



Renfrewshire Children's Services Partnership

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What we'll do

One Vision

Working together to get it right for children, families and communities – protecting, learning, achieving and nurturing. We want Renfrewshire to be a child-friendly authority.

One Question

What's it like to be a child or young person growing up in Renfrewshire?

HOW WE'LL DO IT

The best start in life for all children

Before and after birth we will support parents and babies to create the conditions where stress is reduced, positive attachments can form and language and communication skills can develop.

Outstanding social work support for vulnerable children and young people

We will continue to build on our strong inspection performance and implement robust actions to further drive up standards and improve service experiences for our children, young people and their families.

Challenging gender-based violence

We will challenge the attitudes which underpin GBV across our communities and work restoratively with perpetrators, survivors and their families. We will support women to make safe choices and be single-minded in our determination to protect children and young people from the effects of GBV.

Strengthening our preventative approaches to supporting adolescent mental health

Too many young people in Renfrewshire experience problems with their relationships and emotional wellbeing. We will work with local young people to better understand the causes of these problems and to co-produce new, innovative approaches to develop resilience and positive coping skills.

Providing the right help at the right time

In this time of constrained resources, it is more important than ever that we provide early intervention and preventative approaches and more effectively target those in most need.

Being great corporate parents

We take our responsibilities as corporate parents very seriously. We have the same aspirations for our care experienced children and young people as any loving parent. We will work with our corporate parenting partners to provide our children and young people with the support they need to have successful adult lives.

Being aspirational for all of our children and young people

We will place a disproportionate focus on learning and readiness for learning so that we narrow the attainment gap, between children from the most and least deprived communities in Renfrewshire.

Taking a child's rights based approach

2018 is the Scottish Year of Young People. This is an opportune time for us to give greater expression to our commitments under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. We will build on our already strong practice of hearing and responding to the voices of local children and young people and particularly those who are most marginalised or vulnerable.

THREE BEHAVIOURS THAT UNDERPIN EVERYTHING:

Listening and responding to our children and young people.

Positive relationships – we respect each other, are transparent in our work and strive to achieve shared solutions.

Outcomes focus – are we making things better?

Three Ambitions

- » Improving adolescent mental wellbeing
- » Increasing physical activity for all children and young people
- » Promoting positive adolescent relationships

Four Objectives

The Renfrewshire Community Plan describes how public organisations will work with local communities to ensure our Renfrewshire is:

- » Thriving: Maximising economic growth which is inclusive and sustainable.
- » Well: Supporting the wellness and resilience of our citizens and communities.
- » Fair: Addressing the inequalities which limit life chances.
- » Safe: Protecting vulnerable people and working together to manage risk of harm.

Four Service Outcomes

- » Our children have the best start in life, are ready to learn, supported to achieve and are ambitious throughout and beyond their school lives.
- » Our children live in safe, stable, nurturing environments at home and in the community, where their rights are respected, they are free from poverty and neglect, and supported to be resilient and to thrive.
- » Our children feel confident and responsible. They are able to participate fully in learning and the wider community and take part in opportunities which meet their needs, aspirations and interests.
- » Our children have good physical, emotional and mental health and wellbeing.

Five Priorities

- » Closing the poverty-related attainment gap and supporting young people to enter positive and sustained post-school destinations.
- » Reducing inequalities and delivering improved health and wellbeing outcomes for children and young people.
- » Expansion of early learning and childcare to almost double our current provision.
- » Celebrating the Scottish Year of Young People 2018 by valuing our young people's contribution and achievements in communities and creating new opportunities for them to shine.
- » Ensuring Renfrewshire is a 'child friendly' place where children and young people are nurtured and thrive.

Five Values

The Renfrewshire way of doing things:

- » We put service users at the centre.
- » We strive for excellence.
- » We work in partnership.
- » We support out staff to be the best.
- » We embrace change.

HOW WE'LL KNOW WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

1. More children and young people in Renfrewshire are doing at least one hour's moderate activity each day.
2. Fewer young people experience anxiety and depression.
3. Young people have good emotional literacy and awareness of positive coping strategies.
4. Percentage of young people, including those with disabilities and special education needs, entering, participating in and sustaining positive destinations.
5. Percentage of Looked After Children cared for in the community.
6. Participation in youth and equalities forum.
7. Impact of Renfrewshire's 'Child Friendly' programme.
8. Delivery of additional early years provision and development of curriculum to support readiness for learning.
9. Improvements in provision of high quality learning to narrow the poverty-related attainment gap.
10. Maximisation of use of Renfrewshire's leisure assets to promote positive health and mental wellbeing.
11. Development of a new offer for exercise activities delivered within schools which reflects children and young people's needs and preferences.
12. Number of young carers supported to have a life alongside their caring role.
13. Improved pupil engagement leading to improvements in achievement and attainment.
14. Impact of 'Family Firm' approach to supporting care experienced young people into further education and employment.
15. Percentage of children on Child Protection Register who have previously been on the register.
16. Ways in which statutory social work services obtain and reflect the views of children and young people.
17. Number of children and young people experiencing abuse and neglect who are helped to recover from their experiences.
18. Multi-agency case file audits examining how we identify and respond to children and young people in need of protection.



Useful Links:

www.renfrewshireleisure.com
www.young.scot/local-authorities/renfrewshire
www.no-worries.org.uk

