

The Children & Young People's theme has presented the draft Children's Trust's priority areas that emerged from the *Review of Devon's Children & Young People's Plan 2006 – 2009*

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Draft Children's Trust Priority areas are:

- ◆ Narrowing the gap for the lowest achieving 20% of the population  
Projects in hand include
  - Improving educational attainment of (580) children in care
  - Schools' response to disability discrimination
  - Change management for migrant families
  - Reintegration of excluded pupils through collaboration
- ◆ Delivering AXS for integrated preventative services 0 - 19
  - includes children's centres, Extended Services in and around Schools (ESS) and Integrated Youth Support Services
  - developing consistent and appropriate thresholds across agencies and organisations
- ◆ Other aspects of the Extended Services in and around schools including:
  - Parenting Strategy
  - Varied menu of activities and study support
  - Child careparticularly for areas of disadvantage and families with the greatest need
- ◆ Bullying
  - Children and young people make this their highest priority
- ◆ Transport
  - Access to services, recreation, education, training and employment
- ◆ Exclusions from education
  - Exclusions from school in Devon compare reasonably nationally; the effect of exclusions is so significant that all agencies agree that the level must be reduced and actions post-exclusion improved
- ◆ Performance and data management and use of strategic intelligence
- ◆ Developing and improving partnership governance arrangements for robust accountability and resources

