

An equal chance – Solihull Children and Young People’s Plan 2007 – 2010

A Summary

This is a summary of Solihull Children and Young People’s Plan; if you would like to see the full version please go to our website XXX, call XXX or email XXX

What’s the Plan for?

The Plan aims to make Solihull a place where all children and young people have an equal chance and are able to achieve their full potential. It covers all children and young people aged 0-19. It also covers some young people such as those with learning difficulties up to the age of 25.

The Plan focuses on the things that children, young people and their families have told us are important. It has been put together by organisations that have an interest in children and young people and make up the Solihull Children and Young People’s Trust.

What does the Plan aim to do?

The Plan identifies 6 priorities to improve outcomes for children and young people and briefly explains the improvements we will make:

1. **Healthy lifestyles:** Improve the health of our children and young people by encouraging more mothers to breastfeed, promoting healthy eating and exercise and reducing the use of drugs and alcohol.
2. **Anti-bullying and personal safety:** Improve safety by reducing the number of children and young people being bullied, protecting them from abuse via the internet, reducing the number that are victims of crime and supporting parents to help keep their children safe.
3. **Things to do and places to go:** Increase the number of things to do and places to go and provide information about what’s available. We also want to make sure that the opportunities are available to everyone, including children and young people with disabilities
4. **Raising achievement for all:** Raise the achievements of children and young people by improving attendance at school and reducing the number of 16-18 year olds not in education, training or employment.

5. **An equal chance for children and young people who are carers, unaccompanied asylum seekers, disabled or Looked After:** Give children and young people who are carers, unaccompanied asylum seekers, disabled or are being looked after by the local authority, an equal chance by increasing the support available to them.
6. **Integrated Services: the Change for Children Programme:** Integrate services by bringing them together so that they are easier for families to find, use and understand.

Each priority has a lead officer to make things happen. Part of their job is making sure that lots of people, including children, young people and their families are involved in deciding what to do.

How do we know it's making a difference?

The Plan has a number of targets and the Children and Young People's Trust Board looks at progress against these targets every 3 months. Some of the targets are about whether organisations have done what they said they would do. However, the most important targets are about whether things have got better for children and young people.

What's it got to do with me?

The Plan is just the start. To get things right, we need as many people as possible to get involved, to tell us what they think and what they want.

There are lots of ways to get involved

- Ask for a copy of the full version of the Children and Young People's Plan and tell us what you think of our ideas.
- Look on our website to find out what's planned and what's already been done.
- Ask to be put on our mailing list to receive a copy of our newsletter or monthly e-Bulletin – it will give you regularly updates about what's going on.
- Come along to a Children and Young People's Trust Board meeting as an observer to find out how it works – you would be made very welcome.
- Have your say during consultations by completing questionnaires, or taking part in surveys and focus groups.
- Get involved in workshops, forums or working groups.
- Give us your comments, complaints and compliments. Help us to learn and improve by telling us what you think.

For more information about any of the above, including details of meetings, copies of the Plan, consultations or to give us your views, look on our website at www.solihull.gov.uk/cypt, telephone 0121 704 8480 or email cyptrust@solihull.gov.uk