

**MAKING  
EVERY  
CONTACT  
COUNT**

Gloucestershire

Bristol

North  
Somerset

Bath & North East Somerset

**South Gloucestershire**

# **CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2016-2020**

Our plan brings together the outcomes and priorities that will guide our work, the way we will measure our progress and how we will work to realise our ambitions. It is based on data, evidence and consultation across the area, including the views of children and young people.

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## What we'll do

### ONE VISION:

Enabling every child and young person to thrive. Children and young people should have a good start in life, be safe and do as well as they can, while being able to access support when necessary.

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### FIVE OUTCOMES:

We want all our children and young people to:

1. Be safe from harm
2. Do well at all levels of learning and have skills for life
3. Enjoy healthy lifestyles
4. Have fun growing up
5. Feel they have a choice and influence

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### FIFTEEN PRIORITIES:

1. Help children to live in safe and supportive families
2. Ensure that the most vulnerable are protected
3. Improve achievement and close achievement gaps in education
4. Increase numbers of young people participating and engaging effectively in their communities
5. Improve outcomes for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disability
6. Support children to have the best start in life and be ready for learning
7. Support educational settings to improve attendance and develop positive behaviour
8. Encourage physical activity and healthy eating
9. Ensuring young people have a clear route to employment and training so they can participate in a growing economy
10. Minimise the misuse of drugs, alcohol and tobacco
11. Ensure young people and their families have access to the right information and advice to make their own choices
12. Improve social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing for all children and young people
13. Reduce the number of children and young people in poverty and ensure they live in safe, stable and affordable homes
14. Increase engagement and participation, voice and influence of young people.
15. Offer families in need, support at the earliest opportunity

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### THREE PASSIONS:

1. Listening to children & young people
2. Doing fewer things better
3. Areas of focus where we can make a real difference

SHARED VISION

SHARED VALUES

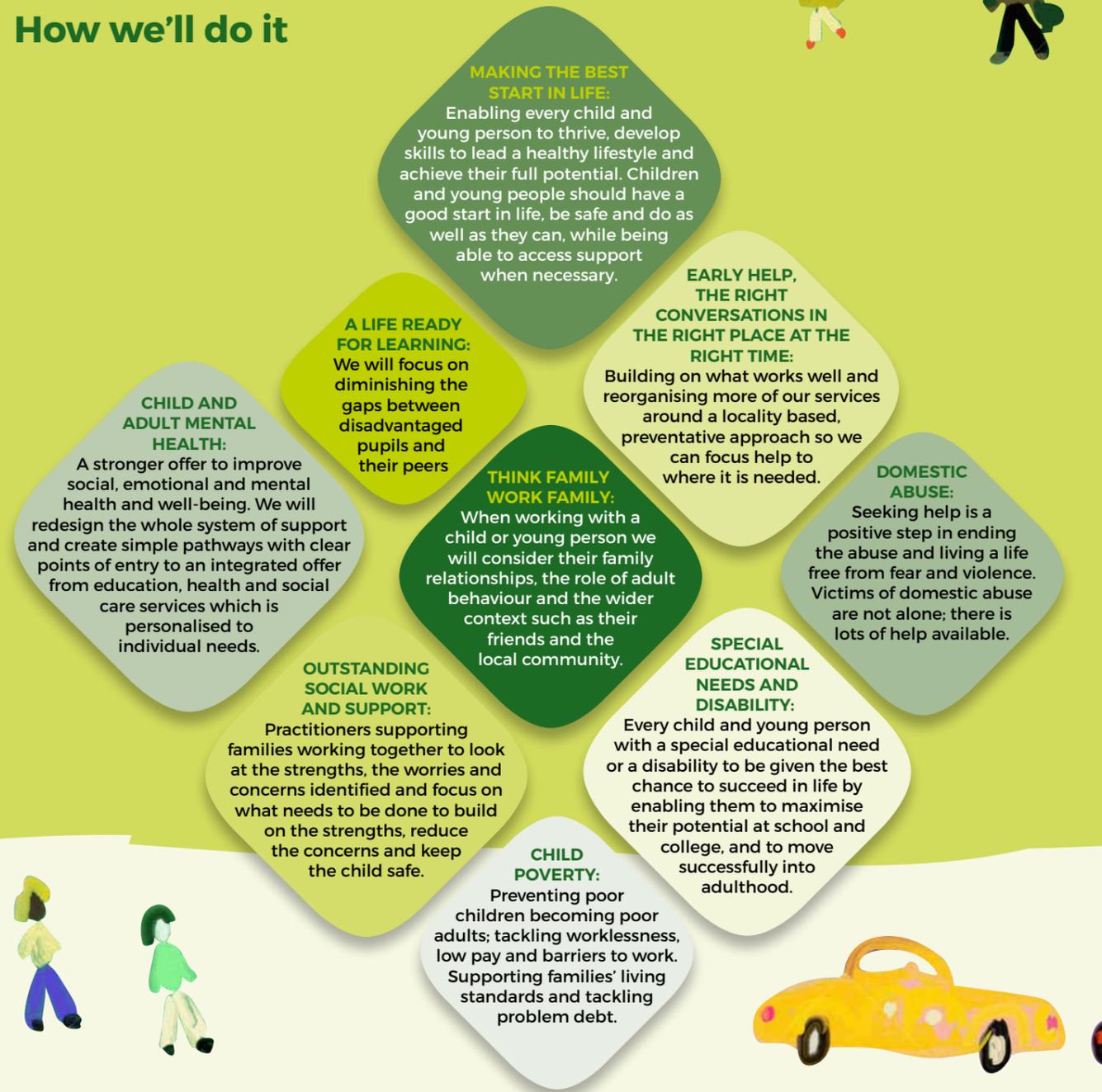
COLLECTIVE ACTION

## AND A RELENTLESS FOCUS ON THE QUESTIONS...

What is it like to be a child or young person growing up in South Gloucestershire and how do we make it better?



## How we'll do it



## How we'll know if we've made a difference

### BE SAFE FROM HARM:

Number of Looked After Children and % with placement stability.  
Number of children on Child Protection Plans.  
Number of Looked After Children adopted within 12 months.  
Reduction in hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries.  
Number and % of referrals, and re-referrals to Social Care and to early help services.  
Number of families reaching the threshold as vulnerable victims of domestic abuse.  
Improved perception by the public of anti-social behaviour in the local area.  
Number of children and young people missing and/or vulnerable to child sexual exploitation (CSE).

### DO WELL AT ALL LEVELS OF LEARNING AND HAVE SKILLS FOR LIFE:

Attainment and progress for all groups of pupils is above national figures at each Key Stage..  
Increased % of students making good progress in English and mathematics across all phases.  
Reduced gap between the educational attainment of disadvantaged children and their peers.  
Increased % of students attending school regularly.  
Decreased % of fixed term and permanent exclusions from school.  
Achieving national Troubled Families Initiative measures on attendance.  
Increase in the number and % of young people aged 16-19 starting a traineeship or apprenticeship.

### ENJOY HEALTHY LIFESTYLES:

Child Poverty reduced by 20% by 2020 on the current baseline  
% uptake of entitlement to free child care for disadvantaged 2 year olds.  
Reduction in childhood obesity at reception and Y6.  
% of disadvantaged and vulnerable families in contact with Children's Centres.  
% uptake of entitlement to 30 hours free child care for eligible 3 and 4 year olds.  
Reduction in the number of women smoking at time of delivering as a proportion of those smoking at booking.  
Increased breastfeeding initiation and at 6-8 weeks.  
% of children who are 'school ready'.

### HAVE FUN GROWING UP:

Children and young people have fun growing up.

### BE ACTIVE CITIZENS WHO FEEL THEY HAVE A CHOICE AND INFLUENCE:

Increased % of young people who are in employment, education or training (EET).  
Proportion of those from vulnerable groups and Priority Neighbourhoods who remain in education, training, or secure employment.  
Reductions in young people misusing drugs and alcohol.  
Number of young people reporting as homeless.  
Reduction in first time entrants to the criminal justice system.  
Reduction in reoffending rates for young people.  
Reduction in young people sentenced to custody.

# THE WAY WE WORK



## **MAKING EVERY CONTACT COUNT:**

Developing quality connections, conversations and relationships with children, young people and families and other professions is the most important part of everybody's work in children's services. Making every contact count.



## **VALUING FAMILIES:**

- Children live in families
- Families create communities
- Communities create our South Gloucestershire.



## **SIGNS OF SAFETY:**

Practitioners supporting families work together to look at the strengths (what's going well in the child's life), the worries and concerns identified (who is worried and why) and focus on what needs to be done (outcomes) to build on the strengths, reduce the concerns and keep the child safe.

The benefits of Signs of Safety are that it:

- Puts the child at the centre of the process
- Seeks to create a more constructive culture around child protection practice whilst remaining vigilant and realistic about risk
- Uses a common and simplified language that everyone understands
- Balances risk and safety factors
- Separates fact from hearsay.

## **Our people**

### **ABOUT SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE:**

Total population: **274,700** including:

**64,600** Children and young people aged 0-19.

**81,600** aged 0-25.

**129** schools or colleges.

(ONS mid-year Est 2015)

## **Working together**

We want South Gloucestershire to be a great place for children and young people to grow up in. To help us make this happen we have a:

**Health & Wellbeing Board**

**Children, Young People and Families Partnership**

**Local Safeguarding Children's Board**

**0 - 25 Special Educational Needs /Disability**

**Partnership Board**

**Education Partnership Board**

These boards are further supported by steering groups focusing on our key programmes of Corporate Parenting, Early Help, Families in Focus, and work in the early years in our Children's Centres. They each bring senior people together from the main organisations working with children, young people and families to make sure we are doing what we should to improve outcomes and deliver the priorities in our plan and keep children safe. We also have North and South Localities and six priority neighbourhoods in South Gloucestershire. These bring services together to focus on localised issues and challenges, and support the most vulnerable families in their area.

## **Find out more**

To find out more about our work in South Gloucestershire see:

- Our web page:  
[www.southglos.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/strategies-plans-and-policies/children-young-people-and-families/children-and-young-people-plan](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/strategies-plans-and-policies/children-young-people-and-families/children-and-young-people-plan)
- The Joint Strategic Needs assessment:  
<http://edocs.southglos.gov.uk/completejsna>
- The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy:  
[www.southglos.gov.uk/documents/Health-Wellbeing-Strategy-Final.pdf](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/documents/Health-Wellbeing-Strategy-Final.pdf)
- The Local Safeguarding Children Board website for details of how we work together to keep children and young people safe:  
[www.southglos.gov.uk/safeguarding](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/safeguarding)
- Our Local Offer Annual Feedback Report about how we're developing our local offer for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or disability:  
<http://edocs.southglos.gov.uk/localoffer/>