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Also for young people:

- Boredom/more or better leisure or sport facilities (6%)
- Family issues/connections (5%)
- Environment (5%)
- Being accepted (4%)
- Employment (4%)

Adults also identified the following issues as being of concern to young people:

- Alcohol (11%)
- Boredom/more or better leisure or sport facilities (9%)
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- Equality (16%)
- Violence & Crime (15%)
- Increasing population/over development (14%)
- Bullying (14%)

Adults also identified the following issues as being of concern to young people in SC Shire:

- Boredom/more or better leisure or sport facilities (26%)
- Alcohol and Drugs (20%)
- Equality (12%)



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- Physical health (72%)
- Mental health (70%)
- School satisfaction (65%)

Adults think that the following  
are also important for young  
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- Mental health (80%)
- School satisfaction (77%)
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## Key Actions for 2017/18:

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2. Support employment opportunities
3. Advocate for improved transport
4. Develop youth spaces
5. Encourage inclusion in events
6. Encourage youth volunteerism