

Children's Services

Guide to the Improvement Programme and Plan 2017-2020



“ Working together to ensure that Powys children and young people are safe, healthy, resilient, learning, fulfilled and have their voices heard, valued and acted on. ”

The Programme makes clear how we can all help to improve services for children and families. It will build on the strengths of staff, get support from the whole council and work with partners and communities across the county.

The programme describes our ambitions and priorities for all children and young people in Powys. This includes doing all we can to protect and promote the rights of children set out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). This means the child's right to protection, family life, a good education, proper health care, decent housing and a voice in all aspect of their lives.



In this way, we can:

- support families to stay together
- manage risk when children and young people have to be kept safe
- provide children and young people who have to live away from home with good experiences of being cared for



The Improvement Plan

Sets out the key actions to deliver the Improvement Programme.

There are four priority areas:

- Corporate Parenting, Leadership and Governance
- Safeguarding, Practice and Quality Assurance
- Workforce
- Reshaping and Reforming Services



Links

The Children's Services Improvement Programme is linked to and supported by a range of strategies including:

- The Council's Vision 2025
- The Start Well programme, to be delivered through the Children and Young People's Partnership

The plan has been developed by all parts of the council working together. The Children and Young People's Partnership, the third sector and other groups such as the Regional Safeguarding Board will also play a big part in making the changes happen.

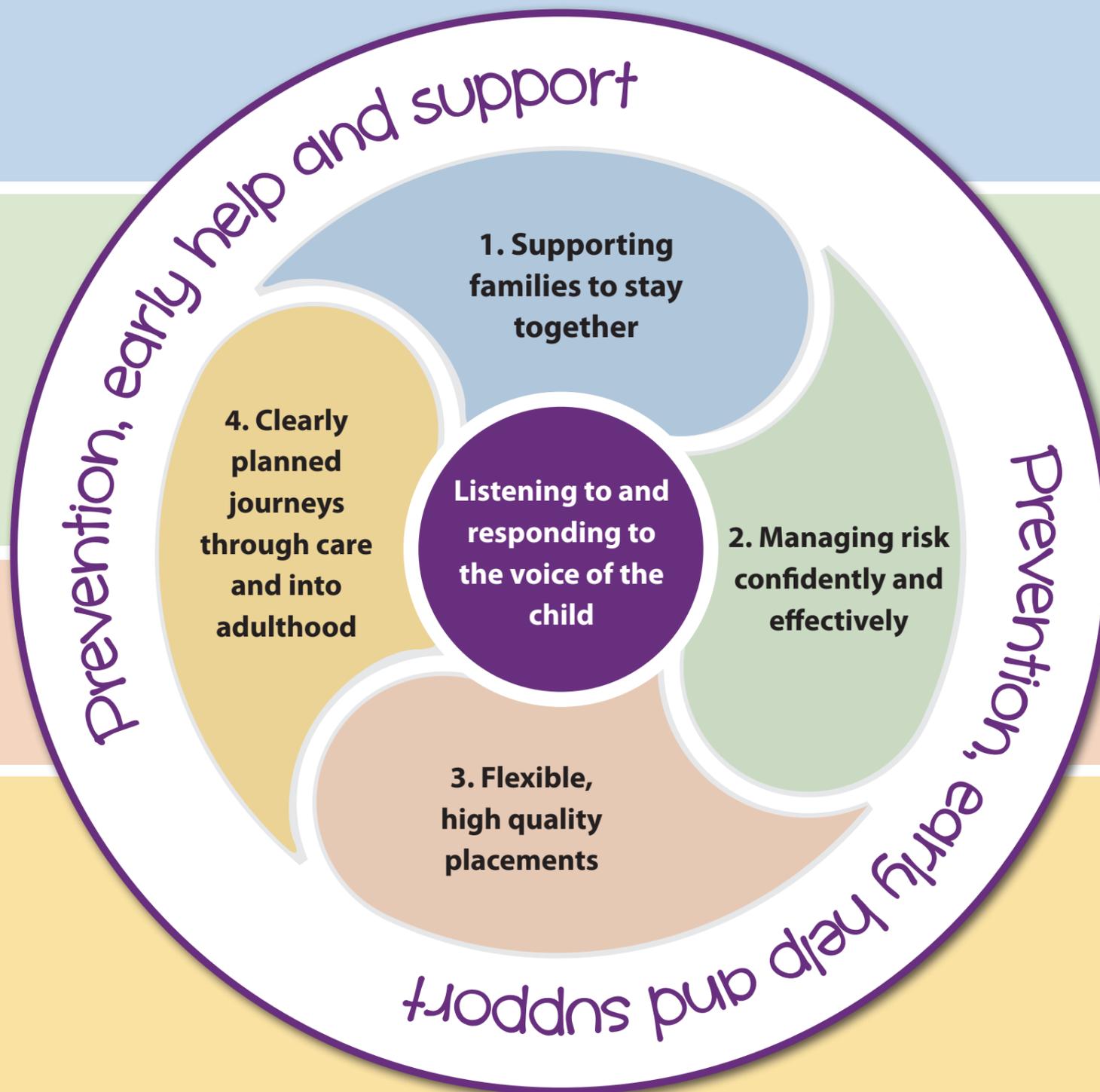
By working together with clear purpose we will have services which help children and families to achieve the best possible outcomes.

To view the Programme and Plan, visit www.powys.gov.uk/en/promotional-pages/childrens-services-improvements/



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1. Supporting families to stay together and reduce the need for children to be looked after, by focusing on services which provide timely help, build on family's strengths and prevent greater problems arising.

2. Managing risk confidently and effectively when providing support to families where children and young people need to be safeguarded or they are judged to be on the 'edge of care' by making sure that their needs are accurately assessed and met effectively, with positive outcomes for them. This helps to keep children at home or in their wider family networks, unless this would be unsafe for the child.

3. Providing and commissioning a flexible and affordable mix of high quality placements for children who are looked after to meet the diverse range of their needs and circumstances.

4. Giving children and young people clearly planned journeys through care and into adulthood which remain focused on achieving care and support plans and enable them to be reunited with family and friends where possible. This will make sure that they are in the right placement and have good opportunities which will support them into adulthood.

