

Barnsley Children and Young People's Plan

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Strategic Partnership

Adults with responsibility for managing services in Barnsley are committed to improving the lives of children, young people and their families in our area.

To help us to achieve this they have put together a plan. They named it the '**Barnsley Children and Young People Plan**'

How we asked Children and Young People what they wanted in the plan

Puppetry was used to consult with Children aged 5 to 13 years of age and Youth Summits for Young People aged 13 to 19 years of age. At these events we asked Children and Young People what were their concerns/issues around Staying Safe, Staying Healthy, Making a Positive Contribution, Achieve Economic Wellbeing and Enjoy and Achieve.



What is in the Plan

Staying Safe

- More support for your families to help them stay safe and raise their awareness of risks to health and safety.
- Help to raise your self-awareness to make sure you stay safe.
- Help to build your confidence so that you can counter bullying or get help by reporting it.

Staying Healthy

- Specialist support for more vulnerable children and young people, such as mobility training, therapies and extra care.
- Support at the earliest opportunity for children and young people at risk.
- Support in making healthy choices about food and drink, exercise and how to stay physically, sexually and mentally healthy.



Making a Positive Contribution

- More chances for you to have your say and to shape the services available to you.
- You will be able to play a part in designing the learning you want for the new Advanced Learning Centres
- Opportunities for practical experience of volunteer work.
- Opportunities through Youth Summits, Youth Councils and Children Fund Ambassadors to say what you want services to provide for you.

Achieve Economic Wellbeing

- Better advice and guidance on what your next steps should be for learning or earning.
- Information to help you shape a fulfilling future.
- Action will be taken to make sure everyone has a safe and decent home.
- Fewer households with parents who are out of work.

Enjoying and Achieving

- Children's Centres in every community.
- Access to childcare all day and all year round.
- High quality schools and standards of education.
- Enjoyable learning and leisure activities.
- Support for those of you at risk of exclusion.
- Support from trained workers and alternative learning for those who cannot continue in mainstream learning.

Some of the things you told us...

- Your most important health issues are drug and alcohol misuse; smoking; mental health; relationships; bullying and healthy eating.
- Young people, including those with disabilities would like access to information; friendly and confidential health services; sexual health centres for young people with some women only sessions.
- Younger children said exercise, running, eating healthily and not being bullied would help keep them healthy.

- The most important thing younger children would change at school to help them enjoy it more and 'do better' would be to **"GET RID OF BULLYING"**
- Young people want more support when moving to secondary school, and more support for victims of bullying.
- You want more safe places to go and better lighting in open spaces and more police on the streets
- Black and minority ethnic young people fear intimidation and racial abuse.



- Disabled young people want people to understand them better.
- Disabled, black and minority ethnic and looked after children and young people want more activities after school.
- You want somewhere to go after school such as a skate park, dancing and an Internet café.
- You enjoy a wide variety of activities, including all aspects of play.

- You want learning to be fun
- You want more 'active ways' to learn in school, small group work, and practical lessons.
- You'd like access to Careers Advisers all through your school life.
- You'd like a wider range of different job opportunities.
- You want better transport for disabled young people.

