

CPB Feedback on the Nine Priorities – 22 May 2018

Priority 1: Ensure Children can remain safely at home

- 'Our Priority is to ensure that early intervention is provided at the right time to prevent the need for statutory intervention'.

CPB Comments

- Professional language is not very user friendly. 'Support' could be used instead of 'intervention'.
- How will early intervention be started and maintained? We want to stop families being passed around between services/professionals.
- Perhaps "avoid" rather than "prevent" or reword to make it a positive statement – "Keep families together".

Priority 2: Care Leaver Local offer

- 'Our Priority is to ensure that all care leavers feel supported and can access a range of service to promote their continued wellbeing into adulthood'.

CPB Comments

- What does "offer" mean?
- Remove jargon.
- Include local services (accessible to all).
- Ensure our care leavers know what is available and how and where to access it.

Priority 3: Education, Training and Employment

- 'Our Priority is to close the attainment gap between those children and Young People that the Local Authority cares for and those that are cared for in their own families'

CPB Comments

- Less emphasis on exams, more on pushing talent, what subjects the young people enjoy. Too much pressure to pass GCSEs.
- Need to include other organisations than local authority.
- Needs to be in plain English – aiding ALL our children to be **their** best.

Priority 4: A Suitable Place to live and be cared for

- 'Our Priority is to ensure that the children and Young People we care for have a range of suitable and appropriate accommodation to meet their immediate and long term needs'.

CPB Comments

- Focus on individual.
- Take responsibility rather than passing around.
- Be flexible.
- Quality not quantity.
- Young person's voice
- Access to support
- Early transparent planning

Priority 5: Health and Wellbeing

- 'Our Priority is to improve the health and wellbeing of the children and young people we care for'.

CPB Comments

- Encourage health checks.
- Check mental health/anxiety assessment to help beforehand.
- Prevention.
- Healthy lifestyle/healthy mind – acknowledging both are as important.
- Ongoing every changing.
- Accessible - easy to access.

Priority 6: Money and Financial Support

- 'Our Priority is to ensure that Young People have enough money to provide for their needs whilst in care and after they have left care and ensure that they are supported financially to establish their own homes'.

CPB Comments

- Life skills as they grow.
- The worth of money.
- Their entitlement throughout their lives.
- Individual and appropriate.

Priority 7: Children are protected from harm and or Risk of Exploitation

- 'Our Priority is to ensure that children are protected from harm and exploitation and ensure that they are provided with support to overcome any pull factors that would lead them to being exploited'.
- Rewrite in plain English.
- Be aware many services stops access at 18 years.

CPB Comments

- Important priority – ensure everyone works together.
- Keep these priorities at the centre of the work.
- How? How do you monitor if they are doing it correctly?

Priority 8: Children in Care and Care leaver celebration

- 'Our Priority is to ensure that the children we looked after and have looked after are recognised for their achievements'.

CPB Comments

- PROUD – good for LINX and Children in Care.
- Care Leavers to have something specific for them,
- Needs to be for all our looked after children and recognise their contribution as well as their achievements.
- Soft skills and hard work.
- Needs to be ongoing not just annual for each child.

Priority 9: Children and Young People have a voice in the way we deliver our services

- 'Our Priority is to ensure that children and young people are consulted and actively participate in the decisions we make about how we deliver our services'. Nothing about me without me.

CPB Comments

- Listening, then acting, then feeding back.
- Centre of the work.
- Hear by Rights – You Said, We Did.
- Needs to be a higher priority perhaps Number 2.
- Ask for more varied options.
- Needs to be a genuine effort.
- Include in commissioning decisions and inspection.
- Adverse range of tools to capture voice (Sincerely You).

General Comments on Priorities

- Priorities do not mention how well professionals work together. Create and maintain links in order to reach outcomes for children and young people.
- Also no mention of enjoyment/leisure/opportunities for fun/social relationships to be formed.
- How have we done against the last pledge? We need to compare this to the new one.
 - i) What impact did it have?
 - ii) How do we measure how well the pledge is working?
 - iii) It needs to have meaning
- Look are reordering priorities.