

Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Plan 2018-2021

Our Vision

Every child in Central Bedfordshire to enjoy their childhood and have the best possible start in life. We want every child to have high aspirations, 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

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

Our Passions

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

How?

First 1,001 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

Children have a health review between 9-12 months

Signposting families from an early stage to support and services available

Improving learning outcomes for children and young people

Supporting effective multi-agency collaboration through school clusters

Closing the attainment gap for disadvantaged pupils

Targeted Early Help

Working together with families to achieve sustained positive outcomes

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

Ensuring the most vulnerable families are supported

Voice of children, young people and families

Active participation with voices heard - influencing change

Understanding the lived experience

Promoting the services we provide

Unique challenges faced by teenagers

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

Supporting the transition to adult services where required

Children and young people 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. Long term multi-agency involvement when needed. Young people will be supported into adulthood

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

Provision of suitable housing for families and young people. Building social & community links so that families are part of a wider community (Housing Strategy)

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?

Domestic abuse

- Repeat domestic abuse incidents where a child is present
- Number of children in relation to MARAC referrals
- Repeat offenders

Emotional health, wellbeing and resilience

- Emotional health and wellbeing survey results
- Number of children seen as part of the Tier 1 /2 Emotional Health and Wellbeing Support Pathway
- Time from referral in days/weeks to initial CAMHS Assessment
- Time from initial CAMHS Assessment until first/next appointment
- Emotional and behavioural health of children in care – average SDQ score

Improving educational outcomes

Diminishing the Difference:

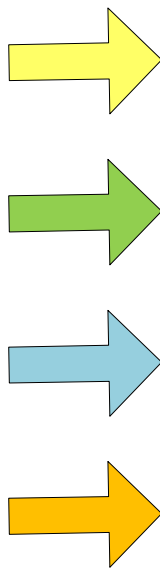
- Attainment of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (at every key stage)
- Closing the gap between pupils eligible for Free School Meals and all other pupils and:
- Apprenticeship participation: 16-17 year olds in an apprenticeship
- Young people aged 16-17 who are in education, employment or training (EET)

Detailed performance frameworks within Central Bedfordshire's strategic governance arrangements will also support delivery of the Plan e.g. **Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (CBSCB) Performance Framework.** CBSCB is lead statutory partnership for coordinating 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 - 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.

How we work (and all join up):

Lots of people and organisations work towards improving outcomes for children and young people in Central Bedfordshire e.g. health, schools, Police, Children's Services and voluntary sector organisations

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 (named professional) 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

We plan budgets and spend public money in line with agreed needs and priorities

...always focussed on ensuring:

Central Bedfordshire's children are happy, healthy and safe

Our Children and Young People's Plan is supported by other plans which provide more detail on key areas e.g.

Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (CBSCB) Business Plan, SEND Vision, Partnership Vision for Education, School Organisation Plan, All Age Skills Strategy, Health and Wellbeing Strategy, Housing Strategy, Director of Public Health Report.

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