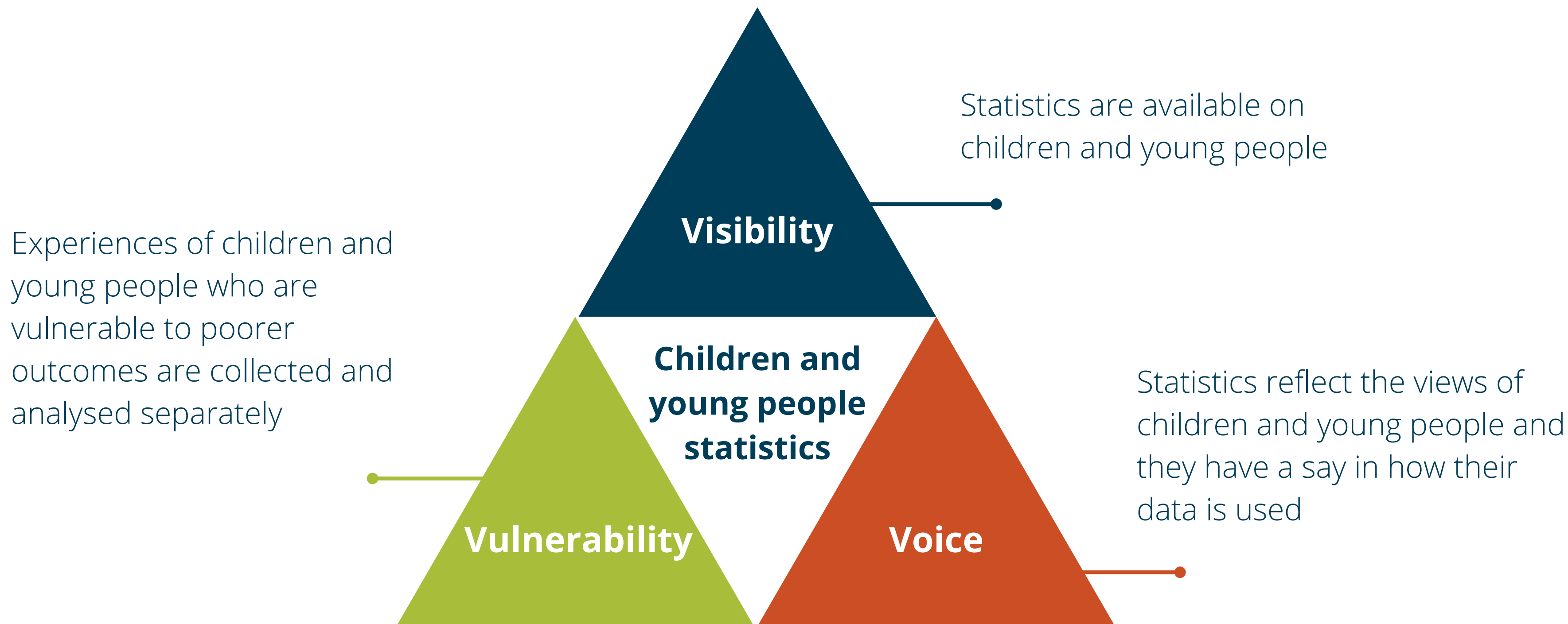


Visibility, Vulnerability and Voice

The importance of including children and young people
in official statistics

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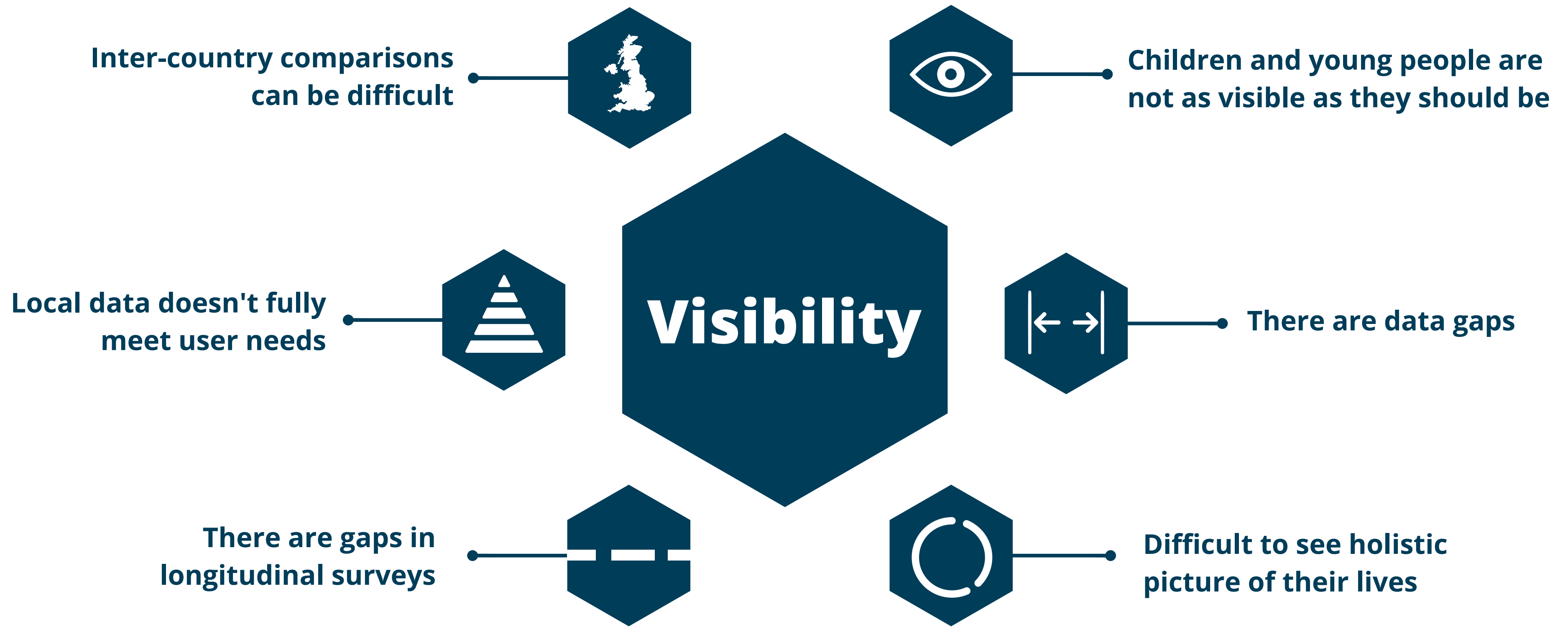
The 3Vs framework

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Visibility

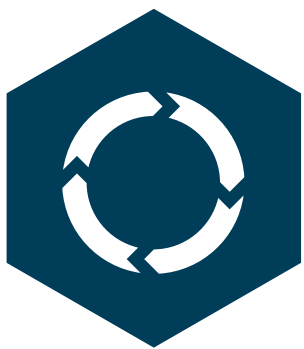
Official statistics producers should:



- Aim to include children under the age of 16 in their data collections
- Provide separate analyses of children and young people



- Monitor the topics of relevance to children and young people
- Ensure that relevant data are made available



- Work together to develop a more systematic approach to enable a holistic picture of children and young people's lives



- Consider what statistics can be collected and published on very young children and babies



- Consider what data are needed at a local level to support local decision making
- Support comparisons between local areas to understand the impact of interventions



- Consider a wider range of cross-UK and international studies to enable greater comparisons between countries

Our view on improvements

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Vulnerability

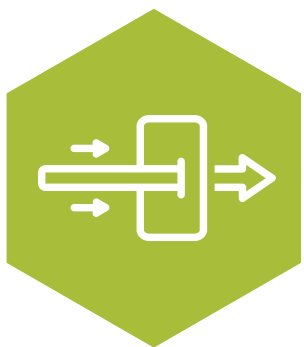
Official statistics producers should:



- Include groups of children who may be vulnerable to poorer outcomes in their data collections
- Provide separate analysis wherever possible



- Learn from others on how data on vulnerable children can be collected
- Consider those who do not live in households or attend mainstream school



- Work towards collecting data beyond metrics on contacts with support services



- Improve data collection, sharing and linking to enable a holistic view of the lives of vulnerable children and young people



- Consider how to maximise the value of data on vulnerable children whilst protecting those children

Our view on improvements

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We found that:

Children and young people
are not consistently given
a voice through official
statistics



There can be a reliance
on proxy responses



Voice

A greater understanding is
needed of their views on
how their data is used



Children and young
people's data needs are
often not considered



Our findings

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Voice

Official statistics producers should:



- Seek the views of children and young people themselves rather than relying on proxies from adults



- Involve children and young people in the development of statistics for and about them



- Consider, and respond to, the data needs of children and young people



- Ensure children and young people have a voice around how their data are used in official statistics and in research using the data underpinning them

Our view on improvements

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