

## Recovery: Vulnerable children and young people need to feature more overtly strategically and operationally: from the national plan through to key domestic departments

VCYP are facing significant challenges: prolonged lockdown and wider social impacts risks increasing the volume and complexity of need for these groups. Our recovery strategy goes beyond the phased reopening of schools - restoring system health and ensuring VCYP do not fall further behind their peers in their education, development, health and wellbeing.



The BBC Children in Need appeal gives insight into how CYP feel about life in Covid-19 and the challenges and risks they are facing

Success is reliant on having a strong **strategic commitment** from government and OGDs to prioritise VCYP in recovery plans

**Some positive opportunities:**  
"We can change how we do things"

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ASK 1

**National Government Recovery plan to increase emphasis on VC&YP & their families**

**CYP not getting support:**  
"Don't forget about those waiting for months for support"

**The future:**  
"What are the skills of the future?"

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ASK 2

**Other home department recovery to focus on children and families i.e. NHS Re-start - making restoring children's health services as much a priority as elective surgery**

**Mental health and emotional wellbeing:**  
"It can be difficult to stay positive"

**Finding and accessing appropriate resources:**  
"All the information about the pandemic is difficult for children"

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ASK 3

**Government to communicate directly with vulnerable children and young people**

**Finding balance:**  
"Digital is good but it is not the only thing"