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Seven outcomes

I HAVE A LOVING HOME

A FAIR CHANCE IN EDUCATION
AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE

A VOICE THAT'S HEARD
IN DECISIONS THAT MATTER

A CHANCE TO SHINE
AND FEEL PROUD OF WHO I AM

AND OPPORTUNITIES TO GAIN
SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE

WITH CONSISTENT SUPPORT
NO MATTER WHERE I LIVE

AS TOGETHER WE CREATE
A SOCIETY THAT CARES

BETTER CHANCES FOR CHILDREN, NOW & FOREVER

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN: DELIVERING A MORE EFFECTIVE AND ROBUST SYSTEM

"Providing Consistent Safe and Effective Care“

Stable Homes, Built on Love sets out the ambition for decisive, multi-agency child protection, which identifies safeguarding and significant harm risks quickly and accurately and that rapid and effective action is taken.

Vision for social care 6 pillars

1. Family help provides the right support at the right time so that children thrive within their families
2. A decisive child protection system
3. Unlocking the potential of family networks
4. Putting love, relationships and a stable home at the heart of being a child in care
5. A valued, supported and highly skilled social worker for every child who needs one
6. A system that continuously learns, improves and makes better use of evidence and data

Issues being tackled

- Information sharing between parties is challenging and slow
- Increased in Section 47s not leading to CP conference/ plans
- multi-agency working - the need for robust critical thinking
- Education settings not enough voice in multiagency working systems
- Poor parental engagement including wider family networks as a vehicle of support and help to reduce risk, together with fathers
- Protection system is not responding to risks *outside* the home -16+
- Local rapid serious case reviews taking too long
- At times chronic delays in family justice system

* Support themes –support for children with disabilities and complex needs and children in care and leaving care, strength- based approaches with ability to act quickly

Activities

- Law commission review
- Family help support for disabled children
- More foster carers for children in care including UASC
- New ways of commissioning care (regional care co-operatives)
- **Working together to safeguard children consultation**
- A children's national social care framework and dashboard
- Non stigmatising community-based help to reduce inequalities between different ethnic groups
- Early careers strategy, with apprenticeship route into social work

Activities -Teenagers focus

- Tackling child exploitation support programme
- Alternative child protection pathway for harms outside the home testing in pathway finder programmes
- More foster carers for UASC
- Registration requirements and standards for supported accommodation 16+ including vulnerable care leavers
- Extension of pupil premium plus
- supporting care leavers into employment

Children say what they need:

- vigilance: to have adults notice when things are troubling them
- to be heard and understood; and to have that understanding acted upon
- to develop an ongoing stable relationship of trust with those helping them
- respect: to be treated with the expectation that they are competent rather than not
- to be informed about and involved in procedures, decisions, concerns and plans
- explanation: to be informed of the outcome of assessments, and decisions and
- reasons when their views have not met with a positive response
- to be provided with support in their own right as well as a member of their family
- to be provided with advocacy to assist them in putting forward their views
- protection against all forms of abuse, exploitation, and discrimination and the right to special protection and help if a refugee

working together -statutory guidance consultation

- A shared endeavor for effective multi-agency working and practice principles for working with parents and carers.
- Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements clarifies roles and responsibilities, introduces a partnership chair and deepens accountability and transparency.
- Early Help and family networks, clarifies permissions on working with children under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 and emphasises support for disabled children.
- Decisive multi-agency child protection introduces new national multi-agency child protection standards for practitioners and approaches to harm outside the home. Learning from serious child safeguarding incidents.
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Practical strategies underpin the consultation and expectation of an autumn launch of new statutory guidance and revised platforms for practice and system leadership

What we can expect now

- Clearer arrangements for local partnerships including role of education sector and chair of local partnerships
- Ongoing review and dynamic use of evidence for practices that work, progressive insight building and coproduction & decision making
- Stronger focus on children currently missing out or invisible
- Stronger focus on equality and non-stigmatising approaches
- Refreshed multi agency working with clearer shared expectations
- Focus on children as children & early help including expansion of mental health services for young people
- Strategies conducive to a supported workforce

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