

Good News for Children's Services in Bradford

Services for Children and Young People in Bradford were recently inspected. This inspection was called the Joint Area Review (JAR) and was carried out by inspectors that make sure these services are delivered properly across the country. The good news is that the inspection went very well and Bradford Council and its partners were praised for the work they do for children.

How was the inspection done?

The inspectors talked to managers and staff who work with children and young people in Bradford. They also read about how they have been helped, visited children homes and schools. The inspectors met and spoke to **287** children and young people.

How did we do?

Safeguarding - GOOD

Looked after children - GOOD

Learning difficulties and/or disabilities - ADEQUATE

Service management - GOOD

Capacity to improve - GOOD

What did the inspectors look for?

The inspectors looked at how Bradford was meeting the 5 'Every Child Matters' outcomes:

- **Be healthy**
- **Stay safe**
- **Enjoy and achieve**
- **Make a positive contribution**
- **Achieve economic well-being**

Why does this matter to you?

As a young person in Bradford it is important that the services **YOU** use, or may need in the future, are of the highest quality. For example, schools, health services, youth clubs, social services, specialist support and much more. The inspection has shown that standards are good but also made it clear where things should improve.



Highlights of the Report

"Children and young people in Bradford make good use of the services for them."

"School nurses provide good care through clinics and in special schools."

"Advice and information on sexual health in Bradford is given by enthusiastic and knowledgeable staff."

"The gap between how well girls and boys do at school has narrowed."

"Children and young people have seen improvements in their economic well-being, particularly for the most vulnerable."

"Services work well to meet the health needs of looked after children."

"The Youth Offending Team and the youth service together has established a good anti-bullying project."

"There is good involvement of children and young people with the Bradford and Keighley Youth Parliament."



What children, young people and parents told the inspectors

Most children and young people said they feel safe in school and their local community.

Young people in care were very positive about the range of leisure activities on offer to them.

Parents spoke positively about the 'TicTac' service (teenage advice and information centres) provided at secondary schools.

What needs to change?

Although the inspection was good, some areas need to get better, such as:

- Services for children with learning difficulties and/or disabilities.

An Action Plan will be produced soon to show how these areas of weakness will be improved.



A full copy of the report can be downloaded from the Ofsted website at www.ofsted.gov.uk or at www.bradford.gov.uk/jar

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