







The Lincolnshire
Children, Young People
and Families
Participation Strategy

2012 - 2015

Improving outcomes through active listening

## **Foreword**

Effective participation requires everyone working with children, young people and families to work together to develop and provide the most effective services, when and where they are most needed.

The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) is committed to engaging children and young people at strategic and local levels. We acknowledge and value their creativity, aspiration, enthusiasm and hard work.

The CYPSP recognises that families are organised in a variety of ways, with different adults having parenting responsibilities. These include birth parents, step-parents, foster or adoptive parents, grandparents, and arrangements put in place by the courts.

The CYPSP appreciates the fantastic job that parents and carers do, every single day of a child and young person's life, and we congratulate them for their wonderful achievements.

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