



# Joint area review

Report for children and young people  
Kingston-upon-Hull

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## Report for children and young people about the services they receive in Kingston-upon-Hull

- Being healthy
- Staying safe
- Enjoying and doing well at school and as they grow up
- Making a positive contribution to society
- Being successful in whatever they choose to do when they are adults

## Why should I read this?

The law says that inspectors must look at and then report on how well local services serve children and young people in an area. This is called a "review". Inspectors visited your area recently. You might like to read this, or the full report which you can find on Ofsted's website, to find out what they had to say.

## What did the inspectors do?

Eight inspectors visited Hull in September-October 2006 so that they could find out what life is like for children and young people in the area. They:

- ❖ talked with children and young people
- ❖ talked with lots of adults working with children and young people (like social workers, teachers, youth workers, nurses, doctors, police officers and councillors)
- ❖ spoke to parents and other people caring for children
- ❖ heard from the council and other agencies about what it thinks about the services it provides for children
- ❖ read lots of reports, and visited one neighbourhood to see things for themselves.

The inspectors also looked at how well particular children are doing, like those children in the council's care or those who have a learning difficulty and/or disability. They know that elsewhere these groups of children often do not get a good service and needed to check up on this locally.

## How well are children and young people doing in Hull?

- ❖ They are generally as healthy as children in the rest of the country, but many have poor dental health.
- ❖ They appear safe, with fewer seriously injured in road accidents and fires.
- ❖ Results in schools are improving, but more leave school without *GCSEs* or similar qualifications than in other parts of the country.
- ❖ A low proportion of young people leave school with *GCSEs* or similar qualifications in English and maths.
- ❖ Many enjoy the range of learning and recreation activities they can take part in outside school.
- ❖ Many make important contributions to their schools and communities, but there are too many instances of anti-social behaviour.

- ❖ A similar proportion of young people over 16 are in education or training as in other parts of the country, but fewer gain qualifications by age 19.

### What were the main things children and young people told inspectors about your area?

- ❖ They feel generally healthy.
- ❖ They feel safe in school. They are satisfied with the way schools deal with bullying.
- ❖ They think they are doing well at school.
- ❖ They think they have a say and make a difference to the way things are run both at school and in their local area.
- ❖ They are concerned about racism and anti-social behaviour outside of school.

### What things did the inspectors say are good for children and young people in my area?

- ❖ The council is very ambitious to make Hull an excellent place to live and work. Inspectors think that services for children and young people will continue to get better.
- ❖ There many examples of ways in which services are working well to help children and young people to be healthy.
- ❖ Agencies work together well to help children who are thought to be at risk of serious harm.
- ❖ There is good support available for young people who are having problems.
- ❖ There are satisfactory arrangements for the education and care of children under five-years-old.
- ❖ The work to help children and young people do their best at school has helped more of them to reach higher standards.
- ❖ The range of learning and leisure opportunities for children and young people is increasing.
- ❖ There are many opportunities for children and young people to have a say in the way things are run at school and in the local area. The council and other agencies take the views of children and young people very seriously.
- ❖ Fewer young people who have been in trouble with the law are getting into trouble again.

- ❖ There is good support available for children and young people who are looked after by the council and for those with learning difficulties and/or disabilities.

### What things are not so good for children and young people?

- ❖ The dental health of children is poor.
- ❖ Too many teenagers are getting pregnant.
- ❖ Children and young people who have to care for other members of their families need more support.
- ❖ The level of pupils' absence in secondary and special schools is too high.
- ❖ Not enough children get GCSEs or similar qualifications in English and maths.
- ❖ There is still too much anti-social behaviour.
- ❖ Too many young people leave school without GCSEs or similar qualifications.
- ❖ The number of young people who are not in education, employment or training after they leave school is too high.
- ❖ The number of young people whose whereabouts is not known after they have left school is too high.
- ❖ Not enough young people gain qualifications by age 19.