

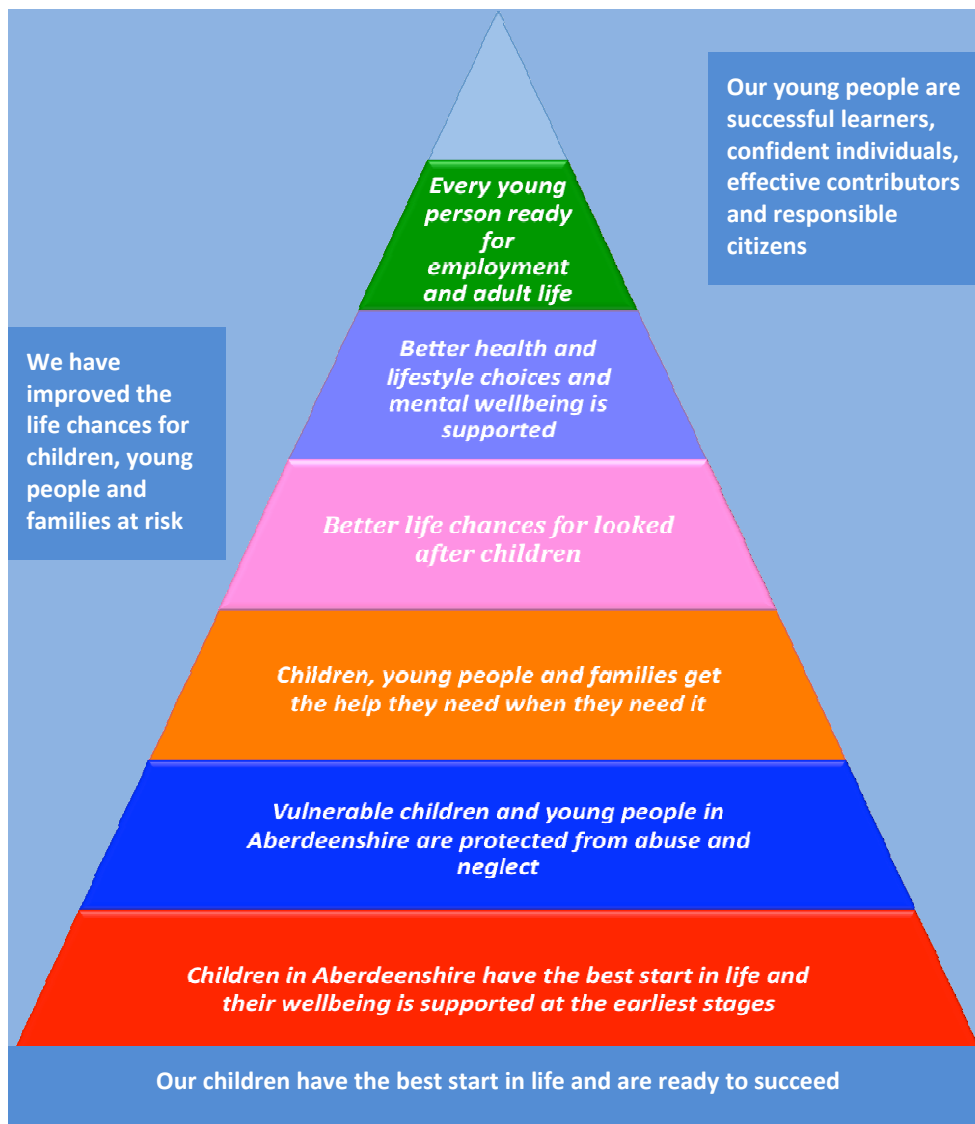
Getting it Right for Aberdeenshire's Children 2011 – 2014

INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN

Executive Summary

This is an executive summary of Aberdeenshire's third Integrated Children's Services Plan. The full plan can be found at www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/children/index.asp. Since the first plan in 2005 we have come a long way towards our shared vision that *every child in Aberdeenshire will be valued and supported to achieve their potential*.

Getting it Right for Aberdeenshire's Children is for everyone working and volunteering in services that affect the wellbeing of children and young people across Aberdeenshire. *Getting it Right for Aberdeenshire's Children* sets the strategic direction for integrated children's services in Aberdeenshire over the next three years. It is a framework for making the most of shared resources to improve outcomes for children and for assessing how we are doing.

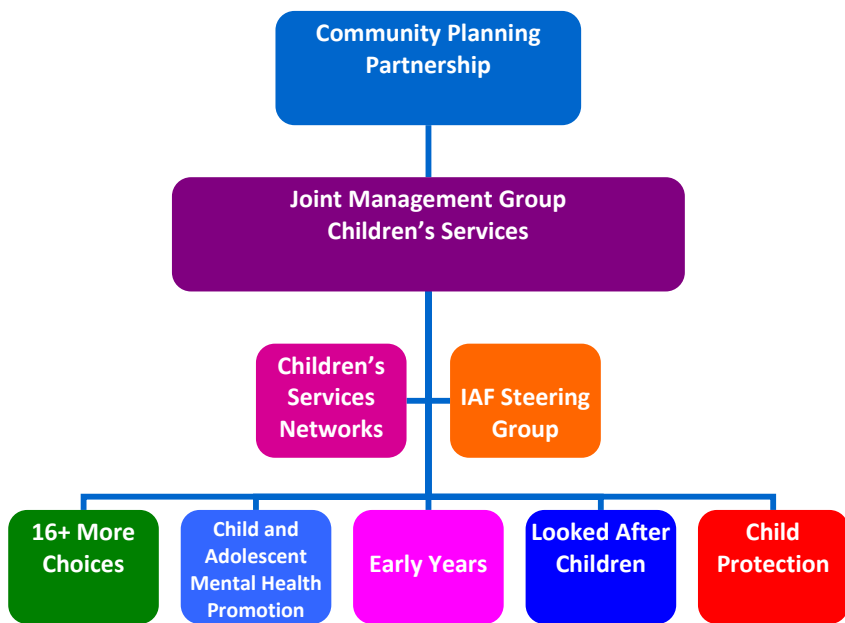


Getting it Right for Aberdeenshire's Children focuses on 6 outcomes for children and young people that we want to see improved over the next three years.

The Single Outcome Agreement contains key indicators for these outcomes, which are reported annually to the Scottish government.

The high levels outcomes we measure relate to early years; child protection; looked after children; mental health and wellbeing.

We are also improving our performance management so that we can provide assurance that children and young people in Aberdeenshire will get the help they need when they need it.



The Integrated Children's Services Plan is developed by the Joint Management Group for children's services, which is part of the Community Planning Partnership. The Joint Management Group comprises of senior managers from key services in Aberdeenshire.

There are seventeen Children's Services Networks based around the seventeen academies in Aberdeenshire, that co-ordinate local activities to deliver *getting it right* in their areas.

There are a number of multi-agency groups taking forward improvements in key areas. Strategic Outcomes Groups have a lead role in coordinating improvement activity to influence the outcomes we are working towards.

We use self-evaluation to assess *how good are we now?* and *how good can we be?* and each Outcome in the Plan has a Statement of *what are we going to do?* Improvement groups report progress to the Joint Management Group which in turn reports to the Community Planning Partnership and to elected Members.



In Aberdeenshire everyone in children's services has worked hard to make sure children and families are at the centre of everything we do. The *getting it right for every child* approach is fundamental to all improvements. You can find out more by visiting www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Young-People/childrenservices/girfec

We share a collective responsibility for ensuring that children and young people are valued and achieving their potential. Aberdeenshire Integrated Assessment Framework supports the delivery of timely, appropriate and proportionate help for all children and young people. Continued development of the Integrated Assessment Framework will help us to make the best use of resources to maximise capacity in our services and communities. You can access guidance and other materials to help you work with the Integrated Assessment Framework at www.hi-netgrampian.net/hinet/1637.4.172.html



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