Cardiff Youth Support Services

National policy context

Wales Government Section 123 of the Learning and Skills Act 2000.

Provide, secure the provision of or participate in the provision of Youth Support Services.

“To secure and coordinate services which encourage, enable or assist young persons to; participate effectively in education and training; to take advantage of opportunities for employment; to participate effectively and responsibly in the life of their communities”.

(Age context 11 years old to 25 years old)

Who will be involved?

Local Authority
  Education
  Schools
  Youth Service
  Essential Skills 14-19

Children’s Services
  Youth Offending Service
  Leaving Care & Related Services

Regulatory & Support
  ASB
  Substance Misuse

Community Facilities
  Play / Leisure/Libraries
  Parks and Sport
  Neighbourhood learning

Third Sector
  Specialist Youth Providers
  Faith and Community organisations
  Uniformed Organisations

Other Providers
  Careers Wales
  SW Police
  Health – Women and Children, CAHMS, Public Health
  Cardiff and Vale College
  Training Providers

What will they deliver?

Targeted support for vulnerable young people including those with complex needs.

Increased opportunities for engagement in positive activities and personal development

Opportunities to engage with decision making and to become involved in their communities

Universal access to high quality information, advice and guidance on services

How will we deliver

Through ensuring that the needs of vulnerable teenagers are identified early and met by agencies working together effectively - in ways that are shaped by the views and experiences of young people themselves.

By agencies collaborating to deliver highly visible, vibrant and dynamic programmes of positive activities that help young people in Cardiff to gain the enjoyment, skills and accreditation they need to move forward in life.

By providing opportunities for young people to have a voice in the decisions that affect them and to participate as active citizens in their communities.

Through securing access to quality information, advice and guidance in formats accessible to young people and encompassing information on careers and learning as well as signposting to generalist advice.
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### Success Criteria for Young People

- **Know where to access help** when problems arise, have access to supportive, informed adults and relevant, accessible support services. Where appropriate, have access to an initial assessment process that is followed up with actions to address issues, needs and aspirations that young people identify as important to them.

- **Have access to a programme of activities** that:
  - Challenge young people and encourage them to take responsibility for their own actions.
  - Enhance self-esteem, confidence and resilience; and thereby deter risk-taking behaviour.
  - Help them to develop skills, knowledge, awareness and understanding.
  - Recognise their achievements, learning and support accreditation.

- **Are engaged in the democratic process** in decisions that affect them in their schools and communities.
  - Are consulted on and influence services for young people in Cardiff.
  - Are supported to develop thinking, listening, communication and interpersonal skills needed to be heard and understood.

- **Have access to independent and comprehensive information** on learning and work.
  - Have access to good quality generalist advice and information.

### What Matters - Outcomes

#### Increase engagement and achievement:

- Increased numbers of 14–19 year-olds progressing in education, employment or training (ID:FYP.YP2)
- Increase in numbers of young people gaining level 2 or level 3 qualifications (ID:FYP.YP1)
- Improve transition assessments for young people with learning difficulties & disabilities on completion of compulsory education (ID:FYP.YP2)
- Increase participation of young people’s in positive activities and achieving accreditation for positive activities (ID:HL.HLS.1)
- Improve young people’s participation in physical activity and sport (ID:HL.HLS.1)
- Increase young people’s involvement in communities and decision making. (ID:SCC.CC.3)

#### Tackling negative outcomes:

- Young people are safe and feel safe.
- Reduction in anti-social behaviour (ID:FYP.YP3)
- Reduction in the number of first-time entrants to the criminal justice system aged 10–17 (ID:SCC.SSC.2)
- Reduction in negative health indicators – alcohol and smoking (ID:HL.SM1&2) and sexual health (ID:HL.SM1&2)
Implementing Youth Support - A neighbourhood approach

Integrated Partnership Families and Young People Programme Board
Youth Engagement

Community-based

Universal
Positive Activities and IAG
Skills, Sports, Arts, Health for all local young people including in:
Council-run youth centres
Vol sector youth clubs and projects
Holiday programmes
Play Services
Sports Facilities
Libraries

School-based
Team Around the Child/Family
Individual early support for school pupils with additional needs: attendance, basic skills, behaviour, substance misuse, mental health, early social intervention, family support

Targeted Youth Support
Support and positive activities for individual or groups of young people who are or risk being:
NEET
Young offenders
YISP referrals
Teenage parents
Substance misusers
Gangs

Community-based

Neighbourhood Management
Neighbourhood Youth Practitioner Forums
Local needs analysis and planning

Identification of local priorities
Performance Management
Commissioning Services
Participation
Cardiff Youth Council
School Councils
Neighbourhood Forums

Accreditation
Curriculum development
Workforce development