

Central Bedfordshire's Children are Happy, Healthy and Safe

DRAFT Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Plan

2017-2020

How?

Our Vision

Every child in Central Bedfordshire to enjoy their childhood and have the best possible start in life. We want every child to reach their potential, make friends and build strong relationships with their family. As young adults, we want every young person to have the knowledge, skills and qualifications that will give them the best chance of success, so that they are prepared to take their full place in society as a healthy, happy, contributing and confident citizen.

Our Priorities

- Prevention and identifying needs early - offering the right support at the right time
- Protecting vulnerable children and young people
- Building strong families – e.g. tackling circumstances where children are living with domestic abuse
- Supporting children in their aspirations and goals in preparing for adulthood

Our Obsessions

- Reducing the number of children exposed to domestic abuse incidents
- Improving emotional health, wellbeing and resilience
- Improving educational outcomes across every key stage

Improving learning outcomes for children and young people

Supporting effective multi-agency collaboration through school clusters

Closing the attainment gap for disadvantaged pupils

First 1,000 days of a child's life

Supporting good parenting - pregnant women, mothers and fathers to provide their children with a great start in life which includes arriving at school ready to learn

Targeted Early Help

Ensuring the most vulnerable families are supported

Focussing on self help, prevention and the root causes of challenges in families

Working with families to achieve sustained positive outcomes

Voice of children, young people and families

Active participation with voices heard - influencing change

Unique challenges faced by adolescents

A multi agency approach to tackling risky behaviours. This includes developing an Adolescent Hub and a high intensity support model for those on the edge of care or in the criminal justice system

Adverse Childhood Experiences

Tackling root causes with a particular focus on the following parental risk factors: domestic abuse; substance misuse; parental mental health; and criminality

Children with long term complex needs (including children with SEND)

Ensuring care is delivered in the right place reducing the need for children to go to hospital

Early identification of needs and early intervention will be routine and, where possible, needs met by universal and early help services.

Young people will be supported into adulthood

Outcomes for Children and Young People

- Protected and safe
- Achieving good learning outcomes and the best life skills
- Living happy, healthy lifestyles

Has it made a difference?

Measures being explored:

- Number of completed assessments where (i) parental substance misuse (ii) parental alcohol misuse (iii) mental health identified as a factor
- Children with SEND: New Education, Health and Care Plans issued within 20 weeks
- 2.5 year health review
- Good Level of Development results (and the new baseline tool?)
- School attendance
- Primary school permanent and fixed period exclusions
- Key Stage 2 and 4 results (including for disadvantaged pupils)
- Children in education, employment, training
- Repeat domestic abuse incidents
- Youth offending measure - tbc
- Surveys relating to the emotional health and well being of children
- Mental health measure – tbc
- Feedback from children, young people and families

Links to other frameworks:

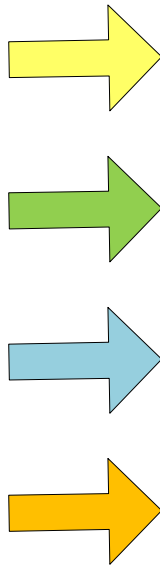
- **Proposed Community Health Services Outcomes Framework**
- **Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (CBSCB) Performance Framework**
CBSCB is lead statutory partnership for co-ordinating the work done by various agencies to safeguard children and promote their welfare – and ensuring this work is carried out effectively. CBSCB monitors a framework of measures to support improvements associated with keeping children safe*

*Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Board has 4 key themes for 2017- 19
Domestic Abuse, Child Sexual Exploitation, Neglect, Children's Mental Health

Central Bedfordshire - Our Area:

More information can be found in our Joint Strategic Needs Assessment:

www.jsna.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk



Just over half of Central Bedfordshire's population live in rural areas

In 2015 274,000 people lived in Central Bedfordshire. This included 53,300 children aged 0-15

There are 132 schools

94% of children in Central Bedfordshire speak English as a first language – with around 100 different first languages spoken among the remaining children.

Lots of people and organisations work towards improving outcomes for children and young people in Central Bedfordshire e.g. health, schools, police and children's social care

How we work (and all join up):

Together we have been rethinking how services can better meet **local needs** through a multi agency locality model - integrating what we currently do into locality teams

We put families at the heart of everything we do
We focus on building good, quality relationships with children and parents – creating stronger families

We always try to think about what it must be like - putting ourselves in the children's and families' shoes

We are developing a '**one family, one worker, one plan**' approach – with a main contact for families to provide or co-ordinate most of their support

Our **school cluster networks** ensure we can support schools in improving outcomes for our children

Our Access and Referral Hub is the **single front door** and contact point for anyone needing information about services for children and young people – including worries about a child or young person

Tel: **0300 300 8585**

We **listen** to children, young people and families

Voices are heard and help us improve services

The **Children and Young People's Board** is one of the ways children and young people can influence our plans

Our **Youth Offer** sets out the range of activities, opportunities and support that young people in Central Bedfordshire should receive.

Budget planning and spending public money carefully

More information:

You can find out more by visiting the following websites:

www.centralbedfordshirechildrenstrust.org.uk

For information on how we work together to protect children and keep them safe:

www.centralbedfordshirelscb.org.uk

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