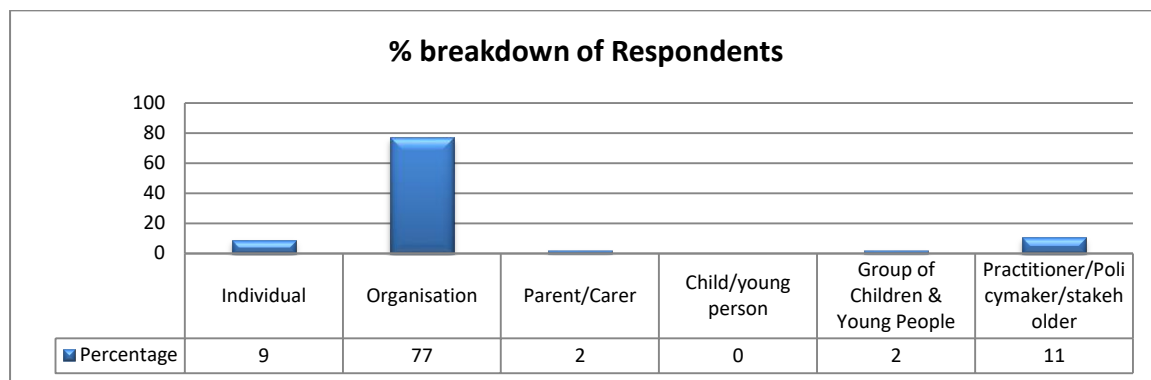# Northern Ireland Children and Young People's Plan 2019-2021

Consultation Feedback

CYPSP would like to thank you for your response to our consultation on the Northern Ireland Children and Young People's Plan 2019 – 2021.

The Consultation ran for 15 weeks from 16 May 2019 through to 30th August 2019. Overall we received 57 responses.

% breakdown of Respondents

	Individual	Organisation	Parent/Carer	Child/young person	Group of Children & Young People	Practitioner/Policymaker/stakeholder
Percentage	9	77	2	0	2	11

We have taken on board all of the responses and set out below comments and changes taken on board and included within the plan:-

1. Promoting Early Intervention and definition

The majority of respondents 89% agreed and 11% partially agreed with the definition. Whilst there were a few suggested amendments, the definition is a direct statement universally accepted and referenced from – 'Grasping the Nettle: Early Intervention for Children, Families and Communities' C4EO, p4' and will remain as quoted.

2. Promoting Family Support

The majority of respondents 87% agreed and 13% partially agreed with the definition. Whilst there were a few suggested amendments, the definition is a direct statement universally accepted and referenced from 'Understanding Family Support; Policy Practice and Theory', Canavan, Pinkerton, Dolan, 2016, p.20 and will remain as quoted.

3. Parenting Support

The majority of respondents 72% agreed, 24% partially agreed with the description and 2% did not agree with the description. Comments were taken on board and a new description of parenting support has been included in the plan.

4. Purpose of CYPSP

The majority of respondents 87% agreed and 13% partially agreed with the purpose set out in the plan. We have updated the diagram to reflect the current NI Children's Strategy draft document and amended dates accordingly.

5. Core Principles

The majority of respondents 89% agreed and 11% partially agreed with the core principles. Account was taken of comments relating to the inclusion of prevention and early intervention which is now reflected throughout the plan.

6. Infrastructure

The majority of respondents 74% agreed and 26% partially agreed with the infrastructure. We took on board comments to reorganise the content of the plan to reflect all of the infrastructure in place.

7. Use of Data to support Planning

The majority of respondents 85% agreed and 15% partially agreed with the plans description of the use of data to inform planning and commissioning. We will continue to keep up to date with all new available datasets for inclusion on our systems and will introduce a new UNCRC report on a wide range of indicators under each of the UNCRC Themes and Articles aimed at improving wellbeing and the realisation of rights of children in Northern Ireland.

8. Context of CYPSP

The majority of respondents 87% agreed and 13% partially agreed with the context of the plan. Comments were taken on board in respect of the inclusion of a number of other relevant strategies and legislation underpinning the plan which have now been included.

9. Interface and links

The majority of respondents 89% agreed, 9% partially agreed and 2% did not agree with the Interface and links with other planning processes. We will continue to ensure ongoing interface relationships are maintained, developed and strengthened as required to add value and avoid any duplication.

10. Key Actions

The majority of respondents 83% agreed, 13% partially agreed and 4% did not agree with the key actions identified within the plan. Comments were taken on board in relation to including an introductory statement to contextualise the key actions and a number of new aims introduced to measure success.

11. Outcomes Groups and Regional Sub-Groups

The majority of respondents 74% agreed and 26% partially agreed with the key actions identified via outcomes groups and regional sub –groups. Based on comments received we have included each Groups plan on a page with a link to their more detailed plans and actions at a local level. We have also included an introductory paragraph better explaining the role of Outcomes Groups. Moving forward it would be our intention to standardise systems without losing the local connectivity.

12. Key messages

The majority of respondents 94% agreed and 6% partially agreed with the communicating our key messages identified within the plan.

13. Structures

The majority of respondents 87% agreed and 13% partially agreed with the structures established to deliver the plan. Specific suggestions have been made in respect of potential new Regional sub-groups. These suggestions will be discussed with the Regional Chairs Group.

14. General Comments

A number of meetings and questions were raised within some of the Consultation responses. These will be followed up on individually following consultation with CYPSP members.