

Supporting
children and
young people



What is a children's trust?

Your childhood and teenage years should be a happy and fun time. You should be given every opportunity to have the best start in life, whether you go to college or university, or want to get a good job.

Children's trusts bring together organisations responsible for services for children, young people and families. They make sure they provide the best services they can to improve your life.

People involved in Medway Children's Trust will work hard to make sure you and your friends:

- are safe and cared for;
- do well at school;
- are healthy and enjoy life.



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What do children's trusts do?

The children's trust will be interested in what you do until you're 19 or until you're 25 under certain circumstances (for example if you have a disability).

You and your friends can tell the trust what would make your life even better, like more places to play and hang out with your friends, more books, films and music in the libraries, or someone to talk to about any problems you may have.

It's important that children and young people help to design services so your needs are met. A team of Young Commissioners will listen to your ideas and suggestions and make sure the right people hear them, and a team of Young Inspectors will help make sure services are working properly for you. The Children and Young People's Plan is Medway Children's Trust's promise to deliver services that will help give children and young people the best start in life.

The plan promises to make sure that children and young people are safe and cared for, and get help when they need it.

- Some services should be there for everyone, like schools, health clinics and opportunities to have fun.
- Extra services should be there for some children who might need a bit of extra help.
- Some children might need a lot of help because they have extra challenges to face and are having lots of problems.

Who is involved?

There are a lot of people involved in Medway Children's Trust who are working hard to make sure you and your friends have the best start in life.

Medway Children's Trust is made up of:

- Medway Council, social workers and children's centre staff;
- health service workers;
- the police;
- school staff;
- college and university workers;
- youth service and Connexions workers;
- people who work for charities and community centres.

All of these are represented within the trust, plus private businesses, and children and young people. Parents and carers can also have their say through their own forums.



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Who will make sure the children's trust is doing its job properly?

Leaders of all the different organisations belonging to the trust meet together as a board. It's their job to make sure that the trust as a whole is doing its job properly, and this will involve asking children and young people and their families their opinions. Board meetings will not be held in public. Minutes of these meetings will be available online and your comments will be very welcome.



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