

Big Parenting Survey Findings 2018

The Big Parenting Survey is the first of it's kind study in Northern Ireland, asking parents about their hopes for their children, their fears and concerns, their views on society and more. The findings give an insight into the realities of modern parenting in Northern Ireland.



82%

of parents do not feel that they get enough support.



66%

of parents feel that society does not want the same thing for their children as they do.



42%

of parents do not think their children can achieve their hopes in Northern Ireland.



66%

of parents are more worried than hopeful about the future.



parents across Northern Ireland took part in the survey.





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Parents told us they were worried about...



Mental Health issues - both parental and children &

young people



Technology, Social Media and **Cyberbullying**



Societal issues peer pressure and bullying



Money. **Childcare** costs and other financial issues



Political instability -Brexit, lack of executive and opportunities

Despite the challenges and concerns, parents spoke about how much love and joy parenting brings them. Parents expressed that parenthood was rewarding and were fiercely proud of the successes they had in raising their children.

The range of responses showed that parenting is unique in every family. There is no "one-size fits all" approach to supporting parents and children. Parenting NI will continue to strive to ensure parents get the support they need and advocate on behalf of parents, championing their views.

Further information and the full report available online.

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