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How the Cabinet Office is supporting vulnerable young people

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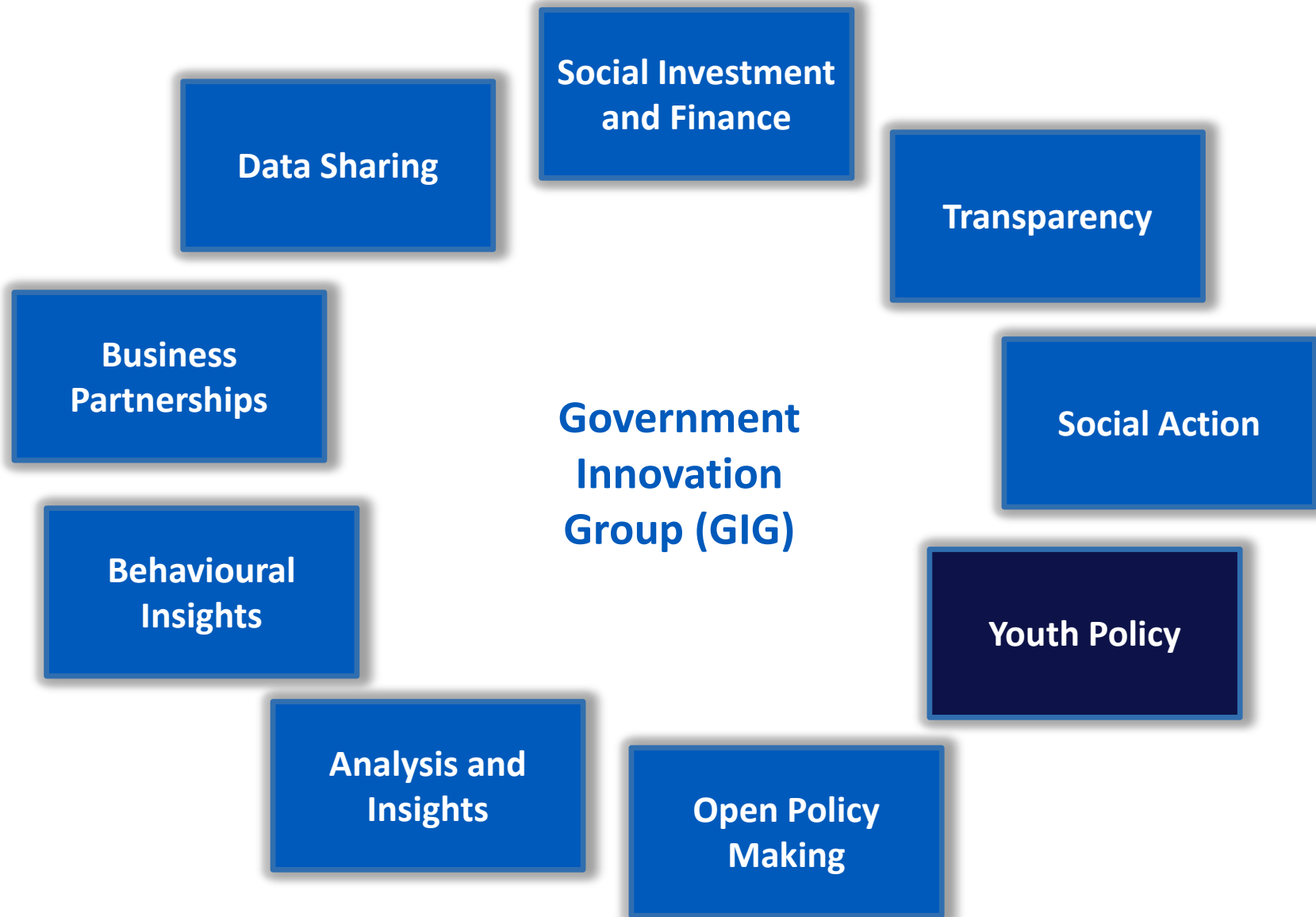
The Cabinet Office Youth Policy team works across a number of themes...

Youth Voice

Skills for life and work

Local innovation

**Vulnerable young
people**





Together, the Youth Policy Team and GIG manage various initiatives to support vulnerable young people

- **A large number of government departments and agencies maintain their own responsibilities for supporting vulnerable young people. However, there are several areas where our work contributes:**
 1. Supporting vulnerable young people to access National Citizen Service (NCS)
 2. Using social action as a way to engage vulnerable young people
 3. Supporting the voluntary sector to become more sustainable
 4. Support for initiatives working with vulnerable young people



1. Supporting vulnerable young people to access National Citizen Service (NCS)

- NCS¹ is the government's flagship personal and social development programme for young people
- This year around **65,000 16-17 years olds** from England and Northern Ireland will participate
- Pilot to take place in Wales from Autumn 2014
- Managed on a day-to-day basis by NCS Trust, a not for profit organisation funded by the Cabinet Office
- NCS providers incentivised to secure **wide social mix** of participants – minimum numbers on free school meals; £50 registration fee often waived
- **Evidence of improved behaviour** including antisocial/violent behaviour as a result of the programme
- We are keen to engage MoJ, Youth Justice Board, Troubled Families programme and others about making NCS a **referral option for young offenders and young members of troubled families where appropriate**



2. Using social action as way to engage vulnerable young people

- Social action is about people giving their time, skills or resources to help others or their community
- We believe social action **benefits both the community and young people** themselves, including some of the most vulnerable young people
- We launched the **£3m Vulnerable and Disengaged Young People fund²** to support young people through social action projects across three groups: young people in care, young offenders, and other groups of vulnerable and disengaged young people. 26 successful organisations have been selected



3. Supporting the voluntary sector to become more sustainable

- Charity Commission statistics³ show that total income of the charity sector rose by £2.9bn in 2013 compared to the previous year, to **£61.4bn**
- Individual giving is back up to where it was a few years ago, and the UK was ranked the **sixth most charitable nation** in the 2013 World Giving Index, with 74% of people giving money regularly to charity
- However, there is strong competition between voluntary and community sector organisations for **limited sources of funding**, and we want to do more to boost the sector and help it become more sustainable



3. Supporting the voluntary sector to become more sustainable

- We are developing the **capacity** of the voluntary sector
 - We have put in place the Social Value Act, a Commissioning Academy, and commercial master-classes for the voluntary sector, as well as a £10m fund to help promising social enterprises become investment ready⁴
 - We have invested almost £140m in three funds to support voluntary sector build the capacity to become sustainable, including a new £40m fund currently in consultation⁵
- We are helping the voluntary youth sector to demonstrate its impact through developing guidance on **what works** and how to use outcomes frameworks
- We are promoting **social investment** in the youth sector. The Youth Engagement Fund and Fair Chance Fund⁶ (together worth **£30m**) will make funding available to voluntary and community sector organisations through ‘social impact bonds’ to help improve the prospects for up to 20,000 vulnerable 14-24 year olds



4. Support for initiatives working with vulnerable young people

- We have invested £0.8m in the **Evening Standard Dispossessed Fund**⁷ (matched by £0.2m of endowment funding) to support vulnerable young Londoners, including those affected by gangs:
 - 11 recipients selected so far
 - Next phase will see support for networks of charities in three local areas
 - Further £50,000 (plus £106,000 from Lloyds banking Group) towards 10 young people from vulnerable or gang related backgrounds to help them set up social enterprises in their communities
- We manage a cross-government grant to **Kids Company** on behalf of DfE, DCLG, DWP and DH
- We are managing a £0.5m Treasury grant to **Fight for Peace**, a martial arts and education charity, to expand their Newham training centre



**We welcome new ideas and feedback to
strengthen our work – feel free to get in touch**

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1. **National Citizen Service (NCS):** <http://www.ncsyes.co.uk>
2. **Vulnerable and Disengaged Young People fund:**
<http://www.sibgroup.org.uk/youth/>
3. **Charity Commission statistics:**
<http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/about-charities/sector-facts-and-figures/>
4. **£10m fund to help promising social enterprises become investment ready:** <http://www.sibgroup.org.uk/beinvestmentready/>
5. **New £40m fund:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/new-fund-to-help-vcse-organisations-become-more-sustainable>
6. **Youth Engagement Fund and Fair Chance Fund:**
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/30-million-boost-to-improve-the-lives-of-britains-most-vulnerable-young-people>
7. **Evening Standard Dispossessed Fund:**
<http://dispossessedfund.communityfoundations.org.uk/>