voice of the sector', and influencing policy and decision making, within multi –agency partnerships. In addition, there are a range of smaller organisations working with children and young people in the community and, although not directly linked to the priorities outlined in this plan, the work they do is acknowledged and recognised as integral to improved outcomes.

*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 needs.*
- *Flexibility in approach and delivery, removing barriers to involvement.*
- *Engagement with children, young people and families that find services hard to access.*
- *Responsive and holistic support and intervention within families and communities*
- *Collaborative partnerships between organisations and families which bring together strengths and expertise.*

The VCS in B&NES is able to work flexibly with partners to innovate and adapt to the changing needs of communities by providing an effective network of services. It is very well placed to address the key priorities identified in this plan and to deliver the best outcomes for the most vulnerable children and young people and their families, many of whom will continue to struggle with the ongoing impacts of COVID 19.

**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 who are vulnerable 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.