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Children's Trust Arrangements

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Children & Young People's Plan

- The Children and Young People's Plan [CYPP] is
 - a statutory requirement
 - the overarching strategy relating to the delivery of improved outcomes for children and young people in Essex.
 - It is a major component in ensuring that we deliver The Essex Strategy.
- The CYPP is a partnership document.
 - It describes the vision for children and young people in Essex and sets out the priorities for service delivery.
 - The plan then discusses each of these priorities in considerable detail, providing base-line information relating to the current position in the delivery of services and setting out clear milestones against which we can measure progress towards achieving the desired outcomes.

The Children and Young People's Plan 2009 - 2011

- Vision:

“We want children and young people in Essex to be valued, inspired, loved, nurtured and encouraged, with opportunities to achieve their immediate and long term ambitions. Our role is to improve the life chances of all and to provide extra support for those who need it”.

The plan sets out ten agreed priorities.
Partners will help every child and young person to....

Be Healthy

- By tackling health inequalities and helping all children and young people make informed healthy lifestyle choices, with access to the services they need; By improving Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services; By providing effective support for parents and carers.

Stay Safe

- By strengthening the services and processes that keep children and young people safe from neglect and abuse; By ensuring all children and young people and their families feel safe and secure where they are cared for, play, live and go to work; By strengthening corporate parenting.

Enjoy and Achieve

- By enabling all children and young people to aspire, learn, achieve highly and realise their potential.

Make a positive contribution

- By providing all children and young people with opportunities for a fulfilling and enjoyable childhood. We will aim for a sustainable legacy by maximising the potential of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Achieve economic well-being

- By reducing the impact of poverty and the recession on the lives of all children and young people and their families.


‘Narrow the Gap’

- By improving the life chances of Looked After Children, young carers and all other children and families at risk of poor outcomes.

Essex Partnership

Safer Essex Partnership

**Essex
Safeguarding
Children Board**

Scrutiny

Challenge
and Support

**Children's Trust
Partnership
Board**

**Children's Trust
Joint Commissioning Board**

Local Children's Trust Boards:

North East
Mid
South East
South West
West

Challenge and
Support



Implementation Groups:

Be Healthy
Stay Safe
Enjoy & Achieve
Make a Positive Contribution
14-19 Partnership/
Achieve Economic Wellbeing
Infrastructure CT Forum
Workforce Development/
Equality and Diversity
ECVYS Children & Families Network

Interagency Governance and Integrated Strategy

- The Children's Trust Board is accountable for delivering the priorities of the Children and Young People's Plan
- The Joint Commissioning Board is responsible for developing aligned and joint commissioning arrangements and for performance managing Local Children's Trust Boards
- Implementation Groups are responsible as 'expert' groups with specialist knowledge and strategic overview, leading thematic commissioning and/or strategic planning as appropriate
- Five Local Children's Trust Boards accountable for developing local priorities and deployment of resources to deliver improved outcomes

Interagency Governance and Integrated Strategy

- Work is underway to define more precisely the relationships between and respective responsibilities of Local Children's Trust Boards and Implementation Groups
- Strategy and commissioning recommendations to balance county-wide and/or expert view with local intelligence and leadership, based on robust needs assessment
- Joint Commissioning Board to agree commissioning recommendations and allocate responsibility and resources to relevant Implementation Group or Local Children's Trust Board

Local Children's Trust Boards

- The Boards will become the primary mechanism by which resources are delegated away from the centre
- They will enable effective aligning of resources between key partners
- They will enable deployment of resources to meet areas of high need within each locality

Features of Essex's Children's Trust

- A shared vision
- Joint strategic needs analysis & priorities
- Transparent resource envelope
- Joint performance framework
- Targeting of resources to narrow the gap and safeguard children
- Alignment/pooling of resources centrally/locally to drive value for money
- Commissioning of activity effective interventions
- Acting as the thematic partnership within the Essex Partnership and children's lead for the LAA & 12 Local Sustainable Community Plans.
- Harnessing the broader coalition required to tackle issues such as child poverty and influence infrastructure planning related to housing, economic regeneration and transport locally and nationally.

Benefits of Approach

- Joint ownership
- A partnership that is recognised as one that delivers desired outcomes & impact
- Transparent planning and decision making structure that everyone can understand and work within, with clear lines of accountability.
- Credible and deliverable strategies and plans
- Integrated and influential with the Essex Partnership, ESCB and LSPs and wider strategies and partnerships.
- Aligned commissioning cycles
- Effective use of resources:-
 - Prevent duplication of activity/effort
 - Increase efficiencies in activities
 - Create seamless, co-ordinated pathways to service delivery
 - Deliver value for money, investing to achieve greatest community impact & reducing inequalities

Other Benefits

- Powerful alliance to be reckoned with
- Influential locally, regionally & nationally
- Reduction in back room service costs & increased efficiency & effectiveness
- More efficient use of buildings & capital expenditure
- Improved access for service users
- Seamless, co-ordinated, flexible & responsive services
- Increased transparency to our public
- Fishing *together* in the same pond – market power
 - Workforce
 - Providers