

What do the Participation Team do?

The team work to uphold the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child as promoters, facilitators and advisers on participation. They provide advice to ensure that all children, young people and their families/ carers are at the heart of service delivery and are regularly consulted on the planning and review of services.

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What is participation?

Participation is the active involvement of children, young people and families in the planning, delivery and monitoring of services.

All those who work directly, or indirectly, with children or young people in Hampshire should recognise the importance of their role to integrate participation into daily practice.

How are we making it happen?

Hampshire County Council has a new Participation Strategy for children and young people. The Strategy:

- sets out plans for the development of participation across the county, in line with the national **Hear by Right** standards (website <http://hbr.nya.org.uk>);
- provides a practical approach for practitioners working with children and young people, in order to ensure consistent and effective participation.

Who are the participation team?

The Children's Services Participation Team consists of:

- Lead Participation Officer;
- Three Participation Officers;
- Senior Administrative Officer.

The team advises and supports practitioners working with children and young people aged 0-19, including those aged 19-25 who are care leavers or have learning difficulties and/or disabilities.

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