



Leicestershire's Children and Young People's Plan 2008 to 2011

Executive Summary



Welcome to Leicestershire's Executive Summary of the second over-arching strategic plan for improving outcomes for children and young people. The plan builds on our first Children and Young People's Plan 2006-2009 and describes how we will continue to improve outcomes for children and young people aged 0-19.

The Plan sets out the priorities and actions we will take to achieve our vision of **'Voice, choice, safety and fulfilment'**. It is based on widespread and ongoing consultation with children and young people, parents, carers and local agencies and so reflects what people think is most important for the future of children and young people in Leicestershire.

We will achieve our vision through:

- Meaningful consultation and engagement
- Working together in partnership
- Strategic commissioning
- Supporting families
- Inclusion

Key priorities

Informed by our Needs Analysis, our performance monitoring and inspections of our services we have identified our key priorities as:

- Improving emotional health and well-being of children and young people
- Raising attainment for all children and young people, particularly progress rates between Key Stage 3 (year 9) and Key Stage 4 (GCSEs)

- Improving attendance and attainment for Children in Care
- Improving attendance and engagement, particularly in secondary schools
- Actively involving children and young people
- Supporting parents and carers

Cross-cutting programmes

To improve outcomes for local children and young people we are:

- Improving attainment of local children at school through capital investment programmes
- Improving secondary school results by considering how we provide secondary education provision
- Ensuring joined up services, particularly for those with complex health needs, by further integrating child health services
- Improving services through development of Extended Services
- Improving support to parents and carers in their parenting role
- Providing best value for money in achieving targets set out in this plan through effective commissioning
- Ensuring joined up early intervention with those needing additional services through development of Common Assessment Framework and Lead Professional practice
- Ensuring that the right staff have the right skills through workforce development

Every Child Matters

Based on our approach, informed by our Needs Analysis and building on our cross-cutting areas of development, we continue to work

to achieve "voice, choice, safety and fulfilment" in the context of the five outcomes identified by government:

- Be healthy
- Stay safe
- Enjoy and achieve
- Make a positive contribution
- Achieve economic well-being

The Plan describes how we will work with Leicestershire's children and young people to achieve these outcomes.

Be Healthy

Our vision of children and young people being 'fulfilled' includes their being healthy. We are working to:

- Improve physical health
- Reduce obesity (a Leicestershire Local Area Agreement 2008-2011 priority)
- Reduce teenage pregnancy and improve sexual health
- Improve emotional health and well-being
- Reducing misuse of drugs and alcohol (a Leicestershire Local Area Agreement 2008-2011 priority)
- Timely reviews of health and completion of health assessments of children in care

Stay Safe

An important part of our vision is ensuring Leicestershire's children and young people are kept 'safe'. We will do this by:

- Reviewing and further improving child protection
- Improving safety by:
 - Improving fire, water and road safety education programmes
 - Reducing death and injury through road accidents
 - Reducing bullying

- Improving support to children and young people new to the UK
- Minimising the impact of domestic violence
- Meeting the needs of young carers
- Supporting disabled children and young people by:
 - Fulfilling the requirements of "Aiming High: Every Disabled Child Matters"
 - Increasing support to parents and carers of disabled children and young people
 - Improving quality, consistency and coordination of services for young disabled children and their families
 - Support the vision within "Better Care: Better Lives" for children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions
 - Improving early years' and schools' capacity and capability to support disabled children
 - Ensuring smooth transition from children's to adult disability services
- Meeting needs of children in care by:
 - Increasing availability of good quality placements
 - Improving stability of placements for children in care
 - Providing safe and secure permanency planning
 - Improving 'corporate parenting' of children in care

Enjoy and Achieve

Achieving our vision of children and young people being 'fulfilled' includes enabling children and young people to enjoy their lives and to achieve. We are:

- Increasing opportunities for play
- Improving readiness for school
- Improving attainment and achievement (including particularly vulnerable groups, such as children in care)
- Improving teaching and leadership
- Improving school attendance
- Improving services for Traveller and black and minority ethnic groups
- Improving personal and social development
- Exploring how we can make improvements to transport for children and young people and improve access to, and quality of facilities
- Developing a comprehensive cultural offer.

Make a Positive Contribution

Children and young people want to contribute to the world they live in. We will help them do this by:

- Achieving our vision of children and young people having a 'voice' by actively involving children, young people, parents and carers by:
 - Supporting and developing our 'Pyramid of Participation'
 - Promoting 'Hear by Right' Standards
 - Listening and acting on what children in care tell us and improving participation of children in care in service planning and in reviews

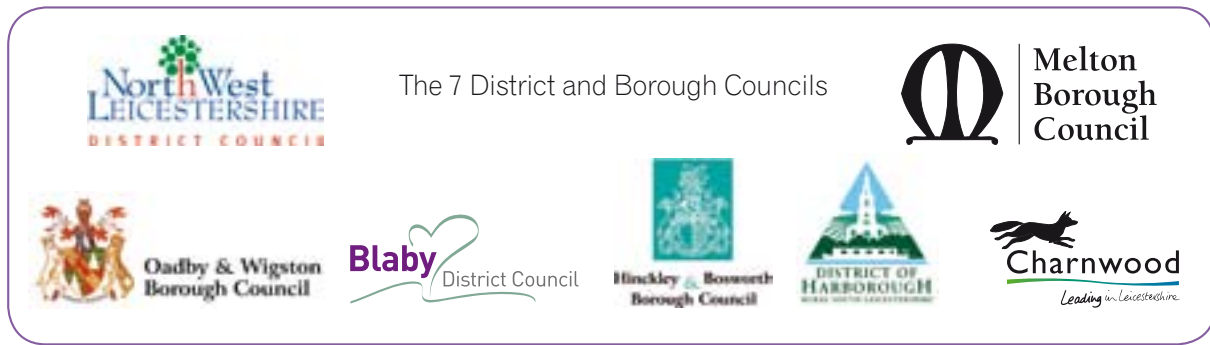
- Improving the systematic involvement of parents
- Reducing school exclusions
- Increasing opportunities for young people to volunteer
- Reducing anti-social behaviour
- Reducing offending and re-offending by:
 - Preventing youth offending
 - Reducing re-offending (a Leicestershire Local Area Agreement 2008-2011 priority)
 - Reducing use of custody
 - Reducing risk caused by young people presenting risk to others.

Achieve Economic Well-being

Our vision of 'choice' and 'fulfilment' is more likely to be achieved if children and young people have economic well-being. We will support young people, parents and carers achieve independence and well-being by:

- Providing sufficient high quality child care for working parents and parents returning to work
- Developing Diplomas
- Increasing apprenticeships
- Increasing the numbers of young people in education, employment and training (EET)
- Increasing the numbers of young people progressing to post 16 Learning
- Reducing Homelessness.

Partners Involved in the Production of the CYPP



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