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Children & Young People in Wales ~ the policy context

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Children & Young People in Wales

- Children and young people – the policy context
- The Children Act 2004 and the Children and Young People's Plan
- Welsh Local Government Association
- The Partnership Support Unit



Children & Young People in Wales

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

PARTICIPATION

PROTECTION

PROVISION

Underpins all children & young people's policy in Wales



The Welsh Assembly Government Vision of Wales

A place where children and young people should be treated as valued members of the community, whose voices are heard and needs considered across the range of policy making.'





The 7 Core Aims for Children & Young People

- **Flying start in life, best basis for growth & development**
- **Access to a wide range of educational & learning opportunities, including personal & social skills**
- **Best possible physical, mental, social & emotional health, including freedom from abuse, victimisation & exploitation**
- **Access to safe play, leisure, sport & cultural activities**
- **Benefit of a safe home & community that supports physical & emotional well-being**
- **Be listened to, treated with respect, & have faith & cultural identity recognised**
- **Intervention to ensure children are not disadvantaged by poverty**



10 Entitlements for Young People

Every young person (11-25) in Wales has the right to:

- **Education/training/work experience, tailored to need;**
- **Basic skills which open doors to a full life & promotes social inclusion;**
- **A wide & varied range of opportunities to participate in volunteering and active citizenship;**
- **High quality, responsive, accessible services/facilities;**
- **Independent, specialist careers advice & guidance & student support & counselling services;**
- **Confidential personal support & advice, where & when needed & in appropriate formats**



10 Entitlements for Young People

- **Advice on health, housing benefits & other issues provided in accessible & welcoming settings;**
- **Recreational & social opportunities in a safe & accessible environment;**
- **Sporting, artistic, musical & outdoor experiences to develop talents, broaden horizons & promote rounded perspectives including both national & international contexts;**
- **The right to be consulted, participate in decision-making, & to be heard, on all matters which concern them or have an impact on their lives.**



CHILDREN ACT 2004

- Wales is different
- ***Rights to Action*** is the Welsh Agenda
- *Every Child Matters* is the English Agenda
- Directors of children's services are not required, directors of SSD and LEAs are!
- Children & Young People's Partnerships, not children's trusts



CHILDREN ACT 2004

- Parts 3 and 4 of the Act are specifically for Wales
- Building on the Children and Young People's Framework Planning arrangements
- Children's services authorities must promote co-operation with its relevant partners and others to improve well-being of children (s.25)
- Opportunities for pooling budgets and joint commissioning (s.25)
- Partnerships need development to reach their potential, and re-assessment of membership



CHILDREN ACT 2004

- Potential for joint inspection, (s.30)
- LAs duty to promote educational achievement of LAC (s.52)
- Statutory backing given to listening to/acting on wishes of children when providing services to children in need/at risk (s.53)
- Defence of “reasonable chastisement” removed in cases involving actual bodily harm (s.58)
- Power of entry to premises (other than private dwellings) to Children’s Commissioner to interview children re complaints, whistle-blowing & advocacy (s.61)



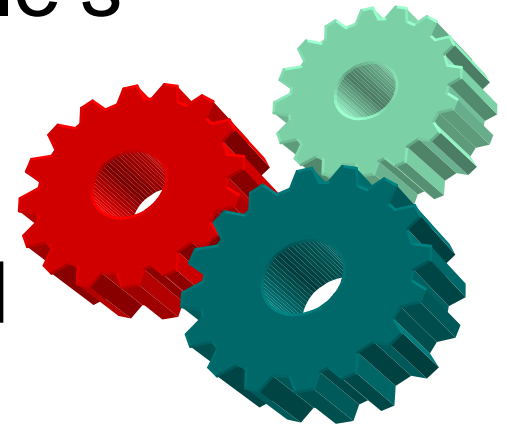
Children Act 2004

- Children and Young People's Plan (s.26)
- Children and Young People's Partnerships now statutory
- Leads for children and young people - Directors and Members (LA), Lead Executive and Non-Executive Directors (Trusts), Lead Officers and Members (LHB) (s.27)



Children & Young People's Partnership

The Children and Young People's Partnership is the mechanism for delivering these Aims and Entitlements to all children and young people.





Children & Young People's Partnership

The Partnerships are responsible for developing the overarching strategic direction for the planning & delivery of all services to children & young people across the partnership area.

HOW?

The Children & Young People's Plan



Children & Young People's Plan

Developed & owned by the CYP Partnership to:

- Provide the strategic vision & agreed priorities to direct work of partners
- Explain what is being done about national & local strategies, policies & priorities
- Set out agreed joint targets to enable progress in improving outcomes to be measured
- Set out what each partner is contributing to meeting the joint objectives
- Pooled budgets & joint commissioning



Children & Young People's Plan

Covers:

- Services for children and young people from ante-natal stage to 18
- Youth support services to 25
- Care leavers up to 21, or 24 or if in full-time education



Children & Young People's Plan

Replaces or incorporates:

- Children's Partnership Plan
- YPP Plan and Strategy
- Children & Young People's Partnership Plan
- Single Education Plan
- Children's (SSD) Services Plan
- Children First Action Plan
- Cymorth Plan
- 14-19 Strategy (14-19 Networks incorporated into CYP Partnerships from 2010)



Children & Young People's Plan

Other plans that need to have regard to & reflect the Children & Young People's Plan:

- Crime & Disorder Reduction Strategy
- Local Youth Justice Plan
- Land Development Plan
- Local Substance Misuse Action Plan
- NOMS Plan for reduction of re-offending
- Housing Strategy
- Supporting People Operational Plan



Children & Young People's Plan

Reference for all other plans on matters relating to children & young people

- HSCWB Strategy
- Community Plan
- Local Development Plan

Inform & reflect the strategic priorities set out in the CYPP



Children & Young People's Plan

Principles underlying co-operation

- Children & young people first
- Prevention
- Participation
- Priority to those in greatest need
- Integrate safeguarding
- Inclusion of universal services
- Integrated delivery through joint commissioning & pooled budgets
- Value diversity & promote equality



Children & Young People's Plan

Developing the CYPP

- Joint planning
- Focus on needs
- Outcome based planning
- Measuring impact
- Drives partners' operational plans
- Engage with & involve relevant partners



Children & Young People's Plan

Process for the production of the CYPP

- Needs Assessment
 - All partners need to be involved
 - Responsibility of Leads to make this happen
- Strategy Development
- Consultation
- Revision & Adoption
- Publication
- Annual Review



Children & Young People's Plan

Content

- Introduction ~ principles & values, description of CYPP development
- Vision statement ~ Key priorities
- Core aims ~ priorities, local delivery of national policy, partners contributions, outcome measures
- Local Workforce Development Strategy ~ local priorities, links with partner agencies plans



Children & Young People's Plan

Annexes :

- Needs Assessment
- Service Profile
- Membership & terms of reference
- Diagram of local joint planning structure
- Consultees
- Cymorth Input & Funding Profile & Project outlines
- Annual Reporting requirements for particular services, including youth support services



Children & Young People's Plan

Timescale

Sept-Dec 2007 – Data collection

Jan-March 2008 - Identification of Plan priorities

March 2008 – Draft plan

April-June 2008 - Consultation & review

July 2008 – Approval & adoption

Sept 2008 – Published and in force



Welsh Local Government Association

Represents interests of local government & promotes local democracy in Wales

It represents:

22 local authorities

4 police authorities

3 fire and rescue authorities

3 national park authorities associate members



Purpose

The Association's primary purposes:

- Promote better local government
- Improve reputation of local government
- Support member and associate member authorities in the development of policies
- Improve public services and democracy
- To act as the collective voice for local government



How The Association Works

What : -

Develop\examine policy proposals

Seek political consensus\support

Promote\defend local government reputation

Support local authority initiatives

How : -

Working with Authorities, Assembly, Agencies

Working with advisors & professional bodies

Sharing information, active press relations

Lobbying politicians and public officials



Improvement & Development

Excellence Wales - annual award scheme to capture and celebrate good practice in Wales

Employer Support - employer support helping improve performance in Human Resources

Equalities & social justice - policy development support, strategic planning, training to promote equalities including child poverty

Health & well-being - strengthening capacity to plan and deliver services that prevent ill health & reduce health inequalities



Improvement & Development

Social Services Improvement Agency – promote improvement and excellence within social services.

Children’s Commissioning Support Resource - provide information to enable authorities to commission targeted services for looked after children.

Value Wales - procurement support, advice, guidance and support on best practice.

Local Government Data Unit - guidance on collecting data, commissioning surveys & exploiting data sources

Waste Awareness Wales - promotes benefits of waste minimisation, recycling etc.