The Partnership Plan

A number of partners in East Sussex contribute to and work towards the aims of this Partnership Plan. Agencies include County, Borough and District Councils, Sussex Police and the NHS. Adult Social Care, Children's Services and Education are all represented.

Traveller Accommodation needs are met

- Repairs requested by residents to be actioned within reasonable and appropriate timescales
- Permanent sites achieve 95% occupancy over the year
- Of that 95% at least 90% income for pitches achieved
- Keep statistics on the need for permanent pitches
- Maintain a fair allocations policy for permanent pitches
- Improve effective communication that will lead to monitoring and addressing issues raised by travellers

Unauthorised Encampments are managed in a fair and effective way across East Sussex

- Reduce the community impact of Unauthorised Encampments
- Achieve a balance between the needs of the settled community and those forming the reported Unauthorised Encampments
- Manage the needs and potential issues of the encampment through effective partnership work

Continue to plan positively to identify and meet Gypsy Traveller Pitch Provision within East Sussex

- All district and borough councils to be aware of Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs in their area
- All district and borough councils aim to meet the Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs in their area
- All district and borough councils to identify potential sites to meet Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs in their area
- Assess need and consider options for Gypsy and Traveller transit provision

To ensure Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) pupils access education and close the gap regarding academic attainment with their East Sussex peers

- Children of school age in transit, passing through the county during term time are monitored in East Sussex
- Effective communication between GRT families and Education Services
- To monitor the education attainment and attendance of GRT pupils across East Sussex
- Understand the views, concerns and issues raised by the GRT community regarding their children's education

Keeping children safe

- All Traveller Team staff to be aware of their child protection responsibilities
- Effect a decrease in the % of Traveller children receiving a level 4 service or LAC admission from East Sussex Children's Social Care so that the % becomes proportionate to the % of Traveller children within East Sussex

Keeping Adults Safe

- Increase Traveller Team awareness of the signs of adult abuse and adhere to the Team's safeguarding protocol
- Increase Traveller Community awareness of adult safeguarding issues

Improving health and wellbeing for individual travellers & for the travelling community and reduce health inequalities

- Ensure all visitors to Bridies Tan Transit site have access to a General Practitioner
- Ensure health Visitors are aware of all children under 5 that reside on Bridies Tan Transit Site
- Ensure all site residents have access to health care