

# 1. Youth Policy Governance

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Responsibility for youth policy is distributed across various government departments, including Education and Health. The Office for Civil Society within the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport does, however, have specific responsibility for supporting youth policy, as well as for the National Citizen Service (see [Youth Volunteering at National Level](#)). As a result, the particular focus of youth policy is on out-of-school activities, including social action and volunteering.

The Government has pursued a policy of decentralisation/localism resulting in increased powers at local level. As a result, decisions about the provision of services and activities for young people are determined at a local, rather than a national, level. This introduces flexibility to make provision according to local need, but also means that no national standard for such services for young people is specified.