

# Every Child Matters: the Five Outcomes

The Government publication '*Every Child Matters: change for children*' (December 2004) indicates national and local priorities for Children's Services and sets out an Outcomes Framework which includes the 5 Outcomes for Children and Young people, given legal force in the Children Act 2004. It also includes 25 specific aims for children and young people and explicitly relates OFSTED inspection criteria to the 5 outcomes.

The 5 outcomes are:

**Being Healthy** so that they are physically, mentally, emotionally and sexually healthy, have healthy lifestyles and choose not to take illegal drugs.

**Staying Safe** from maltreatment, neglect, violence, sexual exploitation, accidental injury and death, bullying and discrimination, crime and anti-social behaviour in and out of school, have security and stability and are cared for.

**Enjoying and Achieving** so that they are ready for school, attend and enjoy school, achieve stretching national educational standards at primary and secondary school, achieve personal and social development and enjoy recreation.

**Making a Positive Contribution** so that they engage in decision-making, support their community and environment, engage in law-abiding and positive behaviour in and out of school, develop positive relationships, choose not to bully and discriminate, develop self confidence, successfully deal with significant life changes and challenges and develop enterprising behaviour.

**Achieving Economic Well-being** so that they engage in further education, employment or training on leaving school, are ready for employment, live in decent homes and sustainable communities, have access to transport and material goods, live in households free from low income.