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CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEES

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to improve the  
lives of children,  
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# Children and Young People's Services Committees

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# 1. Ireland's children and young people's policy context



# 1.1 Ireland's children and young people's policy context

- 1 ACTIVE AND HEALTHY**
- 2 ACHIEVING IN LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT**
- 3 SAFE AND PROTECTED FROM HARM**
- 4 ECONOMIC SECURITY AND OPPORTUNITY**
- 5 CONNECTED, RESPECTED AND CONTRIBUTING TO THEIR WORLD**



## CONNECTED, RESPECTED AND CONTRIBUTING TO THEIR WORLD

- They are aware of their rights, and are civically socially and environmentally engaged offline and online.
- They are accepted, respected and valued at home, school, and in their community.
- They have their own identity, connected to their culture, language and beliefs.

## ACTIVE AND HEALTHY

- They have the best possible physical and mental health;
- They make informed health and lifestyle choices;
- They enjoy leisure time, express themselves creatively and access nature and recreation.

## ACHIEVING IN LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

- They are positively engaging with their learning and development from birth;
- They can successfully navigate life's transitions and make informed choices around their future;
- They have the social, emotional and communication skills to achieve their potential and lead fulfilling lives.

## SAFE AND PROTECTED FROM HARM

- They have family and homes that are loving, connected, safe and nurturing;
- They are protected from violence, neglect, ill-treatment and harm;
- Everyone is alert to child protection issues and knows how to report a concern.

## ECONOMIC SECURITY AND OPPORTUNITY

- They are protected from poverty and social exclusion;
- They live in stable housing that is affordable, warm and dry, in child- and youth-friendly communities;
- They have pathways to economic participation and independent living.

## 2. CYPSC national model of inter-agency working



Ch & YP = The Central WHO

Purposeful and specific HOW

Intentional WHAT

x 5 National Outcomes WHY

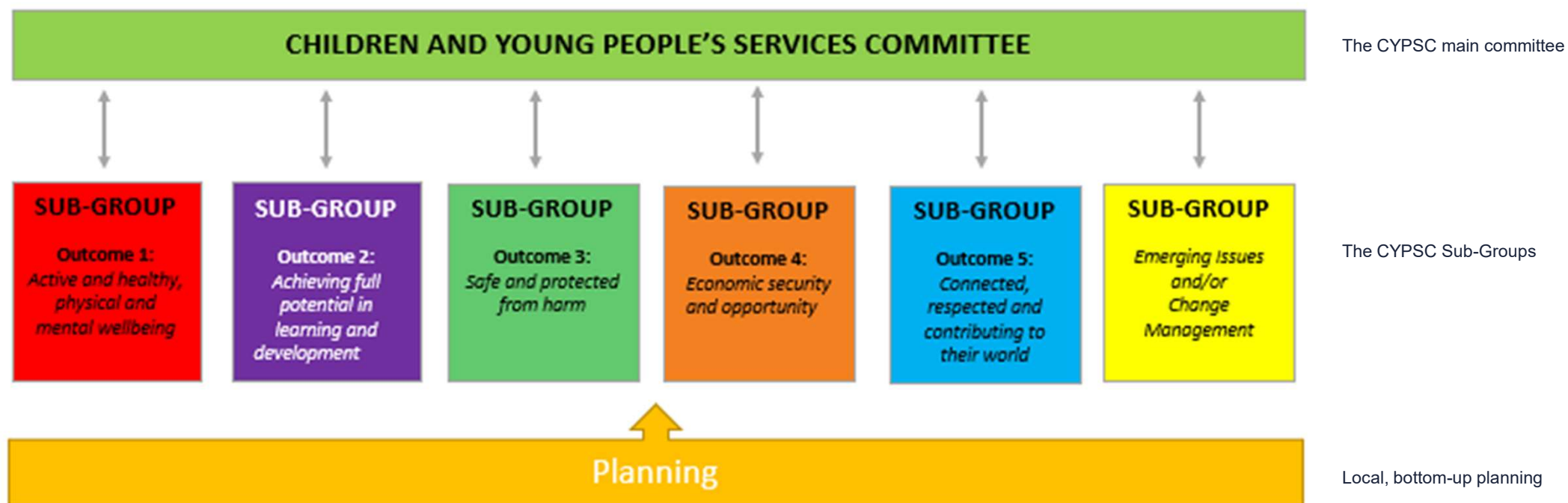


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## 2.1 CYPSC national model of inter-agency working



## 2.2 CYPSC national model of inter-agency working

- **Children's rights:** The rights of children as outlined by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) are recognised and child-centred-approaches are adopted.
- **Family-orientated:** The family is recognised as the fundamental group of society and the natural environment for the growth and well-being of children and young people.
- **Equality:** The diversity of children and young people's experiences, abilities, identities and cultures is acknowledged, and reducing inequalities is promoted as a means of improving outcomes and achieving greater social inclusion.
- **Evidence-informed and outcomes-focused:** To be effective, policies and services must be supported by evidence and focused on the achievement of agreed outcomes.
- **Accountability and resource efficiency:** Clear implementation, monitoring and accountability mechanisms and lines of responsibility for delivery are in place to drive timely and effective policy implementation.

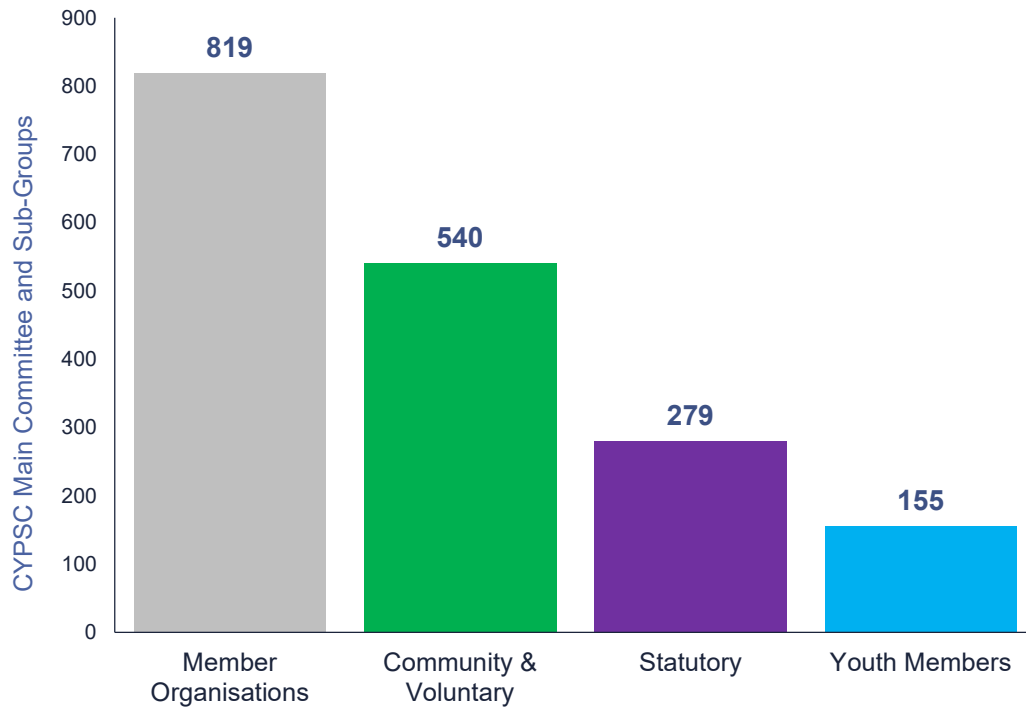


Source: (DCYA, 2015) *Blueprint...*, p.7



## 2.3 CYPSC national model of inter-agency working

### Inter-agency Engagement:





### 3. Strengths & Challenges of Joined Up Working: **STRENGTHS**

<b>Strengths</b>				
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Responses</b>		<b>CYPSC</b>	
	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Strong engagement and commitment of members to the CYPSC</b>	30	38%	18	69%
<b>Delivery of projects, services and positive outcomes</b>	17	22%	14	54%
<b>Collaborative work internal to CYPSC and with other structures</b>	9	12%	9	35%
<b>Leveraging resources and funding</b>	8	10%	8	31%
<b>Responsive needs led approach to decision-making</b>	7	9%	7	27%
<b>Participation and representation of CYP and their families in the CYPSC Structure</b>	7	9%	5	19%

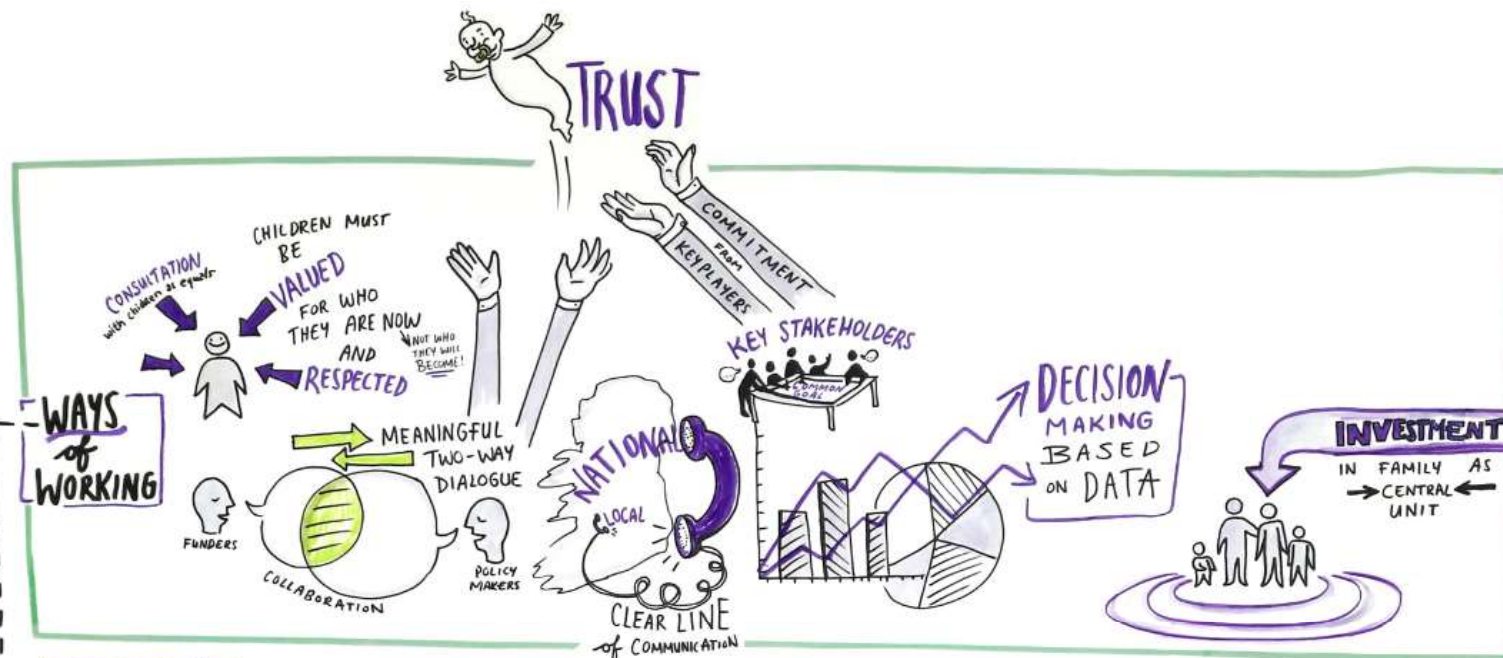
### 3. Strengths & Challenges of Joined Up Working: **CHALLENGES**

<b>Challenges</b>				
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Responses</b>		<b>CYPSC</b>	
	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Workload of CYPSC personnel</b>	28	36%	19	73%
<b>Needs of the community</b>	16	21%	13	50%
<b>Funding related challenges</b>	13	17%	11	42%

## 4. Priority Needs of Children and Young People in Ireland

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Priority Need 1</b>	Mental health (13)	Mental health (15)	Mental health (18)	Mental health (13)	Mental health (15)
<b>Priority Need 2</b>	Disability inclusion and services (5)	Vulnerable families due to Covid 19 (7)	Education supports (6)	New communities (10)	Disability inclusion and services (8)
<b>Priority Need 3</b>	Education supports (5)	Education supports (4)	Disability inclusion and services (5)	Disability inclusion and services (6)	New communities (8)
<b>Priority Need 4</b>	Homelessness (5)	Digital poverty (4)	Domestic violence (4)	Parental support (4)	Parental support (3)
<b>Priority Need 5</b>	Parental support (4)	Disability inclusion and services (3)	Parental support (3)	School avoidance (2)	School avoidance (3)

A fully-functioning child and youth-friendly COUNTY / CYPSC AREA



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