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Developing the Children and Young People's Plan

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

Priority / Passion	Comment
<p>Priority:</p> <p>Identifying needs early and preventing needs from escalating - 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>
<p>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 is retained.</p> <p>'Protecting the vulnerable: improving wellbeing' is a Council priority.</p>
<p>Priority:</p> <p>Building strong families - e.g. tackling circumstances where children and young people are living with domestic abuse</p> <p>and</p> <p>Passion:</p> <p>Reducing the number of children and young people exposed to domestic abuse incidents</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 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 child resident at the location of the incident.</p> <p>March 2016: Domestic violence was identified in 42.8% of assessments of Children in Need.</p> <p>(JSNA Executive Summary 2016/17)</p>
<p>Priority:</p> <p>Supporting children and young people 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 teenagers. The Plan references the multi agency approach to tackling risky behaviours and the development of a Hub and a high intensity model for those on the edge of care or in the criminal justice system.</p>

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<p>Passion:</p> <p>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>
<p>Passion:</p> <p>Improving educational outcomes across every key stage, helping young people to become work ready</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 Plan. Ensuring children arrive at school ready to learn and improving educational outcomes are key to this.</p>