Northern Ireland Children and Young People’s Plan 2019-2021

What we plan to do

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You can also get a copy of this plan by looking on our website:


If you want us to send you a paper copy of this Children and Young People’s Plan you can contact the Health and Social Care Board.

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Introduction

The law says that we need to have a Children and Young People’s Plan.

This law is the Children’s Services Planning Order 1998.

This plan is about what we will do over the next 3 years.

How we made our Plan?

We asked groups who help children, young people and their families what things needed to be done to make life better.

We asked children and young people what things made life hard and how could we help them.

We made a list of all things that we could do that would help children, young people and their families live safe, happy and healthy lives.
About the Children and Young People’s Strategic Partnership

The Children and Young People’s Strategic Partnership is a group that brings together all organisations that look work with children and young people in Northern Ireland.

We work together to plan services for children and young people.

All our groups will share knowledge and skills to help support children and young people.

They will look at how they can help children and young people live safe, happy and healthy lives.

Our Structure

Children and Young People’s Strategic Partnership

- 6 Regional Subgroups
- 27 Locality Planning Groups
- 29 Family Support Hubs
- 5 Outcome Groups
Regional Subgroups

We have 6 groups that support organisations helping children and young people facing greater challenges.

- Young people aged 16 years and older who are looked after by Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland.
- Children and young people who feel overwhelmed.
- Children and young people who have been involved with the Police.
- Children and young people with disability.
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender young people.
- Children and young people who look after a family member.
Outcome Groups

At Trust level there are 5 Outcomes Groups. These groups include those people making key decisions about services for children and young people in their area.

Locality Planning Groups

At a local level there are 27 Locality groups. These groups include people working with children, young people and their families, who come together to agree on the key barriers faced by children and young people and how to work together to break down these barriers.

Family Support Hubs

29 Family Support Hubs help children, young people and families who need support. The hub will guide families to a service that can best help them.
Our Plan

What will we do?

We will help children and young people to live safe and healthy lives.

- We will help children and young people when they first feel unsafe no matter where they live.

- We will work with other organisations to help care for children and young people.

- We will help our staff to work together better.

- We will talk with children and young people to hear their views on what matters to them.
What will we do in Belfast?

- We will look at how we provide information to families.
- We will look at how we can encourage children and young people to come to activities.
- We will help people who wish to give up their time to help others.
- We will support staff to learn from each other.
What will we do in the Northern Area?

We will help all children and young people feel safe.

- We will look at how we can help Children and young people when they first need help.

- We will help parents and families to learn new skills that they can teach to their children.
What will we do in the South Eastern Area?

We will support parents to care for their children.

- We will support children and young people to be healthy.
- We will help children and young people to enjoy school.
- We will look at how we can help Children and young people when they first need help.
What will we do in the Southern Area?

- We will help children and young people to understand that we are all different and that it is ok to be different.
- We will support children and young people to be healthy.
- We will support children and young people to feel safe.
- We will support parents to help their children in school.
- We will support parents to care for their children.
What will we do in the Western Area?

- We will listen to children and young people.
- We will support children and young people to feel safe.
- We will support children and young people to be healthy.
- We will support parents in caring for their children.
Making the Children and Young People’s Strategic Partnership Better

To make sure the partnership can work better we will:

- Make the Children and Young People’s Strategic Partnership a part of law.

- Ensure all organisations that help children and young people have the chance to take part in the partnership.

- Be more open about how we do things.
How are we doing?

We will write up what we have done each year and share this with everyone.

We will meet with Children and Young People to hear what they think about our work.

In 2 years we will check to see what else we can do for Children and Young People.
How to tell us what you think

If you would like to tell us what you think of our plan or if you have any questions you would like to ask about this plan please contact the Children’s Planning Team

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Make sure you send your comments back before **Friday 30 August 2019** to cypsp@hscni.net

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