**Children’s Social Care National Framework**

Statutory guidance on the purpose, principles for practice and expected outcomes of children’s social care, issued in December 2023 [Children's social care national framework](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/657c538495bf650010719097/Children_s_Social_Care_National_Framework__December_2023.pdf)

*Children’s social care has the power to transform lives; wrapping support around children, young people and families can bring about profound and positive changes that help them to flourish.*

The National Framework brings together the purpose of local authority children’s social care, the principles by which children, young people and families should be supported, the enablers that should be in place so the system is effective, and the outcomes that should be achieved so that children and young people can grow up to thrive.

The outcomes described in the National Framework are what children’s social care should achieve for the children, young people, and families they support.

**There are 4 outcomes:**

* Outcome 1: children, young people and families stay together and get the help they need
* Outcome 2: children and young people are supported by their family network
* Outcome 3: children and young people are safe in and outside of their homes
* Outcome 4: children in care and care leavers have stable, loving homes

**Principles of children’s social care**

Children’s welfare is paramount. Children’s wishes and feelings are sought, heard, and responded to. Children’s social care works in partnership with whole families. Children are raised by their families, with their family networks, or in family environments wherever possible. Local authorities work with other agencies to effectively identify and meet the needs of children, young people, and families.

* ***Enabler:*** Multi-agency working is prioritised and effective
* ***Enabler:*** Leaders drive conditions for effective practice
* ***Enabler:*** The workforce is equipped and effective

*Achieving the outcomes of the National Framework will require the determination of all of us to continually improve our practice. Having high aspirations for families will not be enough. Everyone needs to ask themselves, how these aspirations are shaping their practice and informing the work that we all do.*