



Key challenges summary

1. Close attainment gaps in education.

- Close attainment gaps by raising standards of children receiving Free School Meals, children with Special Educational Needs (SEN), looked-after children and Gypsy and Traveller children.
- Reduce exclusions from school and reduce bullying.

2. Encourage fair recruitment, development and reward in employment.

- Increase the employment rates of young people, disabled people, ethnic minority people and Muslim people.
- Close pay gaps focusing on young people, ethnic minority people and women.

3. Improve living conditions in cohesive communities.

- Reduce poverty especially amongst children, disabled people and ethnic minority people.
- Improve access to care for older people and children.
- Reduce homelessness, especially for people fleeing domestic abuse and people with poor mental health or learning disabilities.

4. Increase access to justice and encourage democratic participation.

- Ensure equal and effective access to civil justice for everyone.
- Improve political and civil participation and increase diversity in public life.

5. Improve access to mental health services and support to people experiencing poor mental health.

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- Reduce the rate of suicide especially amongst men.

6. Prevent abuse, neglect and ill-treatment in care and detention.

- Prevent abuse, neglect and ill-treatment of children and older people in hospitals and care homes.
- Protect human rights of people held in detention.

7. Eliminate violence, abuse and harassment in the community.

- Eliminate the incidence of violence, abuse and harassment particularly against women, disabled people, ethnic minority people, Muslim people and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

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