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The table below provides further detail of information used to define priorities and obsessions – shaping the Plan:

Priority / Obsession	Comment	Measures being explored include:
<p>Proposed Priority:</p> <p>Prevention and identifying needs early - offering the right support at the right time</p>	<p>An evidence based approach has been taken to the development of the Children's Services Transformation Programme. Findings from analysis support the need for a more integrated and targeted approach to early intervention.</p> <p>Responding to needs earlier is in the best interest of children, young people and families and could reduce demand on higher cost, specialist services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.5 year health review • Children with SEND: new Education, Health and Care Plans issued within 20 weeks
<p>Proposed Priority:</p> <p>Protecting vulnerable children and young people</p>	<p>This was a priority within the last Children and Young People's Plan – and it is proposed that this be retained.</p> <p>'Protecting the vulnerable: improving wellbeing' is a Council priority.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children's Board (CBSCB) is the lead statutory partnership for co-ordinating the work done by various agencies to safeguard children and promote their welfare – and ensuring the work is carried out effectively. A detailed framework of measures enables the CBSCB to monitor performance. The Independent Chair of CBSCB is an associate member of the Children's Leadership Board ensuring effective join up on key issues.
<p>Proposed Priority:</p> <p>Building strong families - e.g. tackling circumstances where children are living with domestic abuse</p> <p>and</p> <p>Proposed Obsession:</p> <p>Reducing the number</p>	<p>Through analysis, we have found that the key causal factors leading to children's needs escalating come from their parents, particularly parental drug and alcohol misuse, domestic abuse, parental criminality and parental mental ill health. The draft Plan reflects the need to tackle root causes – and work <i>with</i> families to achieve sustained positive outcomes.</p> <p>Between November 2015 and October 2016, there were 3,370 domestic abuse incidents in Central Bedfordshire. 48% were noted to have a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of completed assessments where (i) parental substance misuse (ii) parental alcohol misuse (iii) mental health identified as a factor • Repeat domestic abuse incidents

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<p>of children exposed to domestic abuse incidents</p>	<p>child resident at the location of the incident. March 2016: Domestic violence was identified in 42.8% of assessments of Children in Need.</p> <p>(JSNA Executive Summary 2016/17)</p>	
<p>Proposed Priority: Supporting children in their aspirations and goals in preparing for adulthood</p>	<p>The better work experience campaign by Central Bedfordshire Youth Parliament highlighted the importance of preparing children and young people for adulthood. Recommendations made included the need for work experience to be more tailored to career aspirations.</p> <p>Health during adolescence is strongly linked to educational outcomes, including attainment and employment' Director of Public Health Report December 2016 'Aiming for the best for children, young people and families in Central Bedfordshire'.</p> <p>Unique challenges are faced by adolescents. The draft Plan references the multi agency approach to tackling risky behaviours and the development of an Adolescent Hub and a high intensity model for those on the edge of care or in the criminal justice system.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Stage 2 and 4 results (including for disadvantaged pupils) • Children in Education, Employment, Training • Youth offending measure
<p>Proposed Obsession: Improving emotional health, wellbeing and resilience</p>	<p>An estimated 3,225 children in Central Bedfordshire aged 5-16 years, and 1,640 16-19 year olds have a mental health disorder Director of Public Health Report December 2016 'Aiming for the best for children, young people and families in Central Bedfordshire'.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health measure supported by emotional health survey findings.
<p>Proposed Obsession: Improving educational outcomes across every key stage</p>	<p>We want every child to reach their potential and have the skills and qualifications that will give them the best chance of success. This is reflected in the draft Plan. Ensuring children arrive at school ready to learn and improving educational outcomes is key to this.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Years Foundation Stage (Good level of Development) • Key Stage 2 and 4 results (including for Disadvantaged Pupils) • School attendance and exclusion measures