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ABOUT US:

Bristol Children and Families Partnership brings together organisations from all areas of the city to work towards delivering the best outcomes for children and young people. At its centre is a partnership board which plans, commissions and delivers services.



Welcome to our first newsletter

Bristol Children and Families Partnership is a whole city approach between organisations, businesses and communities. By sharing expertise, experience and commitment we can ensure the best life chances for our city's children, working to prevent crisis, safeguarding our vulnerable and promoting the health and wellbeing of all children, young people and families.

The Children and Families Partnership Board (CFPB) is the decision making group which plans, commissions and delivers services on behalf of the Children and Families Partnership.

The Board is responsible for leading and implementing Bristol's Strategy for Children, Young People and Families 2016 -2020, which sets out a range of priorities we have agreed as the focus of our joint work for the next four years. It includes a common outcome framework for use across the whole partnership. You can read the strategy here: www.bristol.gov.uk/cyf

This newsletter will give you the opportunity to find out about our work, how it's progressing and how you can get involved.

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The Children and Families Partnership Board is co-chaired by John Readman, Strategic Director, People, Bristol City Council, and Kirsty Alexander, GP Representative and Clinical Commissioning Lead for Maternity, Children and Young Peoples Services, NHS Bristol Clinical Commissioning Group.

Members represent schools, health, the voluntary and community sector, probation, the police, public health, early years, housing, social care and targeted support, and includes the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.

Four Challenge Groups report to the Board (see diagram) which support the delivery of the strategy, develop our partnerships and ensure children and young people are included.

Children and Families Partnership Board

Composition: City policy makers and senior leaders with strategy and commissioning responsibilities.

Joint Health Outcomes

Ensuring an integrated approach to promoting and maintaining positive health and wellbeing.

Special Educational Needs and Disability

Meeting the additional needs of children and young people from 0-25.

Think Family

Promoting whole family working and leading multi agency intelligence to predict and prevent.

Participation

Ensuring children, young people and carers have a voice in the city.

95%

of Bristol schools benefit from CASCADE training

We are in the third year of the [Emotional Health and Wellbeing Programme](#), which aims to transform support for children and young people with emotional health and wellbeing needs.

Recently we have been working with the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families on the delivery of CASCADE (child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) and schools partnership) training to Bristol schools. It follows a [pilot](#) by NHS England to develop stronger links between schools and CAMHS.

Bristol is the first city in England to train all school settings and has benefitted from a 95% uptake. Stakeholders from across Bristol City Council and health are now working in partnership with schools to develop and launch a Bristol Schools' Mental Health Network to sustain and further develop this work.

Following a recent government [announcement](#) we are working in partnership with Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) England to roll out a one day Youth MHFA training course to all maintained secondary schools.

We will continue to engage with a range of stakeholders to develop our work over the coming months. Get in touch if you would like to be involved: bristolccq.cypehbristol@nhs.net or call 0117 900 2533.

Children's community health services recommissioning

Sirona Care & Health CIC has been awarded the main provider contract to run Community Children's Health Services including [CAMHS](#) and the [counselling](#) service under new specifications from 1 April 2017.

Off the Record will be working in partnership with them to deliver specialist children's and young people's counselling services. Engagement and participation services will be delivered in partnership with Barnardos Services Ltd.

NEW Youth Council

A record 12,534 young people voted in the Bristol Youth Vote to elect 28 members onto their City Youth Council. This shows a real willingness to engage in political life and make their voices heard on issues they feel are most important.

The new Youth Council has launched its manifesto document which outlines its priorities for the next year. It includes:

- Young and equal
- Education for life
- Youth voice
- What next – ages 15-18

[Read more here.](#)

Targeted youth services are changing

Currently known as Bristol Youth Links, targeted youth services are soon to benefit from a range of changes. The proposed plans, which come into place in 2018, have recently been under public consultation. Commissioners are now working through feedback and preparing for providers to bid. If you completed the survey or participated in an event, thank you!

The final contracts will provide geographic and individually tailored services across a range of issues including:

- Accessing education, employment and training
- Sexual health, drugs and alcohol support
- Confidence and relationship building activities

An important part of our plans is to work in partnership with organisations across Bristol to help sustain a universal offer of youth and play services and respond to gaps and needs.

The final element is an online information, advice and guidance service for children and young people. This is already part of the current youth services offering and includes three online portals; [Go Places to Play](#), [Rife Magazine](#) and [Rife Guide](#).

GET INVOLVED

Look out for more Bristol City Council consultations on the Consultation Hub. <https://bristol.citizenspace.com/>

New integrated service to prevent youth homelessness

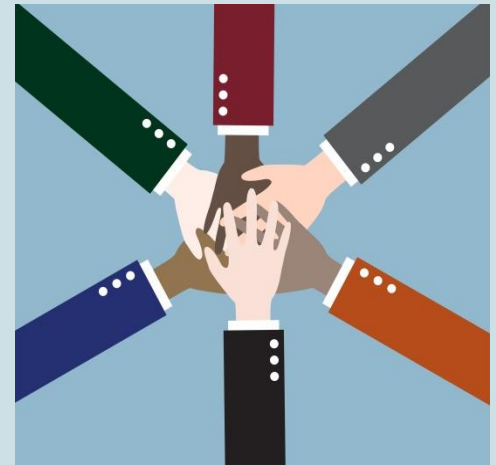
Young people at risk of homelessness are set to benefit from a new integrated service from October. The new service will be run from a city centre location and will include homelessness prevention services for 16-21 year olds (25 for children in care or those who are more vulnerable).

The initiative aims to support young people to live at home for as long as possible and prevent housing crisis. It brings together a range of partners to provide information, advice and support as well as a safe and accessible place for young people at crisis point. A tender process is underway to appoint a provider to run the new service.

A wider range of accommodation options

We want to make sure there are a range of safe options for young people who cannot live with their families, or need a break while they work things out. We are commissioning a wider range of specialist accommodation for young people including short-term emergency or respite placements in hosts' homes.

To sign up to regular updates and have your say on how youth housing and independence services are developed, subscribe to our [email bulletin here](#)



Joining up support for Bristol families

Our proposed new delivery model for family support will bring together Early Help teams and Children's Centres to provide a range of joined up services. We intend to develop Family Centres which support families from pre-birth to 19 (up to 25 with an Education, Health and Care Plan). Based in neighbourhoods experiencing the greatest disadvantage, family support specialists will reach out across the city.

Our aim is to create a city-wide family support network to make it easier for families to access the support they need, in the right place, at the right time.

All integrated early education, childcare and health services will be more tailored to the community in which they are located and will extend the existing age range to include families with older children.

The proposal keeps our commitment to early intervention and the Mayor's vision to protect children's centre services.

IN BRIEF:

Bristol's JSNA

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is an ongoing process to identify the health and wellbeing needs of the Bristol population. The data helps to inform our Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Bristol's Strategy for Children, Young People and Families. This JSNA now includes chapters with information about current services so we can identify recommendations for planning and commissioning. Visit www.bristol.gov.uk/jsna for more information.

Sugar Smart Bristol

Harclive Academy, Hartcliffe was one of the first Bristol schools to sign up to the campaign. Early results have been excellent!

Students have been proactive in using the Sugar Smart App, eating fruit and doing more physical activity. Even the teachers are on board, with one losing 15lb since January and one cutting out daily Crunchie bars, which contain six cubes of sugar each! Find the campaign here and [Sign up to be Sugar Smart](#)



Improving SEND outcomes

Children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families are regularly asked for feedback and there have been a number of ways their participation has recently benefitted services.

SEND Survey

Last year the Birth to 25 Integrated Service launched its first ever survey to find out what parents, carers and young people thought. The feedback now forms part of our SEND Improvement and Development Plan 2017-19. [Read the results.](#)

The Listening Partnership

This year The Listening Partnership (Bristol's SEND Youth Participation Forum) told us what they find challenging and wanted to see change. Their priorities include, improved public transport, more employment opportunities and more housing options. We'll be working with the SEND Challenge Group to see what changes can be made together. [Find out more here.](#)

Findability: Bristol's Local Offer

It's a requirement for every Local Authority to provide information on services and support in the local area. In Bristol this is provided online by [Findability](#). We've received lots of feedback since the website was set up and this year we've been able to make a number of changes. Why not take a look for yourself?

Local Area SEND Inspection

Local services are due to receive a joint inspection from Ofsted and the CQC. The focus is to understand how effective the Local Area is in identifying, assessing, meeting the needs and improving outcomes for children and young people with SEND.

Inspectors will want to talk with organisations from across the partnership. You can find out more on www.gov.uk

USEFUL LINKS:

- [Findability](#)
- [Rife Magazine](#)
- [Rife Guide](#)
- [Go Places to Play](#)
- [RVoice](#)

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