

Our Vision:

Our vision is that Somerset's unborn babies, children and young people grow up in a child friendly county that supports them to be happy, healthy and prepared for adulthood.

We will keep our unborn babies, children and young people safe and help them to thrive and to be ambitious – building a county that encourages equality and diversity, protects that environment and strives for progress on climate change for future generations. We want to increase social mobility that, in turn, will build a more prosperous county.

We aim to improve outcomes for all our children whilst recognising the need for outcomes to improve faster for vulnerable unborn babies, children and young people.

We are a county that listens to and supports our children, young people and their families to share their lived experiences in order to make the right decisions on service provision with them.



Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership:

All unborn babies, children and young people in Somerset are the responsibility of three statutory safeguarding partners – Somerset County Council, Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group and Avon and Somerset Constabulary – as well as relevant agencies as set out in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' (2018). This arrangement is called the Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP) who have overall responsibility for the Children and Young People's Plan.

Principles that underpin our vision:

Using robust data and regular progress reports we will ask the question 'How did this make a difference?' We will listen and respond to what children and young people and their families tell us, as part of our accountability to them.

Taking a whole family approach we will support our families to be strong, providing adults and children with the tools they need to work together to support each other's goals and achieve long-term change and stability.