

Birmingham Children's Partnership

An Overview



“ Birmingham is proud of being the youngest city. We invest to help families at the earliest point, and tackle poverty and related needs. So every child and young person has the best life. ”



Birmingham as a village

Birmingham is a vibrant and diverse place, but there is also hidden need. If Birmingham were a village of 100 children and young people, this is how we'd look:

- **62** children are happy, but
- **41** children grow up in poverty and deprivation, before Covid-19. In three localities more than half are in poverty
- **19** children are in a household with at least one of the following needs at an acute level: mental ill-health, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic abuse
- **24** children suffer from a diagnosable or lower level mental health need



Who are we?

- The Partnership includes the Local Authority, the NHS, the Police, the Voluntary Sector, the Children's Trust and children and young people themselves
- £56m investment from Birmingham City Council over 5 years
- Collaborating with our collective resources, expertise and experience we are determined to offer, brighter futures and opportunity for all within a safe and healthy city

Mission

- To improve the opportunities and outcomes for young people and families in Birmingham
- Working with local teams who know their community
- Focusing on Early Help, improving access to support for Mental Health and Autism
- Influencing a culture and system change that will help to allow every child to flourish in a child friendly city

How can we all contribute to Early Help?

The changes we want to make will only work if we all take action. There are thousands of small things we need to improve, but we've picked out seven for now:

1. **Early help is everyone's business** (inc teachers, police, health visitors, therapists, GPs, housing), and the responsibility of all professionals. Our shared culture is to be curious and consider the whole needs of the family, act straight-away to improve outcomes, and connect to other professionals if needs are complex.
2. We will all (well nearly all) **work in localities**, so we can get to know the community, build relationships with other professionals, and understand local resources that help families.
3. **No more referrals**. As professionals we connect around families and maintain the relationship, even if a family's needs go up or down.
4. We are creating **teams around schools, nurseries and further education**, with named professionals such as from social care and mental health. So teachers have someone to call and talk over a family's needs.
5. We are building **capacity and more support in the community, faith and voluntary sectors** – and connect the most vulnerable families to this new capacity. Each outcome plan will have something from the community to help them.
6. There will be a **shared case management** system that connects all professionals supporting early help, so families tell their story once, we share data and connect around families.
7. Significantly **increasing the amount of early help** support that families can access, from their community, through education settings and online

Projects

Community Autism Design Team



MECC – Make every contact count with well being conversations



Early Help Content Management System

Early Help Handbook



In Summary



- 9 partners
- £56 m investment
- Locality led
- Involving Children and Young People
- Better lives for all families in Birmingham