

Our commitment

In November 2010 the Children's Trust Board demonstrated a commitment to the vision that every child and young person should be supported to have the best start in life; each member of the board agreed to the following statement of intent:

BRADFORD CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD – STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Bradford Children's Trust Board has been established by all who provide services and work with children and young people because it is agreed that if the life chances of children and families in the district are to be improved, working together is essential.

Our vision and priorities for action have been set out in the current Children and Young People's Plan (2009-12). We are now embarking on the preparations for a new plan to cover the period from 2011 to 2014. The core priorities as agreed will form the basis of this new plan resulting in a statement of our joint ambition and commitment to partnership working as the foundation for achieving this.

We recognise that in a difficult economic climate there are many challenges posed by the reductions in public spending over the next three years. In developing a new plan in these circumstances, we are committed to seizing the opportunity to make a reality of closer integration of our strategy, planning and provision of services to children, young people and families. This will stimulate new ways of working to improve outcomes for them as well as managing reductions in our funding. In the months ahead, we will all need to respond to these alterations and reductions in resources and focus on agreed priorities. Revising our priorities within reduced resources will inevitably mean tough decisions for the Trust members to make. Respective organisations may change as a result.

We acknowledge the changing policy and legislative framework in which Children's Services operate and affirm our commitment to Bradford Children's Trust as an effective partnership through which we will continue to identify needs, plan actions, commission services, align resources and review progress. We will continue to work through the Children's Trust to provide strategic leadership and direction to the district-wide system of children's services.