

# Our immediate priorities

We have worked together across the children's trust, with local children, young people and parents to agree our shared priorities. Later, in Section 6, we look ahead over the full period of this plan and outline our long term ambitions for all children and young people of Leeds. But in this section we focus on our immediate priorities.

The table below lists these immediate priorities, defining them either as specific outcomes we must improve, or as the key features of how we can work together better. Against each priority we use [the tick chart below to link back to our consultation, analysis and learning and show which influences have particularly led to that priority.](#)

Our immediate priorities		Priority for children	Priority for parents	Priority for services	Priority for inspectors	National priority	Leeds Strategic Plan priority	Narrowing the gap
<b>Improving outcomes</b>								
1	Improving outcomes for looked after children			✓		✓	✓	✓
2	Improving attendance and reducing persistent absence from school				✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Improving early learning and primary outcomes in deprived areas		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Providing places to go and things to do	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
5	Raising the proportion of young people in education or work	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Reducing child poverty	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
7	Reducing teenage conception		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Reducing the need for children and young people to be in care			✓			✓	✓
<b>Working together better</b>								
9	Strengthening safeguarding		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Enabling integrated working		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓

Selecting this select set of priorities to focus on does not mean other areas such as GCSE results, are unimportant, but rather that the above priorities are the areas where we particularly believe we can change and work together better to make a greater impact.

# Our long term ambitions

In addition to the immediate priorities discussed in Section 4, we also see the importance of setting out longer term ambitions, recognising that the Every Child Matters children's services agenda is a long term national and local change programme.

As with our immediate priorities, these ambitions reflect the learning from our consultation, analysis and external feedback. The tick chart below

shows which influences have particularly led us to that ambition. Many of these ambitions have a clear link with our more specific immediate priorities, but by looking over the longer term they also recognise the importance of a wider range of work to bring about improved outcomes across many important aspects of children and young people's lives.

Our long term ambitions		Priority for children	Priority for parents	Priority for services	Priority for inspectors	National priority	Leeds Strategic Plan priority	Narrowing the gap
<b>All children and young people:</b>								
1	are safe and secure;	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	are safe and supported in stronger communities;	✓	✓				✓	✓
3	are helped to narrow the gap;			✓			✓	✓
4	are thriving in learning;		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
5	are safe and supported in stronger families;	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	enjoy life and have places to go and things to do;	✓	✓			✓		✓
7	make the right choices;	✓	✓			✓		✓
8	make a good start; and		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
9	are supported by excellent, integrated working.		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓

## Delivering our long term ambitions

This section sets out in some detail our strategies for delivering our long term ambitions for improved outcomes and change over the next five years. This is intended to show how we will continue to manage change in order to improve outcomes

and services for children. It will also illustrate how we plan to work towards the challenging targets for 2020, set out in the national Children's Plan. This section provides a summary of our vision, objectives and the key actions we plan to take over the next five years against each ambition. As such it is less detailed than the action plans for the immediate priorities, but it can be used for planning and commissioning purposes.