

Key recommendations of the county-wide review of youth participation

The county-wide review of youth participation in Gloucestershire was established at the request of the chief executives of each district and the county authority.

The initial objective of the review was to focus on the key issues in the 'democratic deficit' of young people to determine how 14-25 year olds might be empowered through effective service delivery.

Recommendations

- Local Authorities (LA's) should work to ensure that young people's participation is integrated into service planning
- That a 'youth proofing' checklist is used by service managers when planning delivery
- That a training programme should accompany the checklist
- That LAs should adopt the ethical guidelines for consulting young people
- Elected representatives should be more in touch with young people
- That LAs should adopt a youth policy/strategy
- That LAs should set up a cross cutting youth projects team
- That appropriate success criteria should be identified.

CBC is addressing these through

- A strategy for young people
- Having a youth council representative on overview and scrutiny
- Having youth spokespeople from each party who work and meet with MAD on a regular basis
- By introducing officers to MAD through presentations at MAD meetings
- Development of a draft youth policy
- Developing training for officer/members who may need to consult with young people based on the ethical guidelines.