

Priority 1: Play & Leisure

Action Area: Safe Places

Action	Who	When	Measurement	Outcome
1.1 Establish project - input from teams (based on required skill set) and NICCY Youth Panel	SMT	Q1 Q2 – Q4	Project Team in placeDevelop project action planImplement action plan	Agree and implement Action Plan including roles, responsibilities, milestones, budget and any potential partners
1.2 Play Strategy Produce a first stage review of existing policy and legislation on play and leisure Explore potential for mapping exercise in Year 2	RPSR/C&P	Q4	 Mapping exercise Review of Play policies in district councils Action plan developed for supporting a mapping exercise 	Report setting out current policy and legislative situation in relation to Play and Leisure in Northern Ireland which will identify gaps and area of fieldwork/research required in year 2.
1.3 Communications Activity - Proactively seek PR opportunities on Play and Leisure including: Media, Partner events, Public Affairs, stakeholder communications and online activity	C&P/ Commissioner	ongoing	 Monitor the forward planning diary Develop calendar of events/activity Produce 4 media releases and briefings Organise 3 key media interviews Co-ordinate political contact/public affairs activity and liaison Support development of 1 keynote speech Develop and maintain play section of NICCY web site 	Influence public perception of the importance of Play and Leisure with regard to Safe Places



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1.4 Policy work Produce consultation responses, inquiry reports, submissions, briefings for Commissioner/SMT as required and policy information for speeches	RPSR	ongoing	 Produce consultation responses in line with priorities Produce briefing papers Inquiry Reports Produce policy paper on Play Draft speeches 	Influence Policy and Practice relating to Play and Leisure
1.5 Legal &Casework Monitor casework and queries to identify strategic cases/issues for further action	L&C		 Monthly reports reviewed by H o D Review of policy and legislative developments in relation to Play 	Influence policy, legislation and guidance relating to Play and Leisure
 1.6 UN Reporting Communicate concluding observations from UNCRC to key audiences Follow up on concluding observations from UNCRC with relevant government departments in relation to Article 31 – Child's Right to Play 	RPSR/C&P	Q3 and Q4	 Communications plan developed Key audiences informed Concluding Observation discussed with relevant statutory partner Action Plan agreed and implemented 	Public perception on Play & Leisure influenced Government policy influenced Children's Rights to Play progressed



Priority 2: Having Your Say

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2.1 Establish project input from teams (based on required skill set) and NICCY Youth Panel	SMT	Q1 Q2 – Q4	Project Team in placeDevelop project action planImplement action plan	Agree and implement Action Plan including roles, responsibilities, milestones, budget and any potential partners
2.2 Working with marginalised children and young people Develop Action Research Project to facilitate the voice of marginalised children and young people	C&P (support from RPSR as required)	Q2 Q2 – ongoing ongoing	 Identify partners/criteria Develop Terms of Reference and Action Plan developed for Year 1 Engage children and young people 	Begin first stage development of model of good practice with children and young people Establishment of relationships with marginalised children and young people



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Action	Who	When	Measurement	Outcome
 2.3 Participation of children and young people in decision making bodies Develop Participation Standards (with Partners such as The Big Deal, and The Participation Network) 	C&P	Ongoing	 Work in partnership, in preparation for RPA, to develop standards of participation when working with children and young people Publication of Standards for Shadow Youth Councils and ELB youth forums Develop internal NICCY children and young people Governance policy plan and implement Hear by Right model of participation 	Government influenced to adopt participation policy and standards Children and Young People have say in decisions that affect their lives (Art 12)
 Review and further develop the Children's Rights Impact assessment tool (CRIA) 	RPSR	Q3	 Follow –up on evaluation of Consultation report Produce revised CRIA for use by NICCY and Statutory Authorities in developing Policy and legislation Develop Standards of Good practice for Statutory Agencies/public bodies 	Influence Government to include Children's Rights in developing policy and legislation
Further develop Democra School programme	C&P/L&C RPSR		 L&C advice given on legislative processes Develop Public Affairs strategy to enable School Councils become part of School Development Plans and are inspected by ETI 	Government influenced to bring forward school council legislation Influence a children and young people focused participative approach among statutory bodies Children and Young People's participation and capacity built
Develop Article 12 Policy Paper	C&P	Q4	Paper Produced and Launched	Influence Government to include Children's Rights in developing policy and legislation



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Action Area: Being Heard and Making A Difference				
Action	Who	When	Measurement	Outcome
2.5 Develop NICCY Participation Advisory Forum	C&P		 Terms of reference developed Two meetings facilitated by NICCY Work in partnership with key stakeholders to promote the voice of children and young people through participation 	 Advise Commissioner on state of participation with children and young people Identify gaps in service provision and avoid duplication of effort Determine area to pool resources
2.6 BINOCC Joint Activity Develop and initiate Participation toolkit as part of BINOCC programme of work	Commissioner/ C&P		 Commissioner's joint BINOCC working programme agreed Participation Toolkit concept explored 	BINOCC members use common resources for greater involvement of children and young people Economies of scale across BINOCC
2.7 Communications Activity - Proactively seek PR opportunities on Having Your Say including: Media, Partner events, Public Affairs, stakeholder communications and online activity	C&P/ Commissioner	ongoing	 Monitor the forward planning diary Develop calendar of events/activity Produce 4 media releases and briefings Organise 3 key media interviews Co-ordinate political contact/public affairs activity and liaison Support development of 1 keynote speech Develop and maintain Having Your Say section of NICCY web site 	Influence public perception of the importance of Having Your Say with regard to Being Heard and Making a Difference



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2.8 Policy work Produce consultation responses, inquiry reports, submissions, briefings for Commissioner/SMT as required and policy information for speeches	RSPR C&P	Ongoing	 Produce consultation responses Produce briefing papers NICCY Youth Panel involved in consultation responses in relation to children and young people in decision-making bodies as appropriate 	Government Policy influenced in relation to Article 12 Children and Young People have direct say in decisions that affect their lives
 2.9 Legal & Casework Maintain and develop existing complaints and advocacy service Develop outreach clinics Monitor developments regarding voice of young person in Private Law proceedings 	L&C		 Identify of localities for Outreach service Develop casework service at local level where children and young people are Involvement with COAC and other agencies 	Children and young people enabled to make complaints about services Voice of children and young people in private law proceedings developed
2.10 Develop protocol on use of peer researchers	RSPR	Q3	 Specification and policy for researchers Recruit and train peer researchers 	Influence participative approach within NICCY
2.11 UN Reporting Communicate concluding observations from UNCRC to key audiences Follow up on concluding observations from UNCRC with relevant government departments in relation to Article 12	RPSR/C&P	Q3-Q4	 Communications plan developed Key audiences informed Concluding Observation discussed with relevant statutory partner Action Plan agreed and implemented 	Public perception of Children and Young People having a voice and being heard influenced Government policy influenced



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Action	Who	When	Measurement	Outcome
Continue to raise awareness of Children's Rights	C&P		 Continue to run the 'Train the Trainers Programme' Explore other opportunities for promoting the UNCRC using the Train the Trainers model Further develop UNCRC workshop resources on www.niccy.org 	Adult stakeholders and young people have knowledge of UNCRC and access to resources
NICCY Youth Panel Implement recommendations from review of the Youth Panel	C&P/SMT		 Develop action plan to outwork recommendations as agreed between NYP /SMT NYP 85% satisfied in their level of participation 	NICCY Youth Panel continue to advise, influence and participate in the work of the Commissioner and her office



Priority 3: Wellbeing and Mental Health

Action Area: Right Mental Health Services

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Action	Who	When	Measurement	Outcome
3.1 Establish project input from teams (based on required skill set) and NICCY Youth Panel	SMT	Q1 Q2 – Q4	 Project Team in place Develop project action plan Implement action plan 	Agree and implement Action Plan including roles, responsibilities, milestones, budget and any potential partners
3.2 DE Emotional Wellbeing in schoolsScope and research best practice in	RPSR	Q3	 Recruit and train peer researchers Fieldwork Written agreement with DE 	Access to a range of support for children in post primary schools
promoting emotional health and wellbeing in post primary schools in partnership with DE and others	C&P	Q3	 Report with recommendations Examples of Good practice identified 	DE implements recommendations
3.3 Communications Activity - Proactively seek PR opportunities on Wellbeing and Mental Health including: Media, Partner events, Public Affairs, stakeholder communications and online activity	C&P/ Commissioner	ongoing	 Monitor the forward planning diary Develop calendar of events/activity Produce 4 media releases and briefings Organise 3 key media interviews Co-ordinate political contact/public affairs activity and liaison Support development of 1 keynote speech Develop and maintain wellbeing and mental health section of NICCY web site 	Influence public perception of the importance of Wellbeing and Mental Health with regard to the right mental health services



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3.4 Policy work Produce consultation responses, inquiry reports, submissions, briefings for Commissioner/SMT as required and policy information for speeches	RPSR	Ongoing	 Production of consultation responses Production of briefing papers 	Government Policy Influenced in relation to Article xxx
 3.5 Legal &Casework Monitor Casework to identify strategic cases/ legal issues for further action 	L&C		Monthly reports reviewed by H o D Review of Policy and legislative developments in Mental Health	Policy and Legislation influenced
 Write and submit report to UN Discussion Day on the Children's Right to Education in Emergency Situations 			 Report written Attendance at Discussion day Recommendations made 	To influence the Committee of the Rights of the Child general comment on children's rights to access to education in emergency situations
 3.6 UN Reporting Communicate concluding observations from UNCRC to key audiences Follow up on concluding observations from UNCRC with relevant government departments in relation to Article 12 	RPSR/C&P	Q3-Q4	 Communications plan developed Key audiences informed Concluding Observation discussed with relevant statutory partner Action Plan agreed and implemented 	Public perception of Children and Young People on wellbeing and mental health influenced Government policy influenced



Priority 4: Protection

Action Area: Child Abuse

Action	Who	When	Measurement	Outcome
4.1 Establish project input from teams (based on required skill set) and NICCY Youth Panel	SMT	Q1 Q2 – Q4	Project Team in placeDevelop project action planImplement action plan	Agree and implement Action Plan including roles, responsibilities, milestones, budget and any potential partners
4.2 Physical Punishment Judicial Review Pursue appeal from Judicial Review on Physical Punishment	L&C		Submissions lodgedArguments heardJudgement received	Influence legislation on banning physical punishment
,	C&P		Produce and implement Communications/Media plan	Manage NICCY's reputation
4.3 Physical Punishment Report Complete and launch report	RSPR C&P	Q3	Publish reportLaunch Report	Influence legislation, policy and practice
4.4 Positive Parenting Explore possibility of campaign with partners	C&P		 Explore opportunities for a campaign with partners and produce a proposal Develop partnerships i.e. Children Are Unbeatable 	Public perception influenced on Positive Parenting as opposed to physical punishment
4.5 RE: 'E' Case (Holy Cross School Case) Pursue case through the House of Lords to relation to protection of Child 'E'	L&C		 Petition and Submissions lodged with House of Lords Arguments heard Judgement received 	Clarify state's duties to protect and safeguard children Uphold the rights of children and young people under ECHR and UNCRC



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4.6 Communications Activity - Proactively seek PR opportunities on Protection including: Media, Partner events, Public Affairs, stakeholder communications and online activity	C&P/L&C/ Commissioner	ongoing	 Monitor the forward planning diary Develop calendar of events/activity Produce 4 media releases and briefings Organise 3 key media interviews Co-ordinate political contact/public affairs activity and liaison Support development of 1 keynote speech Develop and maintain protection section of NICCY web site 	Influence public perception of the importance of Protection with regard to child abuse
4.7 Policy work Produce consultation responses, inquiry reports, submissions, briefings for Commissioner/SMT as required and policy information for speeches	RSPR	Ongoing	 Produce consultation responses Produce briefing papers Produce Inquiry Reports Produce policy paper on Play Draft speeches 	Influence Policy and Practice relating to Protection
4.8 Develop policy paper on physical punishment and Positive parenting & deliver recommendations to the relevant agencies	RSPR	Q4	Develop PlanReview dataConsult stakeholdersProduce Paper	Government Policy Influenced



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Action	Who	When	Measurement	Outcome
 4.9 Launch and Deliver recommendations to relevant agencies of various policy papers Road safety Sexual health 	RSPR/C&P	Q1 Q2	 Meeting with relevant Officials Papers produced and launched 	Government Policy Influenced
 4.10 UN Reporting Communicate concluding observations from UNCRC to key audiences Follow up on concluding observations from UNCRC with relevant government departments in relation to Article ?? 	RPSR/C&P	Q1-Q4	 Communications plan developed Key audiences informed Concluding Observation discussed with relevant statutory partner Action Plan agreed and implemented 	Public perception of protection of Children and Young People from abuse influenced Government policy influenced
4.11 BINOCC Work Scope possible BINOCC work-unaccompanied asylum seeking children	RPSR	Q3	 Plan of work agreed Meetings with Ministers held Paper written 	Produce report for annual commissioner statement Asylum seeking children are protected
4.12 Consider review of Child death reports with ROI	RPSR	Q2	Develop PlanLit ReviewConsult stakeholdersProduce report	Influence policy and practice in improve learning in relation to prevention of child deaths



Priority 5: Equal Treatment

Action Area: Discrimination

Action	Who	When	Measurement	Outcome	
5.1 Establish project input from teams (based on required skill set) and NICCY Youth Panel	SMT	Q1 Q2 – Q4	Project Team in placeDevelop project action planImplement action plan	Agree and implement Action Plan including roles, responsibilities, milestones, budget and any potential partners	
 5.2 Deliver and follow up the recommendations of research on Traveller Education Advocacy for disabled children Poverty 	RPSR	Q1 Q1 Q1	Action plans agreed	Influence change in government policy	
5.3 Commission and support the writing of Information Pack on Poverty in Northern Ireland with Equality Commission, Human Rights Commission and Northern Ireland Anti-Poverty Network	RPSR	Q3	 External steering group established Contract agreed Plan of work agreed 	To produce data for updating reference document in year 2	
5.4 Communications Activity - Proactively seek PR opportunities on Equal Treatment including: Media, Partner events, Public Affairs, stakeholder communications and online activity	C&P/ Commissioner	ongoing	 Monitor the forward planning diary Develop calendar of events/activity Produce 4 media releases and briefings Organise 3 key media interviews Co-ordinate political contact/public affairs activity and liaison Support development of 1 keynote speech Develop and maintain equal treatment section of NICCY web site 	Influence public perception of the importance of Equal Treatment with regard to Discrimination	



Priority 5: Equal Treatment

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Action	Who	When	Measurement	Outcome
5.5 Policy work Produce consultation responses, inquiry reports, submissions, briefings for Commissioner/SMT as required and policy information for speeches	RPSR	Ongoing	Produce Consultation responses Briefing papers Inquiry Reports Speeches	Government policy influenced
5.6 Legal & Casework Monitor casework and queries to identify strategic cases/issues for further action	L&C		Monthly reports reviewed by HoD Review of policy and legislative developments in relation to Equal Treatment	To influence policy, legislation and guidance
5.7 Review recommendations of speech and language taskforce and advise government	RPSR	Q2	Meetings with Gov OfficialsAction plan agreed	Influence Access to SALT services for all those in need
 5.8 UN Reporting Communicate concluding observations from UNCRC to key audiences Follow up on concluding observations from UNCRC with relevant government departments in relation to Article ?? 	RPSR/C&P	Q3-Q4	 Communications plan developed Key audiences informed Concluding Observation discussed with relevant statutory partner Action Plan agreed and implemented 	Public perception of Equal Treatment of Children and Young People from discrimination influenced Government policy influenced
 5.9 BINOCC Joint Activity Explore possibility of a campaign to raise awareness of how children and young people are treated in the media 	C&P		Engage with BINOCC partners on agenda for joint meting	Influence negative perceptions of Children and Young People



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6.1 Establish project input from teams (based on required skill set) and NICCY Youth Panel	SMT	Q1 Q2 – Q4	 Project Team in place Develop project action plan Implement action plan 	Agree and implement Action Plan including roles, responsibilities, milestones, budget and any potential partners
Complete Children's rights report Merge internal and external reports to produce final report Design, print and launch final report	RPSR C&P	Q3-Q4	 Identification of relevant research Identification of Policy and legislation Production of report merging all data sources Report published and launched in September 2008 	Final report on current state of children's rights in Northern Ireland which will be used to influence legislation, policy and practice in the field
6.3 UNCRC Country Report Report to UNCRC pre-sessional	SMT/CE	Q2	 Report completed BINOCC communications plan implemented Evidence given Recommendations pursued 	Concluding observations to state party influenced
Carry out investigation or service reviews as appropriate	RPSR/L&C/ C&P	As appropriate	 Produce Terms of Reference Establish Review Develop plan Carry out fieldwork Write report with recommendations Develop communications plan 	To influence best practice



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One of the communications Undertake a major awareness survey with key stakeholders	C&P/CE		 Develop terms of reference Produce specification, tender and appoint consultancy to undertake work Review findings of survey to develop an Action Plan 	Establish a benchmark of extent of public perception of NICCY Influence NICCY communications plan for year 2 and 3
6.6 Corporate Reputation and Raising Awareness				
Promote the role and function of the Commissioner	Commissioner/ C&P	Ongoing	Identify and support public relations opportunities/activities/events	Awareness raised of the role and work of NICCY
Communicate NICCY's work and priorities	SMT C&P SMT		 Develop a Corporate Communications Plan NICCY Awareness toolkit developed and all staff trained in its use Deliver information sessions to 100 stakeholders by key staff 	Awareness raised of the role and work of NICCY
Outreach Programme/ Regional Development	CE/L&C/C&P		Develop regional programme to include all teams within NICCY	NICCY regional presence is continued and enhanced
Undertake Schools Awareness Programme	C&P		NICCY promotional materials delivered to every Year 8 pupil in NI	



Action	Who	When	Measurement	Outcome
 6.7 Corporate Publications Publish a range of NICCY Publications 6.8 Develop NICCY Online Presence 	C&P		 Publish a range of materials including: Annual Review Xmas Card Corporate Plan Ezine x 2 CRR report and children and young people version Policy Papers x 3 Report on emotional health & wellbeing Develop new Corporate website to ensure it is fit for purpose for the new Corporate Plan Explore social networking as communications tool 	Raise awareness of NICCY and its work Website influences perception of NICCY Awareness raised of the role and work of the Commissioner Communicate with CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE where they are at (Article 7 NICCY Order)
6.9 Review of Office Review and implement recommendations from Deloitte Report 6.10 Ethics Committee Review, maintain and support the work of NICCY Ethics and Shadow Ethics Committees	Commissioner/ CE/HODs RPSR	Ongoing	 Develop and implement Action Plan for carrying out recommendations Meetings x3 per annum for both Committees Training of Committees 	Establish corporate structures that are fit for purpose and ensure the organisation can meet it corporate objectives All NICCY research and review work will be carried out to highest ethical standards



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 6.11 Corporate Functions Provide Corporate Services support for the organisation 	CE		 Review existing NICCY policies and develop new policies as required HR services including recruitment of new staff as required Review Employers of Choice Scheme Finance services including preparation and maintenance of annual and monthly accounts Facilities management including maintaining building and IT infrastructure Staff development and training Coordinate corporate/business planning activity Monitor corporate risk for the organisation and liaise with Audit and Risk Committee 	Ensure organisational structures are fit for purpose to deliver corporate and financial plans.
Corporate Reporting	CE		 Produce 07- 08 Annual Report Produce 09 – 10 Business Plan 	