

This plan has been developed by the Children & Young People's Partnership Trust, which has been formed by the key organisations working with children and young people in Norfolk. Children and young people are at the centre of everything we do.

We work with schools and local agencies to support the needs and welfare of young people in Norfolk. The views of children and young people, and their parents and carers are valued and included.

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Parents and carers

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Norfolk Children & Young People's Plan 2006-2009



Norfolk Children & Young People's Plan

shows what is happening in Norfolk to make life better for our children and young people. It was developed by the organisations which provide services for them, and a lot of children and young people contributed their thoughts and ideas to it.

We are working to make sure that all children and young people have the best possible start in life and the same chance as everyone else to grow up happy in their families and communities.

We believe that all children and young people have the right to be

healthy, happy, and safe; to be loved, valued and respected; and to have high aspirations for their future

This summary document shows what has been achieved and also what the top priorities are for the future.



Turn the page to see how the plan is shaping up and how it affects you...



Be healthy

Successes

The 'Positive Play' support programme has been set up for children who have problems expressing their feelings. Playing helps them to develop personal and social skills.

More schools are involved with the Healthy Schools initiative - so more children and young people are learning how to be healthy.

We will...

Improve the services available to children and young people experiencing mental health related illnesses.

Continue to look at how we can improve the emotional health and well-being of children and young people.

Provide better sexual health education for young people and reduce teenage pregnancies.



I will...



Make a positive contribution

Successes

More young people are involved in volunteering. There is now a group of young people who help shape the work of the Norfolk Children & Young People's Partnership Trust, including those who helped develop this leaflet.

We will...

Provide help and create opportunities to prevent young people breaking the law or re-offending.

Make sure we also ask younger children what they think of the services they receive.



I will...

Here are some of the highlights of the **Norfolk Children & Young People's Plan**, some of which we've already achieved, and others that we are working towards. Think about what you would like to achieve over the next year and write it in the space provided.



Enjoy & achieve

Successes

Thanks to everyone's hard work, exam results for children and young people aged 7 and 16 have improved.

'Playing for Success' partnerships with sports clubs now provide opportunities for young people to work on their literacy, numeracy and ICT skills and using football, rugby, speedway and tennis to help.

We will...

Create even more 'Playing for Success' projects across Norfolk, so more children and young people can take part.

Continue to raise standards in schools to give children and young people have the best opportunities for the future.



I will...

Thank you

to Jess, Sam, Aimee and Vicki for their input to this leaflet.

You can see the whole Children and Young People's Plan at:

www.everynorfolkchildmatters.org



Stay safe

Successes

Better arrangements are helping children and young people stay safe from harm and as a result there are fewer children on the Child Protection Register.

We are increasing the number of foster carers who can take siblings -so fewer brothers and sisters have to be split up when they come into care.

We will...

Target and reduce bullying. Help children and young people remain with their families.

Work to reduce the number of children and young people who have accidents either at home or school.



I will...



Achieve economic well-being

Successes

More young people are staying in education beyond age 16.

Schools and colleges are working together to provide a wider choice of courses for young people between the ages of 14 and 19.

We will...

Help more young people to stay in education and training or to get a job.

Finalise our plans so that more children and young people live in a safe home.

Provide access to a 14 -19 online learning prospectus so young people can see what courses are available.



I will...