

Research priorities of Bradford's children and young people

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Introduction

Aim:

To summarise previously collected insight from children and young people (0 to 25 years) living in Bradford District about their priority areas of focus on the wider determinants of health, and generate sub themes in these areas.

Methods:

- Rapid review of published insight reports.
- Suitable sources were gained by liaising with colleagues across the council involved in youth work and children and young people's health and wellbeing.
- Findings were synthesised thematically, based on the broad themes used in Bradford's current (2023-2025) children and young people's strategy.¹
- 11 evidence sources were included.¹⁻¹¹

Key findings

As shown in Figure 1, THREE emerging priority themes of Bradford's children and young people and associated sub-themes were identified:

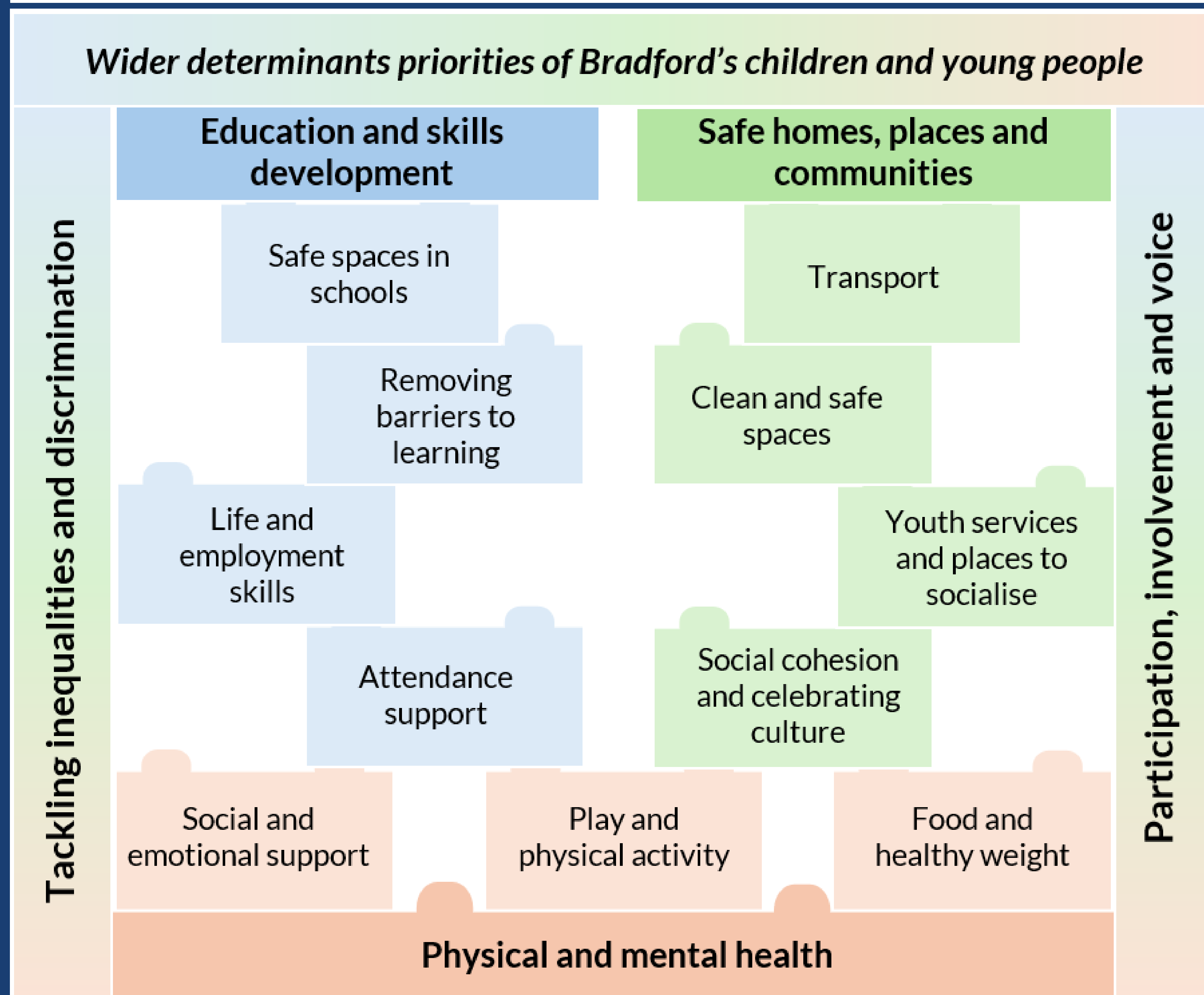
1. Education and skills development
2. Safe homes, places and communities
3. Physical and mental health

These priority areas are underpinned by TWO cross-cutting themes:

- i. Participation, involvement and voice
- ii. Tackling inequalities and discrimination

The priorities are a starting point to inform local action and research on the wider determinants of health. They will help ensure that Bradford's HDRC is supporting research on topics that matter most to local children and young people, and can be used to inform service delivery and planning within the wider council.

Figure 1 - Emerging priorities of Bradford's children and young people around the wider determinants of health



Insight gaps

There is limited evidence about **what success would look like** through the eyes of children and young people and potential **solutions** across the priority areas identified.

There is limited insight from **vulnerable groups** (those not in employment, education or training, asylum seekers, children in care/care leavers, young carers, teenage parents, and the homeless) and children **under the age of 5 years**.

Recommendations

These emerging themes should be **integrated** alongside **other forms of evidence** to shape priority areas for future research and action to address the wider determinants of health in Bradford District via local policy development and service planning.

Further work will likely be required to ensure **sufficient insight** has been gained from seldom heard voices, and to **unpick** these topics in greater depth, for example, working with children and young people to **coproduce solutions** to priority issues and understand what success would look like through their eyes.

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