



# Greater Manchester Police Child Centred Policing Strategy

# The NPCC Child Centred Policing Approach



## BEST PRACTICE FRAMEWORK

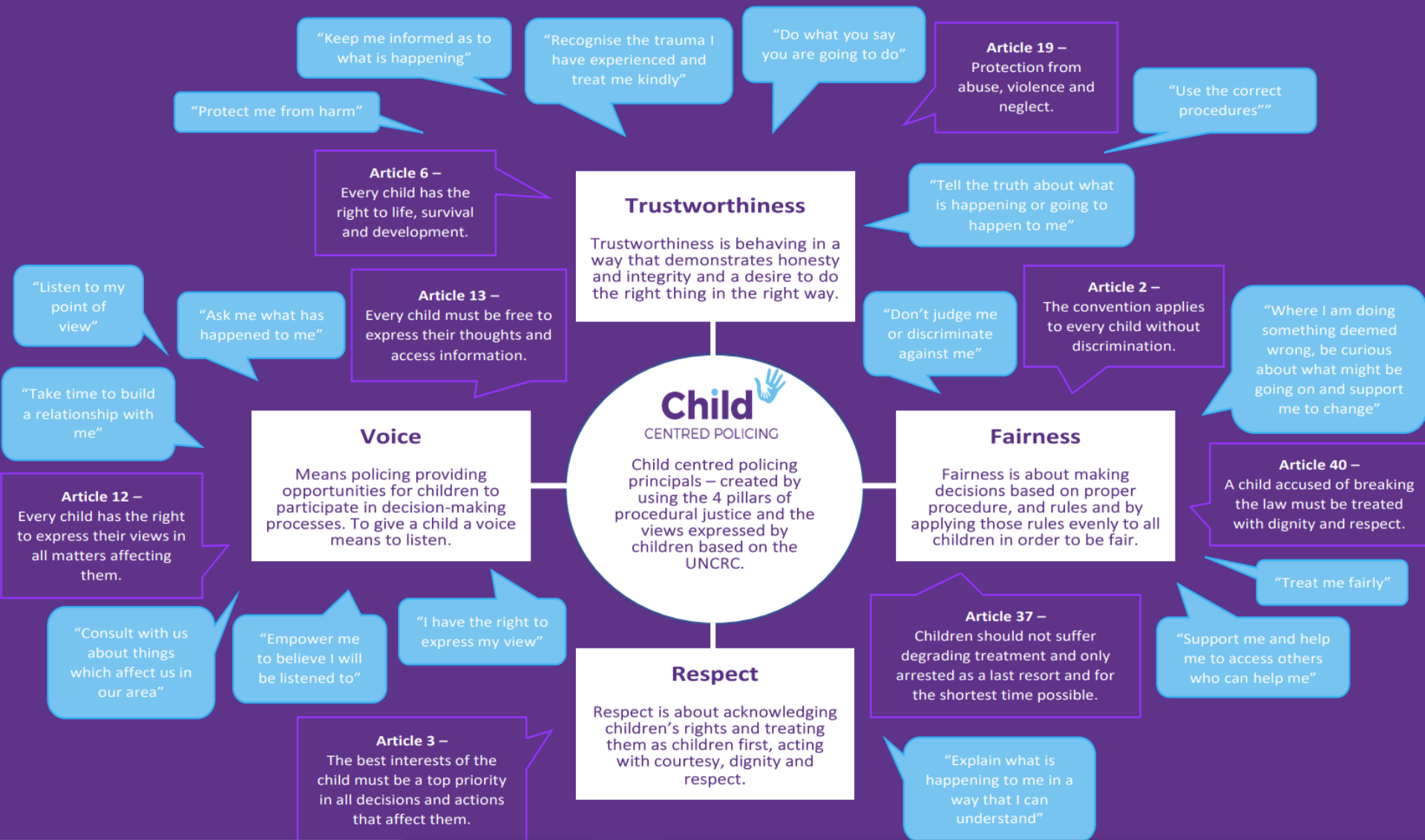
Children and young people feature across all aspects of policing. Many of the specialist capabilities are managed within other portfolios. There is a need to focus the Children and Young Person portfolio on some key areas that will make a positive impact in the lives of children and young people. Using procedural justice theory to underpin every interaction will lead to a greater level of trust and confidence between young people and the police. We have created a framework that forces can use in developing a child centred policing approach.

In 2015, the National Police Chief's Council published the National Strategy for the Policing of Children and Young People, which is supported by a best practice framework and a national action plan.

GMP forms part of the North West Region action plan to ensure that children and young people feature across all aspects of policing.

The following strategy sets out our force approach to using the best practice, learning and guidance from both the NPCC and regional insights, tailored to the bespoke needs of children and young people across Greater Manchester

Child centred policing principals – created by using the 4 pillars of procedural justice and the views expressed by children based on the UNCRC.



# The GMP Vision

*'To be a Beacon of Policing Excellence in all that we do with Children and Young People, keeping them safe within their families and community'.*



# The GMP Priorities



Creating a trusted relationship with all Children and Young People



Putting Children and Young People first in everything we do, listening to and learning from their experiences to inform our behaviours, policies and decision making



Reducing reoffending and improving interventions for Children and Young People



Better identifying, understanding and responding to Children and Young People's vulnerabilities



Creatively work with our communities and partners to better problem solve the issues affecting Children and Young People

**THE GMP CHILD CENTRED POLICING PRIORITIES FOR GREATER MANCHESTER**

# What will success look like?

- ✓ Children and Young People feeling safer in their communities
- ✓ Improved confidence amongst young people in GMP and improved satisfaction in how we deal with Children & YP
- ✓ Better relationships between GMP, Children & YP, carers and those in positions of trust working with children
- ✓ Increased number of Youth Engagement Panels and events
- ✓ Improved communication channels focussed on children and young people
- ✓ All GMP policies and processes reflecting the thoughts, needs and impacts on children and young people
- ✓ Less complaints and increased public satisfaction around GMP interactions and response to children
- ✓ A reduction in Violence against Girls and a better understanding of the physical and sexual risks girls face
- ✓ Less physical harm caused to children and young people across GM
- ✓ Better understanding and support by GMP of emotional harm, mental health and the impact on children
- ✓ More joint agency initiatives and commissioned services specific to children supported by GMP
- ✓ Increased intelligence about issues and individuals posing harm to children
- ✓ Closer engagement between VRU and wider GMP functions and services
- ✓ Quicker, better custody provision for Children & YP
- ✓ Better relationships between GMP and Children Services
- ✓ Less children being criminalised and repeated arrests of children
- ✓ Increased availability and use of non CJ interventions in responding to offending by Children & YP

# Next Steps

- ✓ Engagement with DCS and wider professional community – inc Justice and Rehabilitation Executive
- ✓ Vision Statement to be further developed by working group
- ✓ Wording of agreed 5 Priorities to be confirmed
- ✓ Landscape review to take place of existing and emerging National and Local CYP priorities, performance frameworks and ambitions to mature and define success criteria
- ✓ Draft Plan to be developed (ambition of 1<sup>st</sup> draft for 24<sup>th</sup> June)
- ✓ Mapping out of existing CYP engagement forums, inc GMYCA, Young Person Reference Groups and feedback mechanisms
- ✓ Workshop to be held to develop mechanism for delivery – inc deliverables, enablers, governance and data sets
- ✓ Identify ‘quick wins’ and timeframes for deliverables – inc short, medium and longer term ambitions
- ✓ Secure support from GMP Chief Officer Group, Deputy Mayor and DCS community