

## ***Appendix C: Principles underpinning service planning and delivery for children and young people***

The Children and Young People's Plan must include a specific focus on:

- The integration of services
- Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people
- Early intervention and preventative action

Integrated services means services working together in a joined up way. It works at all levels across the City, from agreeing strategy and priorities to delivering services in communities. One of the main ways in which services are integrating on a neighbourhood basis in Leicester is through Integrated Service Hubs (ISH). Within each area, it is proposed that there will be at least two co-located teams making up the ISH: one based around a children's centre and focusing on the needs of those 0-12 and one based in or around a secondary school (depending on the views of the community and availability of suitable accommodation), serving the needs of those 12-19. More details on the ISH programme can be found at [\(insert hyperlink\)](#)

All services for Leicester's children and young people contribute to safeguarding children and promoting their welfare, including their emotional wellbeing:

- By providing secure and caring environments in which to support the development of children and young people, our universal services act as protectors for children and young people and make good parenting easier to achieve.
- There is timely help for families who need it from pre-birth to adulthood. Early prevention services provide accessible and responsive care, and support parents and carers to find solutions to problems early on. Youth support services provide young people with things to do, places to go and people to talk to outside of school – all important to supporting their development, diverting them from harmful or illegal activity, and helping them progress into adult life;
- Specialist services are there to ensure that those children at the highest risk are protected and given the care and support they need.

Early intervention and preventative action means nipping problems in the bud. A range of Council-led initiatives are underway to promote the resilience of Leicester's children, young people and families. This includes anti-bullying work in and around schools, work to tackle substance misuse and anti-social behaviour, and work to reduce the teenage conception rate and support young parents. There is also more targeted work with groups such as unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. To embed this good practice and sustain it into the future, the Council and its partners are investing in more personalised services and providing children and young people with more opportunities for self-directed support. This includes the introduction of a common assessment framework (CAF) for children with additional needs, the commitment to deliver a core offer for disabled children, and the work across a range of programmes and services to involve children and young people in decision-making.