

**Securing the foundations**

*Before anything else, young people need stable and loving homes, food on the table, welcoming and safe communities, world-class healthcare, and high-quality formal education.*

Objectives	Local Action Underway	Future Local Action Required
Tackling the underlying causes of child poverty, including through expanding free school meals eligibility, introducing free breakfast clubs in every primary school in England, and setting up the world's largest social outcomes fund to support those affected by or at risk of child poverty, including improving outcomes for youth homelessness. We are taking action to cut the cost of living and have taken the historic decision to remove the two-child limit in full from April 2026 which will lift 150,000 children out of poverty.	Administration of the Crisis and Resilience Fund through existing Partnership Working	development on an anti-poverty strategy as part of the multi-agency approach through the Together We Can Partnership and administration of the Crisis and Resilience Fund and associated funding.
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Delivering on a long-term housing strategy to support the delivery of 1.5 million homes within this Parliament as well as a homelessness strategy to prevent young people from entering the homelessness system	<p>Homeworks Programme focuses on Youth Homelessness – Youth Homelessness Board refreshed and renewed (only one in UK) – includes education, early intervention, prevention</p> <p>Single Homeless Accommodation Programme (MHCLG funded) focuses on accommodation for young people</p> <p>Protocol between housing and childrens on youth homelessness</p> <p>Housing Strategy includes priority for new affordable homes, active programme in place</p> <p>Just in process of refreshing our own council newbuild programme which will deliver 980 homes over 10 years</p> <p>Specialist Accommodation Strategy coming to Cabinet in March – sets commissioning requirements for specialist schemes including young people</p>	<p>Expand provision specific to young people</p> <p>Expand collaborative working</p> <p>Need to consider revenue funding for appropriate support awaiting further details from Government</p>
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Giving children the Best Start in Life with better access to early education, parenting support, and improved community services as well as rebalancing the Children's Social Care system toward earlier intervention. Best Start in Life Plan developed and agreed by Cabinet March 26

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Delivering on our 10 Year Health Plan and improving young people's access to healthcare services	Best Start in Life Plan developed and agreed by Cabinet March 26  SEND Improvement Plan Family Hubs 0-19 Public Health Nursing Service Young People's substance misuse and sexual health services	
Ensuring every child can achieve and thrive at school, enjoying an education that is academically challenging and rich in opportunity		Future Local Action Required awaiting further details from Government
Introducing the first multi-year local government funding settlement in over a decade and delivering up to £5 billion of funding and support to the most in-need neighbourhoods through the Pride in Place programme	Supporting the Pride in Place Programme areas- Boscombe West, West Howe and Hamworthy	Future Local Action Required community led priorities and actions

**Chapter 1: People Who Care**

All young people deserve a trusted adult. However, as many as 1-in-5 don't have one outside of their home. This chapter focuses on better supporting the adults young people rely on and creating more chances for young people to build safe, trusting relationships. We want, by 2035, for half a million more young people to have access to a trusted adult outside of their home.

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<b>Action 1: Trusted adults</b>	Helping adults spot early signs of loneliness and intervene using evidence and best practice	New activity under the National Strategy	To contribute to this work, the ASC Commissioning Prevention and Wellbeing Team could support with links to local VCSE sector organisations such as Dorset Mind, YMCA Bournemouth and SWAD
Supporting more trusted adults to engage with and guide young people when and where they need it most	Expanding training in mental health, safeguarding, communication, and online wellbeing for adults who support young people	Joint Commissioning plan  BCP Safeguarding Partnership Priorities	Link to the Children's Joint Commissioning Partnership  Align Youth Strategy Priorities with the BCP Childrens Safeguarding Partnership priority risks , establishing mechanisms to feed into the BCP Safeguarding Partnership  To contribute to this work, the ASC Commissioning Prevention and Wellbeing Team could support with links to local VCSE sector organisations such as Dorset Mind, YMCA Bournemouth and SWAD
	Creating and expanding programmes with the sports sector to boost wellbeing, tackle loneliness, and build positive relationships	New activity under the National Strategy	To contribute to this work, there is potential to support the development of intergenerational exercise / physical activity groups, classes and activity to boost wellbeing, tackle loneliness and build positive relationships for both young people and older adults. Currently as part of the ASC Prevention Strategy, the ASC Commissioning Prevention and Wellbeing Team is working with Public Health and the Communities teams to explore physical health and falls prevention. This could link with the work we are doing here.  awaiting further details from Government
	Placing youth workers and professionals providing targeted support in Young Futures Hubs so that young people have the advice and support they need on their doorstep	Children and Young Peoples Plan Youth café established in Muscliff and in development at Number 18. Mobile café working across the BCP area offering volunteering opportunities and alternative qualifications	
	Partnering with the private sector to increase mentors for disadvantaged young people and improve their engagement with their education and community	New activity under the National Strategy	Links to Childrens Rights and Engagements Service /MYPs and mentoring service
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<b>Action 2: Strengthening the workforce.</b>	Investing £15 million over 3 years in youth workers, volunteers, and trusted adults, including helping organisations to recruit, train, and keep more fantastic people to support young people	Children and Young Peoples Plan Youth café established in Muscliff and in development at Number 18. Mobile café working across the BCP area offering volunteering opportunities and alternative qualifications Development of Youth Advice, Support and Employment Hub with Department of Work and Pensions	Deliver shared safeguarding and youth practice training offer across stat services and CVS
Developing and growing a skilled and sustainable paid and volunteer youth sector workforce, with the highest standards to meet young people's needs.	Ensuring the youth sector workforce has access to high-quality training and resources to engage safely with young people	New activity under the National Strategy	Ensure Commissioned providers have access to high quality training , professional supervision and reflective practice not just supervision  Ensure commissioned providers have workforce expectations within contracts /grant agreements etc ,incl Safeguarding competency and ongoing development requirements
	Improving youth work qualifications and access to youth work apprenticeships	New activity under the National Strategy	awaiting further details from Government

Spending nearly £70 million over the next 3 years to help local areas better support young people and develop a network of up to 50 Young Futures Hubs by March 2029	New activity under the National Strategy	awaiting further details from Government
Working with infrastructure bodies, youth organisations, and young people, as well as statutory bodies and funders, to co-design our approach to sector funding	CYPP	Ensure all activity links in through Governance to the Children and Young People Partnership linking milestones with the CYPP plan
Running a Local Covenant Partnerships programme to support civil society to work with local authorities and providers to better deliver for young people	New activity under the National Strategy	awaiting further details from Government
Unlocking match-funding and encouraging place-based philanthropy to support more sustainable funding for youth services	New activity under the National Strategy	awaiting further details from Government

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<b>Action 3: Friends and relationships.</b>	Embedding and delivering the Online Safety Act to keep young people safe online	Safer BCP work each Safer Internet Day (February each year) to promote online safety and also online safety covered in the Prevent Week of Action every October. Also a bid for Preventing radicalisation funding was successful and work is currently going on through Bournemouth & Poole College and 2 SEN schools in BCP around the vulnerabilities of SEN pupils to being drawn into online issues including radicalisation. Also as part of this work there will be webinars for professionals and parents again highlighting risk of online safety and keeping young people safe online	
Helping young people to develop positive social connections in schools and colleges, in their communities, and online.			
	Providing young people with digital and media literacy skills to better prepare them for life and work in a more digital world	New activity under the National Strategy	awaiting further details from Government
	Supporting schools to better understand pupils' experiences and address behaviour and bullying	Delivery plan for Belonging Strategy underway.	awaiting further details from Government
	Continue to support the work of the Schools Linking programme to help young people build long-lasting friendships	New activity under the National Strategy	awaiting further details from Government
	Supporting young men to access support for their mental health and funding innovative pathfinder programmes to help boys and young men build connections and supportive networks	Positive masculinity sessions being run in schools by Safer BCP particularly during Sexual Violence Awareness Week and also 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence in Nov and dec each year.	awaiting further details from Government
	Delivering the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategy to educate young people about respectful relationships and consent and shape healthy attitudes and behaviours	VAWG is one of the three priorities for Safer BCP, the Community Safety Partnership for BCP. A comprehensive action tracker and KPIs sit behind the local action which is predominantly funded via the Serious Violence Funding from the Home Office. Campaigns such as #justdon't and the Harmful Sexual Behaviours framework	awaiting further details from Government

**Chapter 2: Places to go and things to do**

Young people have fewer places to go and less enriching things to do. This chapter focuses on investing in youth clubs and providing richer lives inside and outside of school. By 2035, we want to have halved the participation gap in enriching activities between disadvantaged young people and their peers.

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<b>Action 4: Richer Lives</b>  Providing enriching and meaningful activities for young people in and outside of education	Providing more than £60 million over the next 3 years for a new Richer Young Lives Fund, creating more high-quality fun activities and youth work opportunities in areas that need it most	Youth Access Points x2 (East and West) delivering support/groups/training and programmes for YP	awaiting further details from Government
	Investing £22.5 million over 3 years to create a better enrichment offer in up to 400 schools	New activity under the National Strategy	awaiting further details from Government
	Delivering £132.5 million of funding as part of our Every Child Can programme, to ensure that children and young people have access to a wide range of enriching activities inside and outside of school Supporting access to activities during school holidays, by investing £600 million over the next 3 years in the Holiday Activities and Food programme Ensuring that young people can participate fully in high-quality sport and physical activity, supported by new School Sport Partnerships and £250 million of funding over 5 years from Sport England into local sport and physical activity	UPinBCP website and Social Media channels for YP  HAF currently delivered across BCP  Healthy Movers Programme (Public Health)	awaiting further details from Government
<b>Action 5: Good Work</b>  Providing better education, guidance, training, and support for young people to get a great job	Delivering a broad, ambitious, and inclusive curriculum so every young person can develop the knowledge, skills, and attributes needed to thrive throughout life	Children and Young Peoples Plan Youth café established in Muscliff and in development at Number 18. Mobile café working across the BCP area offering volunteering opportunities and alternative qualifications Development of Youth Advice, Support and Employment Hub with Department of Work and Pensions	Development of Education Effectiveness Framework with clear offer of support and network opportunities. Development of BCP's Ordinarily Available Provision (OAP) and Graduated Approach. Development of a BCP three-tier AP model.
	Investing £15 million to expand our attendance mentoring programme	Work of attendance team Part of DfE Severe Absence Pilot	Children and Young Peoples Partnership Action Plan being developed awaiting further details from Government
	Raising the bar on careers education and introducing two weeks of work experience for every young person across the course of their secondary education	Events undertaken with schools raising awareness of work experience requirements. Pilot Key Stage Three work experience project with seven schools.	awaiting further details from Government
	Simplifying and enhancing the post-16 qualification landscape in England so that it is easier for young people to find the right training and opportunities	New activity under the National Strategy	Development of Education, Employment & Training Strategy
	Investing £820 million over the next 3 years to deliver an expanded Youth Guarantee across Great Britain, supporting every 16 to 24 year-old into learning, jobs, or apprenticeships with tailored help, expanded opportunities, over 360 employment Youth Hubs, and guaranteed paid work for 18 to 21 year-olds on Universal Credit and looking for work for 18 months	New activity under the National Strategy	Pan Dorset Get Britain Working Strategy and Education, Employment & Training Strategy
	Spending £187 million over 4 years to prepare people for careers across the digital and tech sectors, bringing digital skills and AI learning into classrooms and communities through the TechFirst programme	New activity under the National Strategy	Develop Education, Employment & Training Strategy
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<p><b>Action 6: Keeping young people safe</b></p> <p>Intervening earlier to increase young people's safety in communities</p>	<p>Increasing the safety of our streets by restoring neighbourhood policing</p>	<p>Promotions/Campaigns already underway through the Community Safety Team/Safer BCP for projects such as #Just Dont - reducing street based sexual harassment and Unity Promise - project with venues throughout BCP which helps them to make their venues a safer place for women and girls Also working with People First Forum and Safer BCP to widen the project for Safe Spaces so that anyone, including young people, can go into over 170 venues /businesses across BCP who display the Safe Space sticker if they feel threatened, unsafe or need help</p>	
	<p>Putting a dedicated lead officer for anti-social behaviour in every force, working with communities to develop a local anti-social behaviour action plan</p>	<p>Creation of an ASB Strategy that is joint between Police and BCP. BCP Public Health already commission BCP Public Protection Team to provide a Youth ASB officer.</p> <p>Youth ASB officer in Public Protection – funded by Public Health Community Safety Partnership has a priority on ASB – Strategy being developed.</p>	<p>ASB Strategy needs to align to Youth Strategy</p>
	<p>Piloting Young Futures Panels in local areas to identify young people vulnerable to being drawn into crime and providing them support at the right time</p>	<p>Housing Protocol needs to consider this</p>	<p>Review protocols in line with new strategy</p>
	<p>Introducing mandatory training for bus staff to recognise and respond to criminal and anti-social behaviour to help young people feel safer on the bus</p>	<p>New activity under the National Strategy</p>	<p>awaiting further details from Government</p>
<p><b>Action 7: Providing more places to go to</b></p> <p>Creating a new generation of welcoming youth spaces</p>	<p><b>Objectives</b> Spending nearly £350 million over the next 4 years on existing and new youth facilities with the expansion of our Better Youth Spaces programme and working with communities and partners to make better use of underused spaces</p>	<p><b>Local Action Underway</b> Homewards Programme focuses on Youth Homelessness – Youth Homelessness Board refreshed and renewed (only one in UK) – includes education, early intervention, prevention</p>	<p><b>Future Local Action Required</b> To contribute to this work there could be potential for collaboration with Tricuro Centres for intergenerational activities. Currently, in ASC Commissioning, the Prevention and Wellbeing and Personalisation Commissioning Teams are working with the Communities Team, Livewell Dorset and Tricuro to explore how we can make use of the Tricuro sites across BCP as they are currently being under-utilised. Livewell Dorset will be trialling some health check clinics to see how flexible the use of the space is.</p>
	<p>Spending over £400 million on new and upgraded grassroots community sport facilities which promote health and wellbeing</p>	<p>providing advice and guidance to community groups alongside a dedicated funding officer, funding search engine and regular funding newsletters.</p>	<p>awaiting further details from Government</p>
	<p>Increasing access to outdoor spaces and publishing an Access to Nature Green Paper to set out our plans</p>	<p>Plan for Play; Green Infrastructure Strategy; Partnership work with the Parks Foundation</p>	<p>awaiting further details from Government</p>
	<p>Improving local transport networks with over £18 billion of investment for Local Transport Authorities and the new Bus Services Act 2025 to improve bus services</p>	<p>Local Transport Plan</p>	<p>awaiting further details from Government</p>
<p><b>Action 8: Health and wellbeing</b></p>	<p><b>Objectives</b> Exploring options to improve access to accurate health information, co-locate health and youth services and prioritise young people in research</p>	<p><b>Local Action Underway</b> New activity under the National Strategy</p>	<p><b>Future Local Action Required</b> awaiting further details from Government</p>
<p>Supporting young people's physical and mental health to allow all young people to take up opportunities and live richer lives.</p>	<p>Rolling out mental health support teams in schools and colleges to reach full national coverage by 2029 -embedding wellbeing support within Young Futures Hubs with 'no wrong front door' approach, supporting access to National Health Service (NHS) mental health services for young people who need more specialist support</p>	<p>CAMHS EMHWP Transformation programme (Health) Targeted Intervention Service(TIS) providing 1:1 support to YP and their families on a range of needs and barriers Collaborative MH and wellbeing work with in Youth Advise Points (YAP's pending full CYP MH transformation) Neurodiversity Transformation (Health)</p>	

Ensuring mainstream schools and colleges are better equipped to support young people with SEN/D and complex health needs, with a stronger focus on early intervention

Local Area SEND and AP Improvement Plan underway

Local Area SEND and AP Strategy to be developed following publication of White Paper.

Encourage young people to make healthy choices by passing the Tobacco and Vapes Bill and restricting junk food advertising

Public Health funding a Trading Standards Officer post to tackle under-age sales of tobacco and vapes

Public Health keen to develop a council policy to restrict junk food advertising near schools and/or on council premises

**Chapter 3: Seen and heard**

Young people should be much more involved in decisions that affect them. This chapter focuses on putting young people in the driving seat of their own lives and allowing them to hold the government to account for delivering on our promises.

	Objectives	Local Action Underway	Future Local Action Required
<b>Action 9: Delivering with young people</b>	Lowering the voting age to 16 for all elections	New activity under the National Strategy	awaiting further details from Government
Putting young people in the driving seat of their own lives.	Investing in tools, resources, and innovative approaches to ensure young people have the opportunity and power to share their views at a national and local level	Members of Youth Parliament; BCP Youth Forum; UNITE and INSIGHT (Children in care and care experienced voice); being created - BCP SEND YPS voice group; National opportunities are accessed by BCP yps on a voluntary level - currently BCP Homewards and CORAM VOICE national projects have BCP yps lived experience reps; MYPs opted onto CS O+S; YPPs reps at Corporate Parenting Board; currently exploring yps link to Children and Young People's Partnership Board	awaiting further details from Government
	Creating ways for young people to be involved in national and local funding decisions regarding services for young people	BCP Youth Fund - annual £25K funding project led by yps (subject to 26/27 budget);	awaiting further details from Government
<b>Action 10: Holding us to account</b>	Developing a range of methods, including digital, for young people to access updates on progress made against our 10 action areas	Members of Youth Parliament; BCP Youth Forum; UNITE and I	Link to CYPP Board IT to support if required
Meeting our promise to young people.	Inviting young people to run an annual national hearing on our delivery	New activity under the National Strategy	awaiting further details from Government
	Publishing an interim delivery report in 2027 outlining progress on our delivery and impact	New activity under the National Strategy	awaiting further details from Government
	Evaluating the overall impact of the strategy on young people and those supporting them to understand the change created and improve our approach in the future	New activity under the National Strategy	awaiting further details from Government