



# Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Children's Trust

## Parents' and Carers' Sounding Board- this is your opportunity to get involved!



We have set up a **Parents' and Carers' Sounding Board** for RBWM Children's Trust to ensure that views of our parents and carers are central to the planning for local Children's Services. The Board is an electronic forum and involves a group of self-nominated parents and carers contributing their views via email on key areas of work of the Children's Trust such as the development of the Children and Young People Plan and service reviews such as the recent review of the borough's Inclusion Services.

This is a real opportunity for parents to be involved in shaping Children's Services locally and we would be really keen to hear from any parent or carer who would be interested in joining. **To register interest in joining the Parents' and Carers' Sounding Board, please email [Rachel.Franklin@rbwm.gov.uk](mailto:Rachel.Franklin@rbwm.gov.uk)**. For further details on the work of the Trust, please visit [http://www.rbwm.gov.uk/web/partnerships\\_childrens\\_trust.htm](http://www.rbwm.gov.uk/web/partnerships_childrens_trust.htm).

## Why have a Children's Trust?



be healthy  
stay safe

The shocking death of eight-year-old Victoria Climbié in February 2000 and the tragic more recent 'Baby P' case highlighted the need for professionals to work in partnership to safeguard children from harm and to improve their wellbeing. Through the Children Act 2004 and *Every Child Matters programme*, the Government set in motion a radical overhaul of the way local services and professionals work together so that no child is able to 'slip through the net'. There is a statutory **duty** on all Councils to make arrangements to **co-operate** with other local partners in order to improve the well-being of children and young people. These co-operation arrangements are known as a **Children's Trust**.



enjoy and achieve  
Make a Positive contribution

## What is a Children's Trust?

The Children's Trust brings together all the organisations delivering children's services in the Royal Borough into a single organisational focus so that we can design and deliver joined up services that are built around the particular needs of our children and young people.

## Who is involved?

RBWM Children's Trust includes representatives from Council Services (Education, Social Care, Housing, Community and Youth), Berkshire East Primary Care Trust, schools and colleges, voluntary and community organisations, the Police, Connexions, the Fire and Rescue Service, the Learning and Skills Council and the local Probation Board.

## What does it do?

The Trust improves the life chances of children and young people by ensuring that all our children and young people achieve the five Every Child Matters outcomes - **be healthy, stay safe, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution and achieve economic well being**. Following an analysis of children's needs in the local area, and through extensive consultation with professionals and children and families themselves, the key priorities for Children's Services locally are set out within our main strategy - the **Children and Young People Plan (CYPP)**. The Trust also develops a **Joint Commissioning Strategy** to set out how out the Council and its partners will direct funding towards the priorities outlined in the CYPP to ensure it is reaching those children most in need. The Trust regularly monitors our progress against these priorities to check we are making a real difference to the lives of our children and young people.



achieve economic well-being