

Individual Responses Initial Report

Background

This paper aims to summarise the key themes coming out of individual responses on behalf of organisations and partnerships within Oxfordshire. All the detailed responses will be made available on the website.

Analysis

Key Themes/Comments

Some relate to content and others relate to the style of the document.

1. Content

- More emphasis needed on play.
- Milestones and targets should be more challenging.
- Youth Service needs to be used differently.
- Vulnerable groups should be wider and 'the list' should be in the main text and not a footnote – other groups suggested for inclusion include children of prisoners, bereaved children, travellers and military children.
- Greater emphasis on the use of restorative justice both in schools, colleges and the community.
- Accessibility of leisure/cultural facilities.
- Promote healthy lifestyles.
- Information and accessibility support e.g. phone numbers need clarification (suggestion of one number for safeguarding).
- Extended use of school sites and other services beyond the normal working day e.g. weekend opening suggested.
- Early intervention stressed.
- Need for greater support and services around mental health.
- Role of the voluntary, faith and community sector is under-represented.
- Very little emphasis on pre-school provision.
- More emphasis needed on family support role/programme.
- There needs to be more emphasis on the importance of housing and transport.
- Importance of accessible information and good communication.
- Need to look at better ways of providing ETE opportunities to youngsters via apprenticeships, use of contracts etc.

2. Style

- The language is often too full of jargon, professional, awkward and, at times, ungrammatical.
- The aims in section six needed to be sorted into age order.

- Layout, headings, font and colours need looking at. Currently some respondents found it confusing.
- There should be a young person's version (we had already agreed to this).
- Quotes and photographs need to reflect the text.
- Reduce the size of the blocks of text.
- Wording is rather negative at times.
- Support for area plans.
- Support for clear timescales.
- Glossary of acronyms needed.
- Give contact details with respect to particular projects.
- Needs to be hyperlink to needs analysis and delivery plan.
- It would be helpful if the plan could show more clarity about the linkage between the principle and the priorities.
- Targets should be more challenging and it should be clear which targets relate to which priorities.