

SECTION 4

Strategic Development Priorities

The Warwickshire Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) is the single, strategic, overarching plan for all services affecting children and young people aged 0-19 in Warwickshire. It focuses on services available to children and young people throughout their early years, school days and beyond including services for young people aged 20 and over leaving care, and young people up to the age of 25 with learning difficulties.

Our vision is that "Every child and young person, including those who are vulnerable and disadvantaged, has the greatest possible opportunity to be the best they can be".

The objective of the CYPP is to secure long-term benefits to the quality of life and expectations of children, young people and their families, including better job prospects, an enhanced living environment, and prolonged health. It is intended that multi-agency working with the CYPP as its base, will lead to greater efficiencies and higher quality services.

Ultimate responsibility for developing the plan rested with the multi-agency Children, Young People and Families Strategic Partnership Executive Board who were assisted by young people.

This plan shapes the future by focussing on the needs and preferences of individuals and not the needs of the service providers. In time this will lead to further service redesign around the individual. It is anticipated that this redesign will release resources in favour of investing in preventative services, rather than continuing to invest in services dealing with the consequences. Securing better outcomes for individuals, families and communities cannot be dealt with on a single service basis. We have worked hard to agree outcomes for the people in Warwickshire through multi-agency, outcome focussed, problem solving, using the contribution of parents and young people as our starting point.

In Warwickshire we are working hard to provide services that meet the needs of the diverse population we serve. We recognise that by being totally inclusive in our thinking, planning and commissioning of all of our services that it will lead to an improved service for everyone. A key objective is to mainstream diversity and this plan demonstrates the integration of equality and diversity into our every day business.

The Local Area Agreement (LAA) is designed to mobilise local partners to achieve better outcomes for all children, young people and families. The outcomes relate to six blocks: Children and Young People, Safer Communities, Stronger Communities, Healthier Communities and Older People, Climate Change and Environment, Economic Development and Enterprise. The emphasis for the LAA is to deliver multi-agency solutions to "closing the gap" between those communities that find themselves performing below the County average.

Warwickshire LAA includes 34 priority areas (please see the electronic CYPP for a list), which support the priorities in the CYPP.

Schools and colleges are at the heart of our communities. The staff in these organisations are often the first people children, young people and their parents and carers turn to for support or who first recognise there may be a need. They have an important and developing role to play in ensuring that we achieve against the outcomes. Extended Schools, Enhanced Support Networks and Children's Centres are becoming established throughout the County. These mechanisms offer an excellent opportunity to deliver universal services and localise

multi-agency teams.

Children, young people and families require different kinds and levels of support at different times in their lives. Warwickshire recognises that excellent service provision requires us to respond to the different levels of need by providing a seamless response between these levels and without destructive service boundaries.

[Link needed to electronic CYPP](#)