



Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership



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Belfast Area Outcomes Group

Children & Young People's Action Plan 2025 – 2028

CYPSP Priorities 2025-2028

Overarching CYPSP Priorities 2025-2028	Belfast Area Outcomes Group Priorities – 2025-2028
Early Intervention/ Early Help family support for all	Early Intervention/ Early Help family support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children aged 0-8 yrs • Newcomer / Migrant / Global Majority Families
Early Intervention mental health & emotional wellbeing	Early Intervention mental health & emotional wellbeing
School Disruption	School Disruption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anxiety based school avoidance • Reduced timetables
Poverty/Cost of Living	Poverty/Cost of Living
<p style="text-align: center;">All above underpinned by Voice of Young People</p> <p>This is a live plan and will be reviewed and refreshed based on emerging issues for children, young people and families across the area on an ongoing basis. This Plan has been aligned with the Belfast Agenda Plan to add value, collaboration and avoid duplication.</p>	

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Regional Priorities

Early Intervention/ Early Help Family Support for All

Outcomes

- Support access / links to services for children though effective, seamless and appropriate early intervention.
- All newcomer and migrant families are welcomed and connected to Belfast's seamless pathway ambitions.

Key Actions

- Build on the work of existing Partnerships supporting Early Intervention work in the City to deliver on the Seamless Pathway support for children, aged 0-8yrs, in Belfast.
- Link to and build on existing Good Relations strategies.

Early Intervention mental health & emotional wellbeing

Outcomes

- Improved connections to mental health and wellbeing services for our children and young people in Belfast.

Key Actions

- Develop community connections and networks around the emotional health and wellbeing approaches at post primary level, being rolled out in Belfast
- Scale and spread the existing connections between emotional health and wellbeing early intervention services and the FSH network and members.
- Develop a sub-group to identify available therapeutic services

School Disruption

Outcomes

- Children, young people and families receive support at an early stage in respect of anxiety based school avoidance / reduced timetables

Key Actions

- Link with the Emotional Wellbeing Teams in schools to share learning and resources
- Highlight school avoidance / reduced timetables as a key area for RAISE to explore as a relevant need.

Poverty/ Cost of Living

Outcomes

- Continue to build resources focused on activity that has been shown to have a positive impact on reducing poverty and / or its effects, ensuring support is responsive to families' situations.

Key Actions

- Work with BCC to support the development of an anti-poverty network
- Continue to build on the work of existing partnerships to support the capacity of agencies to respond effectively to identified need within the BAOG area.
- Increase the capacity of agencies to co-design, co-produce and co-deliver responses to identified need within the BAOG area.

Locality Planning
Groups

Family Support
Hubs

Early
Intervention

The voice of children & young
people




Task and Finish
Groups

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Action Plan 2025 – 2028

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Group/Priority	How will we do it?	Outcomes	Action Plan agreed to date	Status	Progress to date	Monitoring	Links
Early Help Family Support for All Newcomer / migrant families Chair: TBA	<p>Sharing information, knowledge, expertise and making connections about Emotional mental health and wellbeing</p> <p>Build on and strengthen connections with the work of existing partnerships supporting Early Intervention work across BHSCT to add value and avoid duplication</p> <p>Identifying priorities and actions to meet unmet need.</p> <p>Utilising resources/ pooling budgets and expertise effectively Local perspective</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support access / links to services for children through effective, seamless and appropriate early intervention. All newcomer and migrant families are welcomed and connected to Belfast's seamless pathway ambitions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build on the work of existing partnerships supporting Early Intervention work in Belfast to deliver on the Seamless Pathway approach to support for children age 0-8 years. Promote EHWP team neurodiversity café / supporting your child with anxiety Explore the development of targeted and joined up approaches to communicate children's journeys and needs across sectors / services in Belfast (? Passport / transition / encompass link) Establish a thematic sub-group to identify existing models of good practice and build connections to support improved access to support. Link to and build on existing Good Relations strategies. Facilitate cultural awareness workshops in each LPG area 	<div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> </div>			<p>NI Children's Strategy 2020-30 – Physical & Mental Health; Living in Safety & Stability; Positive Contribution to Society; Promotion of equality and of good relations; Respect for Rights.</p> <p>Mental Health Strategy Workstream 9</p> <p>Draft PFG –Actions: Pgs 20; 30; 34; 36; 41; 44; 67.</p> <p>Making Life Better – Theme 1</p> <p>Belfast Agenda Fair Start</p> <p>SEN and Disability Act NI</p> <p>Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)</p> <p>Transformation Autism Strategy (DoH)</p>

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Improve early intervention for Emotional Mental Health and Wellbeing needs of children and families across BHSCT area including School disruption	<p>Work together to develop inclusive pathways across Mental Health and Wellbeing Partnerships in Belfast (BAOG) using a 'whole child approach' and best practice messaging from the IMH partnership,</p> <p>Strengthen links with partners across BHSCT to add value and avoid duplication as well as addressing barriers to accessing mental health and wellbeing support for C&YP</p> <p>Identifying priorities and actions to meet unmet need</p> <p>Utilising resources/ pooling budgets and expertise effectively Local perspective</p> <p>Co-Production with Children & Young People</p>	<p>Agreed framework in place.</p> <p>Improved cross sectoral awareness of support services available giving better access to mental health and wellbeing services for our children and young people in Belfast</p> <p>Children, young people and families are more able to access support at an earlier stage in respect of school avoidance / anxiety</p>	<p>Develop a framework for existing partners to roll out the Seamless Pathway approach</p> <p>Continue to nurture connections with the Emotional Wellbeing Teams in schools to share learning and resources</p> <p>Continue to nurture connections with the Emotional Health and Wellbeing Team (BHSCT) to share learning and resources.</p> <p>Establish a Sub-group to identify available therapeutic services available for children and young people across Belfast</p> <p>Connect to the RAISE team to bring evidence of need to their work across the City.</p> <p>Promote TIP approach across Belfast – increase opportunities for access to training</p> <p>Promote good mental health and resilience through awareness raising and training.</p> <p>Scale and spread the existing connections between EHWB early intervention services and the FSH network</p>	  			<p>NI Children's Strategy 2020-30 – Physical & Mental Health; Living in Safety & Stability; Positive Contribution to Society; Promotion of equality and of good relations; Respect for Rights.</p> <p>Mental Health Strategy Workstream 9, themes 1,2 & 3.</p> <p>Draft PFG –Actions: Pgs 20; 30; 34; 36; 41; 44; 67.</p> <p>Making Life Better – Theme 1</p> <p>Belfast Agenda Fair Start Stronger from the Start</p>

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Poverty/ Cost of Living	<p>Promote a local collaborative focus on early intervention and prevention where possible and emergency response based on identified need to improve outcomes for wellbeing needs of children and families.</p> <p>To provide a wraparound Service to share information, knowledge, expertise relevant to the area, to make links where needs or gaps are identified and to share information on potential supports available within existing provision</p> <p>Strengthen connections with partners across BHSCT to add value and avoid duplication</p> <p>Promote core messages and information to appropriate groups</p>	<p>Continue to build resources focused on activity that has been shown to have a positive impact on reducing poverty and / or its effects, ensuring support is responsive to families' situations.</p> <p>Increased capacity of agencies to co-design, co-produce and co-deliver responses to identified need within the BAOG area.</p>	<p>Work with BCC to support the development of an anti-poverty network.</p> <p>Continue to build on the work of existing partnerships to support the capacity of agencies to respond effectively to identified need within the BAOG area.</p> <p>Further develop connections to support enhanced integrated working practices to enhance delivery capacity in local partnerships particularly LPG's</p> <p>Build BAOG capacity to facilitate the delivery of pooled spend approaches and partnership based delivery initiatives to alleviate pressures on families.</p> <p>Further develop delivery approaches that build on the existing partnership frameworks in the BAOG area e.g. NRA's, Surestart, FSH networks, community partnerships.</p> <p>Share information and delivery of workshops to support families experiencing poverty – CYPSP Cost of Living Resource / affordable school uniforms / budgeting / reduce, reuse, recycle / social supermarkets</p>				<p>NI Children's Strategy 2020-30 – Physical & Mental Health; Living in Safety & Stability; Positive Contribution to Society; Promotion of equality and of good relations; Respect for Rights.</p> <p>Mental Health Strategy Workstream 9</p> <p>Draft PFG –Actions: Pgs 20; 30; 34; 36; 41; 44; 67.</p> <p>.</p> <p>Making Life Better – Theme 1</p> <p>Belfast Agenda</p> <p>Child Poverty Strategy</p> <p>Child Poverty Outcomes Framework</p> <p>NCB</p>

