

**NORTHERN IRELAND
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S
PLAN
2021-2024**



EASY READ VERSION

**Working together – to improve outcomes
for children and young people through
integrated planning and commissioning**



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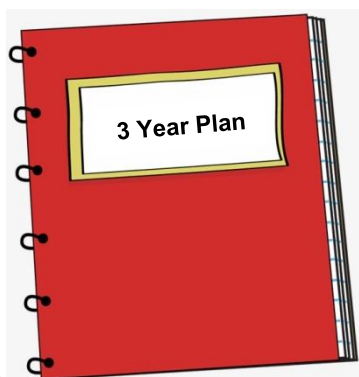


INTRODUCTION

The law says that we need to have a Children and Young People's Plan.



This law is the Children's Services Planning Order 1998.



This Plan is about what we will do over the next 3 years.

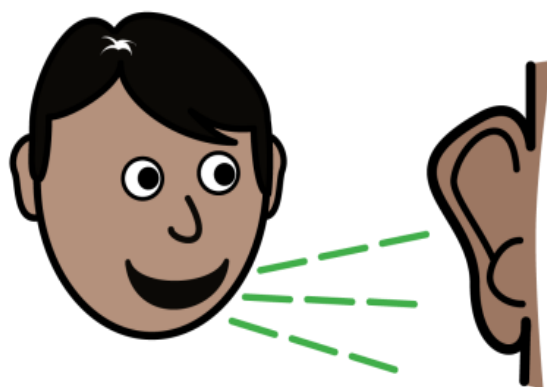


HOW WE MADE OUR PLAN

We asked groups who help children, young people and their families what things needed to be done to make life better.

We asked children and young people and their families what things made life hard and how could we help them.

We made a list of all things that we could do that would help children, young people and their families live safe, happy and healthy lives.



ABOUT THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

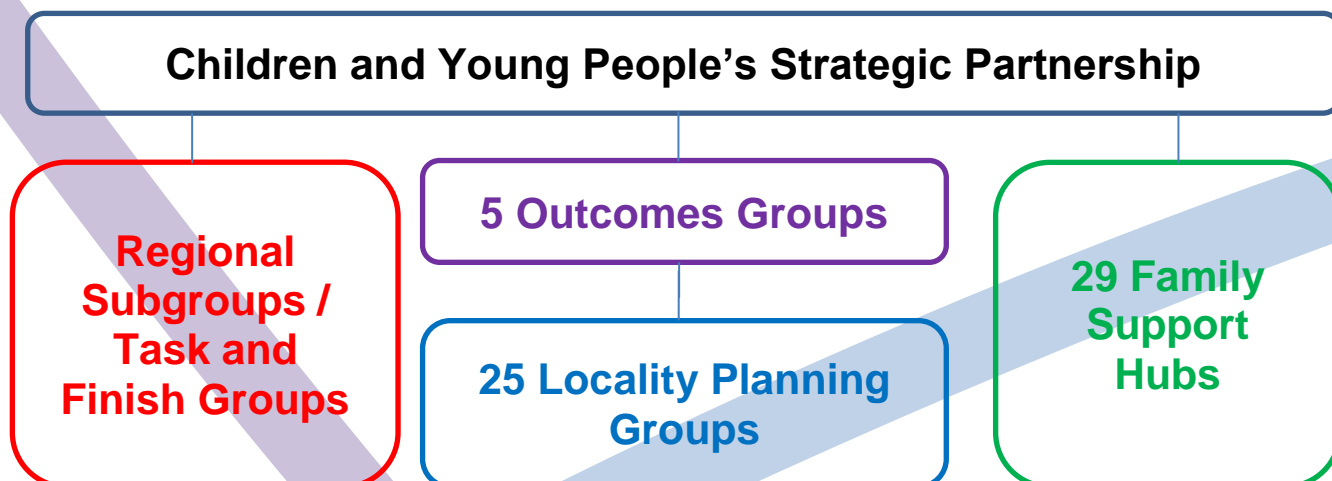
The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership is a group that brings together all organisations that work with children and young people in Northern Ireland.

We work together to plan services for children and young people.

All our groups will share knowledge and skills to help support children and young people.

They will look at how they can help children and young people live safe, happy and healthy lives.

Our Structure



Regional Subgroups / Task and Finish Groups

These groups support organisations that help children and young people facing greater challenges. The groups focus on the areas we plan to target (see page 6 & 7).

Outcomes Groups

At Trust level there are 5 Outcomes Groups. These groups include those people making key decisions about services for children and young people in their area.

Locality Planning Groups

At a local level there are 25 Locality Planning Groups. These groups include people working with children, young people and their families, who come together to agree on the key barriers faced by children and young people and how to work together to break down these barriers.

Family Support Hubs

29 Family Support Hubs help children, young people and families who need support. The Hubs will guide families to a service that can best help them.

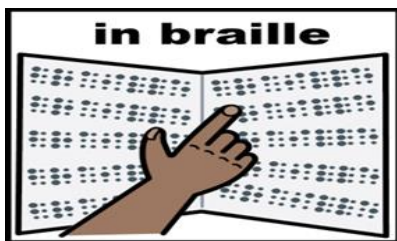


OUR PLAN

What will we do?



We will help children and young people be happy and live safe and healthy lives.



We will help children and young people who have a disability.

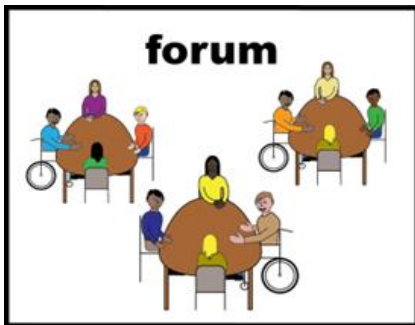


We will help children and young people who are finding school difficult because Covid 19 stopped them going to school.





We will help children and young people who are experiencing poverty.



We will talk with children and young people to hear their views on what matters to them.



What will we do in the Belfast Area?



- We will work better with organisations in the Belfast area to make life better for children aged 0-8.
- We will make sure that we do what the 'Our Journey Through Disability' Report says we should do.
- We will make sure that children and young people are able to get the support they need so that they remain happy and healthy.
- We will make sure that organisations work together to look after those children and young people who are experiencing poverty.



What will we do in the Northern Area?



- We will make sure children and young people know what information is available and where to look for it to help them keep healthy and happy.
- We will become better at communicating with families who have a disabled child or young person.
- We will make sure that children, young people, parents and teachers know what support is available to help children who are finding being back at school difficult.
- We will make sure that families who are experiencing poverty know what help is available for them.



What will we do in the South Eastern Area?



- We will make sure families know where they can get information to help them be happy and healthy.
- We will make sure that we do what the 'Our Journey Through Disability' Report says we should do.
- We will make sure that children and young people get the help they need if schools are to close again.
- We will work with organisations to make sure children, young people and families who are experiencing poverty get the help they need.



What will we do in the Southern Area?



- We will make sure that children, young people and their families know what information is available to help them be happy and healthy and where they can go to get it.
- We will make sure that we do what the 'Our Journey Through Disability' Report says we should do.
- We will support children and young people who come to our country.
- We will work with organisations to help families who are experiencing poverty and domestic violence.



What will we do in the Western Area?



- We will make sure that children and young people are happy and healthy.
- We will support children and young people to feel safe.
- We will support all children and young people to thrive and achieve the best they can.

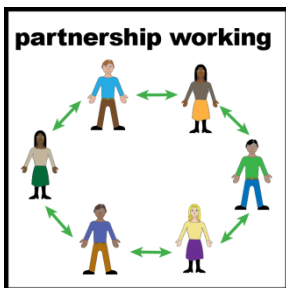


MAKING THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BETTER

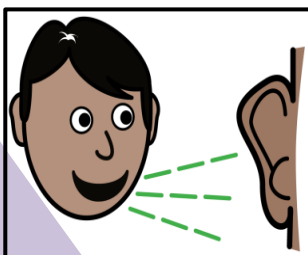
To make sure the Partnership can work better we will:



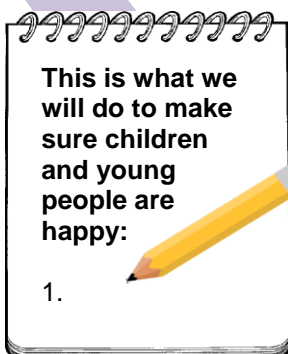
Make the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership a part of law.



Ensure all organisations that help children and young people have the chance to take part in the Partnership.



We will listen to what children and young people tell us and ask them for help with our work.



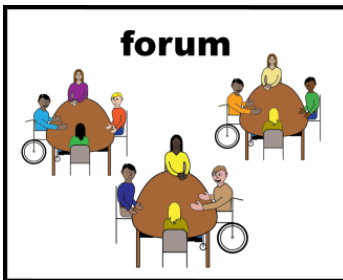
Be more open about how we do things.



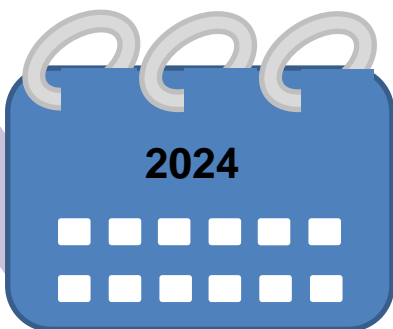
HOW ARE WE DOING?

**This is what
we did**

We will write up what we have done each year and share this with everyone.



We will meet with children and young people to hear what they think about our work.



In 3 years we will check to see what else we can do for children and young people.

