

Children's Services

Guide to the Improvement Plan 2018 - 2021



Working together to ensure that Powys children and young people are safe, healthy, fulfilled and have their voices heard, valued and acted upon.



The plan makes clear how we can all help to improve services for children and families. It will continue to build on the strengths of staff, get support from the whole council and work with partners and communities across the county.

The plan describes our ambitions and priorities for all children and young people in Powys. This includes doing all we can to protect and promote the rights of children set out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). This means the child's right to protection, family life, a good education, proper health care, decent housing and a voice in all aspect of their lives.



In this way, we can:

- Focus on early intervention and prevention
- Provide good parenting and specialist support
- Flexible, diverse and high quality placements for children who are looked after
- Achieve the best possible outcomes for children in our care



The Improvement Plan

There are seven priority areas to deliver the plan:

- Eligibility criteria (thresholds) and Early Help
- Partnership working
- Safeguarding and good core social work practice
- Commissioning and placements
- Independent reviewing, quality assurance and complaints
- Infrastructure and support services
- Workforce



Links

The Children's Services Improvement Plan is linked to and supported by a range of strategies including:

- The Council's Vision 2025
- The Start Well Programme to be developed through the Regional Partnership Board
- Children's Services *Children Looked After Strategic Framework*

The plan has been developed by all parts of the council working together. The Regional Partnership Board and Regional Safeguarding Board (CYSUR) will also play a big part in making the changes happen.

By continuing to working together with clear purpose we will have services which help children and families to achieve the best possible outcomes.

To view the plan, visit www.powys.gov.uk



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1. Focus on early intervention and prevention ensuring access to the right support at the right time to keep families together, where possible and children safe. Intervene at the earliest opportunity to ensure that children and young people do not suffer harm.

2. Provide good parenting and specialist support. Working with families rather than doing to. Work with children, young people and their families to co-produce plans which will bring about the changes children need as quickly as possible.

3. Providing and commissioning a **flexible and affordable mix of high quality placements for children who are looked after** to meet the diverse range of their needs and circumstances, keeping children as close to home as possible.

4. Achieve the best possible outcomes for those children in our care, giving them clearly planned journeys through care.

