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Strategy for Children and Young People

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Executive Summary

What is this document about?

Whatever the circumstances of a child or young person in Staffordshire – be they a victim of crime, a witness, offender or someone in need of guidance, help or protection, they are just as entitled as anyone else to expect a top quality, caring service from Staffordshire Police.

Working together with the Children and Young People's Trusts and Local Safeguarding Children's Boards in Stoke on Trent City and in Staffordshire County, Staffordshire Police is committed to delivering the finest service, helping our children and young people grow into responsible adults, making a positive contribution to their communities

We know that for children and young people across Staffordshire, the most important things that we can do are listen, engage and work with our partners and communities to make these things happen. We have written our strategy and self assessment tool to focus our work, help with delivering a great job and enable us to measure the impact of what we do. Whilst this strategy is about helping us to do a first class job, we have tried to make it readable, interesting and available for everyone. Our intention is to:

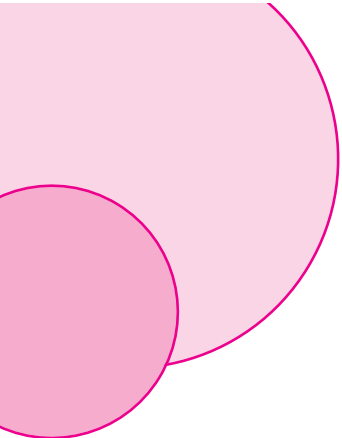
Reduce levels and perceived levels of crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour involving children and young people as perpetrators, victims and witnesses.

Build stronger, better relationships with children, young people, their parents and the wider community with Staffordshire Police by getting our contact with everyone right first time.

Improve the safety and wellbeing of our children and young people by identifying problems or potential problems as early as possible and by providing the right support to get things back on track. This means taking allegations from children and young people seriously and working with others to deal with the issue with purpose and sensitivity.

Improve what we do for children and young people, by working in partnership with others to improve the effectiveness of our services, whilst reducing wastage of resources.





To make this really clear to all children and young people, Staffordshire Police has made these promises:

- » We will listen to all children and young people
- » We will respect all children and young people and we will work to prevent them, particularly the most vulnerable, becoming victims or perpetrators of crime.
- » We will involve them in our decision making processes to shape and monitor services and ensure they know the results of that involvement.
- » We will work to protect them and keep them safe in their homes, schools, communities and activities.
- » We will provide useful information and advice in relation to their safety and wellbeing
- » We will be available when they need us.
- » We will act firmly and fairly against those who break the law.

In putting this strategy together, Staffordshire Police has sought the views of children, young people and partners to ensure that they have had the chance to shape and influence our approach, making sure that the services it represents meets all our needs.

Please let us know what you think. Contact details are on the front page, or you can speak to your local community officer.

“ the most important things that we can do are listen ”



1. FOREWORD

