

What is the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP)?

The Hertfordshire Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) is an important element in implementing the national reforms set out in the Children Act 2004. The Government intends that all areas should produce a single, strategic, overarching plan for all services affecting children and young people. As we drive towards an integrated way of working with partner agencies in the county, a common plan of action is increasingly vital.

The Hertfordshire CYPP is a three-year plan, covering 2006-2009. It was produced by the Hertfordshire Children's Trust Partnership, and sets out the way of working, goals, priorities and accountabilities for the agencies in the Partnership.

Phase 1 of the plan, carried out in 2005-06 was to put in place the framework to allow agencies to work together effectively. The focus for 2007-08 then shifted to ensuring that real, practical improvements are provided to children and young people at a local level for each of the five Every Child Matters ('ECM') outcomes:

- Being healthy
- Staying safe
- Enjoying and achieving
- Making a positive contribution
- Achieving economic well-being

Key principles for phase 2 included:

- Concentrating resources on the practical delivery of services and outcomes for children and young people now that supporting processes and tools are in place
- Targeted interventions with key disadvantaged groups and communities, whilst also continuing to provide universal services
- Ensuring that young people's views are well represented, so they have an active voice in our ECM work and can feed their opinions directly into our decision-making
- Developing staff so that front-line delivery is properly resourced and co-ordinated

The 2007 CYPP update set out the achievements to date and identified the priorities for 2007-08 against each of the five ECM outcomes. It also examined how well we are managing the service overall, and set out areas for improvement that would steer our work in 2008.

Now, a new Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) has been developed for 2008-09. This new CYPP has far fewer priorities than in previous years, set out under just two overarching priorities – "safeguarding" and "narrowing the gap". This means that staff and the general public can be much clearer about what we are going to focus our energies and resources on. The table overleaf sets out the ten priority outcomes in the CYPP for 2008-09, plus the service management priorities.

The ten CYPP priority outcomes link to the five ECM outcomes - each outcome will outline the:

- conditions we wish to see for children
- performance indicators
- strategic actions to be taken forward in 2008/09

- Outcome 1** Children and young people are safe from abuse and neglect
- Outcome 2** Children and young people Looked After (CLA) are well equipped to achieve their full potential whilst in, and moving on from, care
- Outcome 3** Children and young people are confident to respond to bullying
- Outcome 4** Children and young people with emotional and mental health problems are well supported
- Outcome 5** Children and young people have a healthy weight
- Outcome 6** Vulnerable children from 0 to 5 years are well prepared for life
- Outcome 7** Vulnerable children and young people achieve as well as others
- Outcome 8** Children and young people with learning difficulties and disabilities (LDD) are empowered to reach their full potential
- Outcome 9** Young people (aged 14-19) maximise their potential by having opportunities to learn outside of school
- Outcome 10** Children and young people make a positive contribution to decisions about services

Service Management Priorities

There are three Service Management Priorities. Each service management priority will outline the strategic actions to be taken forward in 2008/09

1. Develop shared systems and processes to deliver effective services
2. Ensure services make best use of resources and provide good value for money
3. Strengthen performance management and evaluation systems

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