

Responses to the call for Manifesto policy areas for Health

Children England would like to thank those VCS organisations who put forward health policy area suggestions for the Manifesto as discussed at the EMVY forum event on 23 October.

If you are a provider of services for children, young people and/or families and have something you would like to contribute to any of the policy areas including health, please go to www.childrenengland.org.uk/submit-policy-ideas-for-the-children-england-members-manifesto

Contributions from conference attendees:

We call on the Government to : Create better opportunities for social mobility; access to higher education and training

This is important because : It will build skills and overall competitiveness of UK or future global market

We call on the Government to : Stop the disinvestment in prevention services, mental health, drugs, emotional wellbeing

This is important because Too much pressure and inappropriate services to specialist services

We call on the Government to : Commission preventative services for young people, not just reactive services

This is important because The future benefits are enormous

We call on the Government to : Support young people's services in hospitals. Youth workers, transitions, young adult workers etc

This is important because : It is essential but there is no money invested in this area

We call on the Government to : To support the use of youth work services for young people with disabilities and additional learning needs

This is important because : Stigma around disability can be worked around by youth workers. Stigma is an issue with parents, professionals and other young people

We call on the Government to : Make teen domestic abuse support statutory and ensure that social care and housing (local government) respond effectively

This is important because : There is a gap in the service for 16 – 17 year olds

We call on the Government to : Ensure young people are engaged in the design, delivery and evaluation of services which impact on their lives.

This is important because : How can we get it right without engaging young people

We call on the Government to : Make the development of social and emotional development a priority in all educational and health services

This is important because : Young people cannot have economically active adult lives that drive our economy

We call on the Government to : Promote more liberalism. Promote alternatives

This is important because We live in a very narrow minded and reformist society