

Our vision: Every child and young person will be safe, healthy, creative, and have the personal confidence, skills and opportunities to contribute and achieve more than thought possible.

Our aspirations - how we will start to make a difference by March 2014

Support good health and wellbeing in pregnancy and the new born

Ambition: Support parents and children through integrated parenting support for new parents including fathers, young parents and those with mental health needs.

Protect children through strong multi-agency safeguarding and child protection arrangements

Ambition: In line with the Surrey Safeguarding Children Board strategy, develop robust multi-agency child protection arrangements with our partners to safeguard children and young people.

Support parents and carers so they can raise physically, emotionally and mentally healthy children

Ambition: In line with the early help strategy, ensure the co-ordinated planning of preventative and early help services.

Improve health and wellbeing outcomes for looked after children and care leavers

Ambition: Develop a common understanding amongst partners that looked after children may need additional support to achieve positive outcomes .

Partnership working

We are committed to working with partners to provide coherent and effective services for children, young people and their families. We want to improve the likelihood of positive health and wellbeing outcomes and ultimately reduce demand for specialist services. We recognise that the only way to deliver improved health and wellbeing outcomes is through partnership working. To do this effectively we need partnership structures through which we can work effectively, and we need shared tools to build a coherent direction and approach.

Through the plan we will ensure that priorities are appropriately addressed by partner governing bodies by developing bridging arrangements and ensuring that the plan reflects the priorities of each of the governing bodies. The key governing bodies are:

- The Surrey Children and Young Peoples Partnership
- Surrey Safeguarding Children Board
- The Schools Forum
- The Youth Justice Partnership Board
- The Corporate Parenting Board
- Surrey Health and Wellbeing Board

Through the plan we will:

- Develop a shared commitment to deliver and implement actions to improve the health and wellbeing of children, young people and their families
- Provide a framework in line with the other delivery plans, within which to deliver services, ensuring that appropriate governance tools and monitoring arrangements are in place.
- Work together to agree our responsibilities and respective roles in delivering the plan.

Support children to develop positive personal wellbeing, values and aspirations

Ambition: Through Surrey's joint health and wellbeing strategy, we will improve the accessibility of leisure and sports facilities for young people and promote more targeted early years support in identified geographical areas of deprivation.

Improve outcomes for young people who need additional support during the transition to adulthood

Ambition: Develop integrated working arrangements between children's and adult services to enable a smooth transition for young people.

Improve outcomes for children and young people with complex needs

Ambition: Aligned with the education achievement plan, support the number of children and young people with special educational needs (SEN) and disabilities accessing local education provision and support schools to ensure they are well equipped to support children and young people with complex needs.

Ensure local services meet the needs of vulnerable children and their families

Ambition: Data and evidence, including the views of children, young people and their families, are continually used to improve services.



This plan is one of three plans underpinning the children and young people's strategy 2012-17 and works alongside the young people's employability plan and the education achievement plan.

Our priorities

The four key priorities of this plan work together to address three of the four key cross-cutting priorities of the children and young people's strategy - prevention, protection, participation and potential:

- **Prevention:** We will support children and young people to have positive contributions and achievements by promoting outcomes that will help boost their own and their families' capacity to avoid developing problems.
- **Protection:** We will protect Surrey's children and young people to keep them safe from harm and neglect so that they can grow up in an environment that allows them to achieve their best.
- **Participation:** We will increase the number of children and young people in Surrey participating in the best opportunities on offer in the county and beyond.
- **Potential:** We will work hard to provide and support excellent opportunities and services for Surrey's children and young people so they can realise their full potential.



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Children's health, wellbeing and safeguarding plan 2013/14

Supporting children and young people to achieve the best health and wellbeing outcomes possible

Children's health and wellbeing in Surrey is generally good but we are determined to make it better still by working with our partners now and in the long term. We have developed this plan to positively support children and young people's health and wellbeing and to support delivery of Surrey's joint health and wellbeing strategy

The children's health, wellbeing and safeguarding plan is a one year plan setting out eight priority areas where we believe we can start to make the most difference in 2013/14 ensuring that children and young people achieve the best health and wellbeing outcomes possible. It will act as a tool to engage partners in agreeing common challenges and longer term priorities that will also inform future health and wellbeing strategies.

Although this is a county council plan, we believe an integrated approach to social care and health provision is essential to improving the quality and equality of access to services. We are committed to working with our partners to provide coherent and effective services for children, young people and their families. In particular, to improve the likelihood of positive health and wellbeing outcomes through informed commissioning with key partners including public health, police and education.

Our challenges

The majority of children and young people in Surrey need little support beyond universal services to reach their potential.

However there are some who require additional support both at key transitions and at an early stage before difficulties arise.

There are also several external factors, such as health, welfare and education reform which could impact on children's health and wellbeing.

Within this climate of change, the children's health, wellbeing and safeguarding plan will be our main vehicle for positively supporting our children's and young people's strategy to realise good health and wellbeing at each stage of their life and as they transition to adulthood.

