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- **Being Healthy**
- **Staying Safe**
- **Enjoying and Achieving**
- **Making a positive Contribution**
- **Achieving Economic Wellbeing**

Every Child Matters: Change for Children is a new approach to the well-being of children and young people from birth to age 19. The Government's aim is for every child, whatever their background or their circumstances, to have the support they need to:

- **Be healthy**
- **Stay safe**
- **Enjoy and achieve**
- **Make a positive contribution**
- **Achieve economic well-being**

To achieve this, the Hertfordshire Children's Trust Partnership was set up and includes organisations involved with providing services to children - from hospitals and schools, to police and voluntary groups. They will be teaming up in new ways, sharing information and working together, to protect children and young people from harm and help them achieve what they want in life. Children and young people will have far more say about issues that affect them as individuals and collectively.

Before we explore some key issues relating to young people and their safety it is important to gain an understanding of the concerns young people living in Hertfordshire have. One good source is the Health Related Behaviour

Survey, funded by the Hertfordshire Joint Commissioning Group for Young Peoples Substance Misuse.

The data collected helps inform action plans for joint working between and within organisations involved in improving the health and well-being of young people.


90 Primary Schools and 23 Secondary Schools participated in the survey.

This was a total of 9654 young people across Hertfordshire.

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**How happy are you?**

- 69% of secondary pupils were 'Quite a Lot' or 'a lot' satisfied with their life at the moment.
- 5% of secondary pupils said they had no adult they could really trust.
- 6% of secondary pupils were 'often or 'very often' afraid of going to school because of bullying.
- 5% of primary pupils were 'often or 'very often' afraid of going to school because of bullying.



Many parents have concerns about the welfare of their children in light of stories they hear from family and friends or reports seen on TV and in newspapers.


The Survey asked those completing the questionnaire "How happy are you' and for the majority of those living in Hertfordshire they're just that.... happy!

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**What concerns you?**

- The top three key concerns for primary pupils were:
  - **Standard Assessment Task (SATs)/Tests,**
  - **Family Problems**
  - **Crime**
- The top 4 worries for secondary pupils were:
  - **Exams & Tests,**
  - **Family problems,**
  - **The way they look**
  - **Problems with friends**

The results of the survey show that there are 3 main concerns for Primary pupils. Although Secondary pupils have additional concerns, this may be the result of greater awareness of issues and their ability to articulate their worries more easily.

 *Ask the group if they are surprised with these findings? Where they expecting other concerns to feature?*

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**Where would they receive information from?**

**Primary Pupils:**

**Health Issues**– 62% said they would go to family first, 21% Doctor or other health worker

**Problems between children and parents/carers** – 45% said they would go to friends for information, 30% to family

**Feeling sad or upset a lot of the time** – 46% said they would go to their family, 39% their friends

When asked where they would receive information from, Primary pupils would share their concerns firstly with their parents. Some would also speak to teachers and friends

From the secondary pupils responding, a high percentage of them felt comfortable to approach their family for most problems, and also their friends. They would only tend to speak to someone at school if it was about school-work or helping and volunteering.

Connexions Personal Advisers were only identified as someone they would speak to about careers.

The Internet scored very low percentages as a first place they would go for information.

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### Secondary Pupils:


- **Drugs** – 37% said they would go to their family and 35% to friends. Only 6% said doctor and 4% said internet.
- **Being Bullied** – 50% said they would go to their family for information, 27% said friends and 9% said someone in school.

From the secondary pupils responding a high percentage of them felt comfortable to approach their family for most problems, and also their friends. However, this changes depending on the information they require or concerns they have e.g. sexuality, drugs.

They would only tend to speak to someone at school if it was about school-work or helping and volunteering. Connexions Personal Advisers were only identified as someone they would speak to about careers even though they can provide support and guidance on a range of issues.

The Internet scored very low percentages as a first place they would go for information.

 *Ask the group if they have any concerns with these findings?*

 *Can they think of any problems with young people turning to their friends for information?*