

Vision for Youth Services

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What is it?

- A long-term vision for youth services and provision
- A framework to shape the LGA's support in this area
- A starting point to review and develop local provision

Why now?

- Funding cuts
 - Increased demand for children's services
 - Fragmentation of youth provision
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How was this developed?

- Roundtable with partners, including councils, charities and young people
 - Best practice
 - Discussion with regional youth workers
 - Further discussion with partners and councils of the final document
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Our vision

Our vision is for all young people to enjoy their lives, reach their full potential and make a good transition to adulthood. They should be able to achieve their ambitions, develop positive relationships and make worthwhile contributions to their communities.

We want to help councils to work across their departments and with their partners to support all young people to do this, enabling access to both universal services and targeted support through safe spaces and activities that young people need, want and value.

Six key principles

- Youth-led
 - Inclusivity, equality and diversity
 - Respect
 - Quality, safety and wellbeing
 - Empowerment
 - Positivity
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A Local Vision in a National Context

- Councils as local leaders and place-shapers
 - Consultation and engagement – especially with young people
 - Leadership
 - Joined-up working
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Coordination & Safeguarding

- What's available locally?
 - Who's providing it?
 - How does everything (and everyone) work together?
 - National Citizen Service
 - Safety and wellbeing
 - Needs-led provision
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Funding, Commissioning and Outcomes

- Early help and prevention
 - Co-ordination and working together
 - Council and community assets
 - Evaluation
 - Delivery models
 - Involving young people
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What we will do to help deliver the vision

- Tools and guidance
 - Best practice
 - National coordination of partners
 - Research on what works in early help
 - Outcomes framework
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What we want from government

- A higher profile for youth services across government
 - A clear policy and vision for services for young people
 - Explicit ministerial responsibility for young people
 - A portion of NCS funding given directly to local authorities
 - NCS to work closely with local authorities
 - Investment in early help and preventative services
 - Funding to support measurement of outcomes and to develop a wider evidence base
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What's next?

- We'll start work on the actions listed in the vision
 - We'll keep working with partners and the Government
 - We want to hear from you – what would be useful to you?
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