

Reviewing the Children and Young People's Plan 2019-23

Scoping paper

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Purpose

To propose to the Children's Strategic Partnership Board (CSPB) an approach to reviewing the Children and Young People's Plan 2019-23 (CYPP 2019-23).

Background

The Independent Jersey Care Inquiry 2017¹ made a specific recommendation regarding the implementation and review of a Children's Plan. The Government of Jersey accepted the headline recommendations and subsequently developed the Children and Young People's Plan 2019-23 (CYPP 2019-23) using Outcomes Based Accountability (OBA)² to focus on four main outcomes for children and young people.³

The Children's Strategic Partnership Board (CSPB) has the overall governance responsibility for the plan. Its terms of reference includes 'coordinating ongoing review and evaluation of progress towards the priorities identified in the Children's Plan and informing the focus of future strategic government planning cycles'⁴. It is noted that the Care Inquiry recommended that the Children's Plan should be externally scrutinised and monitored.

The Children and Young People (Jersey) Law 202-⁵, approved by the Assembly in February 2022, requires future Responsible Ministers, to prepare and publish a children and young people's plan for each four-year period. They must also report to the Assembly on the extent to which the plan has achieved the aims. The outputs from this review should inform future priorities and engagement to produce a future Children's Plan.

¹ [r.59-2017 independent jersey care inquiry report -complete-.pdf \(gov.je\)](#)

² [Outcomes Based Accountability \(ncb.org.uk\)](#)

³ [Children and Young People's Plan 2019 to 2023 \(gov.je\)](#)

⁴ [ID Children's Strategic Partnership Board Terms of Reference.pdf \(gov.je\)](#)

⁵ [Draft Children and Young People \(Jersey\) Law 202- \(gov.je\)](#)

Children and Young People's Plan 2019-2023

The Children and Young People's Plan 2019-2023 identified 4 headline outcomes and 16 population level indicators:

Grow up safely

- 1) Safely reduce the number of looked after children
- 2) Reduce the number of children involved in domestic abuse cases
- 3) Reduce the number of children being bullied
- 4) Reduce the number of children who are victims of crime

Learn and achieve

- 1) Increase the number of children achieving the expected level in the Early Learning Goals
- 2) Increase the number of pupils achieving 5+ standard GCSEs
- 3) Reduce the number of young people who become NEET (Not in Education Employment Training)
- 4) Reduce the number of pupils who are persistently absent from school

Live healthy lives

- 1) Increase children's quality of life
- 2) Increase the number of children who are a healthy weight
- 3) Increase the number of two year olds reaching all developmental milestones
- 4) Reduce dental extractions

Valued and Involved

- 1) Reduce children's experience of poverty and the impact of living in a low income family
- 2) Increase the number of children who are aware of their rights under the UNCRC
- 3) Increase the number of children who feel their school would act on their ideas
- 4) Increase the number of children who feel their community would act on their ideas

Focus for the Review

Phase 1: Review of data collection attributed to the 16 population level indicators.

Working with the Outcome Forums' Senior Responsible Officers review the key metrics identified as a priority by the Children and Young People's Plan. Where possible continue to use an Outcomes Based Accountability approach to report on programmes of work which have contributed to *turning the curve*. Updating the 'story behind the baseline' will be necessary to understand any identified trends. Consider using 'scorecards' as a meaningful way to report data in real time to the CSPB (appendix 3).

Phase 2: Engage with key partners on the Board and Outcome Groups to understand the effectiveness of current arrangements to co-design and jointly deliver programmes to improve children's outcomes.

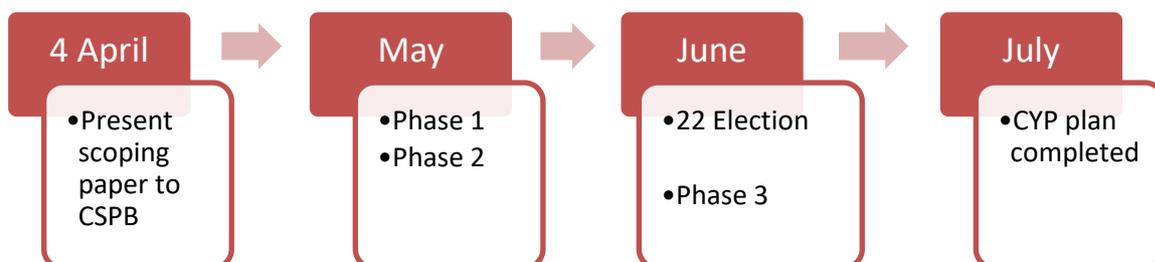
Phase 3: Engage the Youth Parliament to review and evaluate the insights gained in phase 1 and phase 2 of the review to enable further understanding of the issues from a young person's perspective.

Summary

The Children and Young People's Plan is the Government of Jersey's overarching strategy for improving the outcomes of children and young people. A review of the extent to which progress has been made towards the headline outcomes and indicators would enable a timely insight for the Board and the new Council of Ministers.

It is anticipated that the review paper would inform any future priorities and inform a refreshed Children and Young People's Plan as required by the Children and Young People Law 202-.

Proposed timeline for CYP Plan review



See appendix 4 for reference to Common Strategic Policy 2023-26 and Government Plan 2023-26 timelines.

Appendix 1

PART 3

STRATEGIC PLAN IN RESPECT OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

7 Requirement to prepare strategic plan in respect of children and young people

- (1) In each 4 year period, the responsible Ministers must prepare and publish a strategic plan in respect of children and young people (“strategic plan”).
- (2) The strategic plan must set out the responsible Ministers’ strategic plans for the provision, over the 4 year period, of services for children and young people with a view to securing the achievement of the aims set out in Article 8.
- (3) The strategic plan must be developed in consultation with such persons as the responsible Ministers consider appropriate, which must include children, young people and parents.
- (4) The responsible Ministers must keep the strategic plan under review and may in consequence prepare and publish a revised strategic plan.
- (5) In this Article and in Article 10, “4 year period” means –
 - (a) the period of 4 years beginning with 1st January of the year following the commencement of this Law; and
 - (b) each subsequent period of 4 years.

8 Aims of strategic plan

- (1) The aims of the strategic plan are –
 - (a) that services for children and young people are provided in a way which –
 - (i) safeguards, supports and promotes their wellbeing,
 - (ii) ensures that any action to meet their wellbeing needs is taken at the earliest appropriate time and that, where appropriate, action is taken to prevent wellbeing needs from arising,
 - (iii) is integrated from the point of view of recipients, and
 - (iv) constitutes the best use of available resources; and
 - (b) that related services are provided in a way which, so far as is consistent with the objects and proper delivery of the service concerned, safeguards, supports and promotes the wellbeing of children and young people.
- (2) In paragraph (1)(a)(iii), services are integrated from the point of view of recipients if the providers of services for children and young people cooperate with each other to ensure

services are planned and delivered in a co-ordinated way which best meets the needs of the recipient children and young people and their parents.

9 Implementation of strategic plan

During the period to which a strategic plan relates, the responsible Ministers and relevant providers must, so far as is reasonably practicable, co-operate with each other to provide services for children or young people in accordance with that plan.

10 Reporting on strategic plan

As soon as practicable after the end of the 4 year period (as defined in Article 7(5)) to which the strategic plan relates, the responsible Ministers must –

- (a) publish a report on the extent to which the strategic plan has achieved the aims set out in Article 8; and
- (b) present that report to the States.

11 Guidance in relation to planning the delivery of services for children and young people

- (1) Relevant providers must have regard to any guidance published by the responsible Ministers in connection with the delivery of services for children or young people set out in the strategic plan.
- (2) Before publishing guidance or revised guidance, the responsible Ministers must consult –
 - (a) relevant providers;
 - (b) the Commissioner; and
 - (c) such other persons as the responsible Ministers consider appropriate.

12 Requirement to publish information about the provision of services

The responsible Ministers and relevant providers must, at the beginning of each year, publish details of the services they may provide to children, young people and their families.

Appendix 2

Jersey Performance Framework

The Jersey Performance Framework was introduced to measure the progress that Jersey is making towards achieving sustainable wellbeing. This related to the Government plan 2020-23. The community wellbeing aspect includes children and collected data under the following 'storyboards':

- All children in Jersey have the best start in life:

Children enjoy the best start in life

- Number of live births
- % of newborn babies with a weight appropriate for gestational age
- % of mothers who are breastfeeding (either fully or partially) at 6 to 8 weeks
- % of children living in a smoke free home at the 9 to 12 month development check

Children develop as expected in their early years (aged 0 to 5 years)

- % of children aged 2 years reaching developmental milestones
- % of children aged 4 to 5 years with a healthy BMI
- % of children aged 4 to 5 years achieving or exceeding the expected level of development

- All children in Jersey live healthy lives
- All children in Jersey learn and achieve
- All children in Jersey grow up safely
- All children in Jersey are valued and involved

Appendix 3

Example from Leeds Children’s Services

With OBA established as a city-wide approach, Leeds Children’s Services sought to broaden ownership of the feedback data it generated right across the city, to ensure everyone could see how their work was contributing to a collective effort to address the biggest priorities⁶.

A weekly tracker (see example below) was communicated via email and used across meeting agendas to inform discussions addressing the three OBA performance questions:

1. How much did we do?
2. How well did we do it?
3. Is anyone better off?



Obsession	Latest position this week	Change since last week	% change over last 12 months	Change over last 12 months	12 month trend
Safely reduce the number of children looked after	1381	-8	-5.9	-86	
Reduce the number of young people who are NEET	1470	-1	-22.4	-429	
Reduce school absence: primary	4.8%	+0.4	n/a	-1.0	
Reduce school absence: secondary	7.6%	-0.2	n/a	-1.3	

⁶ [practical-guide-policy-making-amend-nov-16.pdf \(evaluationsupportscotland.org.uk\)](https://www.evaluationsupportscotland.org.uk/practical-guide-policy-making-amend-nov-16.pdf)

Appendix 4

CSP23-26 and GP23-26

