# **Unit 2: A Level Health & Social Care**

## 2.2.4 Legislation and Policies for children



#### **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child 1989**

**Aim:** a legally binding international agreement that sets out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of every child regardless of race, religion or ability.

**Principles:** non-discrimination, devotion to the best interest of the child, the right to life, survival and development.

Links to: **Human Rights Act 1989** (equality, fairness, right to life, liberty, freedom from slavery).

**Equality Act 2010** (protection against discrimination on the grounds of race, religion, social/economic background and disability).

### **Policy: Welsh Network of Healthy Schools Schemes**

Encourages schools to actively promote and embed physical, mental and social health by addressing food, fitness, mental and emotional health and well-being, personal relationships, substance abuse, environment, safety and hygiene.

#### **Policy: Healthy Child Wales**

Supporting families in Wales from conception to early school years, this scheme promotes positive parent-child relationships, improves family resilience and emotional health, assists the growth and developmental milestones, supports the transition into school, protects from avoidable childhood diseases and detects physical, metabolic and growth problems early through universal screening.

## The Children Act 1989, 2004

**Aim:** all people and organisations working with children have a responsibility to safeguard and promote their welfare.

**Principles:** children's welfare should be paramount, children are best cared for within their own family, provision for times when families do not co-operate with organisations/authorities.

## **Wales: Building a Brighter Future**

Focus on early years and childcare, narrowing the poverty gap, investing in mental health services for children, continuing to invest in the Flying Start programme, improving outcomes for children living in poverty (housing, health, diet and family routine).

## Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018

**Aim:** assessment, planning and monitoring with early, timely and effective interventions to meet a child or young person's additional learning needs through Individual Development Plans.

**Principles:** provides a framework for supporting children and young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities. Allows children and their parents the right to appeal against decisions made by a local authority.

### **Policy: Flying Start (Wales)**

A scheme for disadvantaged children under 4 years old providing part-time childcare, parenting programmes, enhanced health visiting service and support in helping children talk and communicate.