

Children and Families Service Plan 2008/12



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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One Darlington : Perfectly Placed, through:- ❖ Prosperous Darlington ❖ Aspiring Darlington ❖ Healthy Darlington ❖ Greener Darlington ❖ Safer Darlington 	PERFORMANCE MEASURES	Average Earnings Numbers out of work (priority wards) Overall Employment Inequality gap: Level 2 - qualifications by age 19 Achievement gap: Key Stages 2 and 4	Pupils with 5 or more GCSEs at Grades A* - C (including English and Maths) Healthy life expectancy at age 65 All age, all causes mortality rate Under 18 conception rate Per capita CO ₂ emissions	Climate Change action level achieved Household waste recycled and composted Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders Repeat incidents of domestic violence Perceptions of anti-social behaviour
CORPORATE OBJECTIVES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'A Leading Edge authority', through:- ❖ Shaping a better Darlington ❖ Providing excellent services ❖ Putting the customer first ❖ Ensuring access for all ❖ Enhancing our capacity to improve 	PERFORMANCE MEASURES	Residents' satisfaction Employee satisfaction of the Council as a place to work Direction of travel (improving strongly) Equality Standard for Local Government	Key areas of performance ❖ Waste: Household waste recycled & composted ❖ Development control: Processing planning applications (other) within 8 weeks PDRs undertaken Average number of days sick	CPA score ❖ Children's Services 3 ❖ Social Care - Adults 3 ❖ Environment 3 ❖ Benefits 4 ❖ Use of Resources 3 ❖ Housing 3 ❖ Culture 3
DEPARTMENTAL OBJECTIVES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'A Leading Edge authority', through:- ❖ Be Healthy – Enjoying good physical mental health and living a healthy lifestyle ❖ Stay Safe – Being protected from harm and neglect ❖ Enjoy and Achieve – Getting the most out of life and developing the skills for adulthood ❖ Make a Positive Contribution – Being involved with the community and society and not engaging in anti social behaviour ❖ Achieve Economic Well-Being – Not being prevented by economic disadvantage from achieving their full potential in life ❖ Planning Effectively - Co-ordinating and managing the delivery of services and resources, ensuring that they are of high quality, represent value for money and are responsive to the needs of children, young people and their families 	PERFORMANCE MEASURES	Pupils with 5 or more GCSE's at grades A* - C including Maths and English Pupils leaving with no GCSEs Key Stage 3 Pupils Level 5 or above in both English and Maths Key Stage 2 Pupils Level 4 or above in both English and Maths Secondary half days missed due to unauthorised absences Primary half days missed due to unauthorised absences	Permanent exclusions 0.13% Achievement gap between FSM pupils and their peers: at Key Stage 4 33% SEN/Non SEN gap achieving 5 A* - C GCSEs 48.4% 16-18 year olds not in Education, training or employment 6.4% Stability of placements for Looked After Children 55%	Children becoming subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second time 7% First time entrants to the Youth Justice System 254 Young people's participation in positive activities New Use of Public Libraries New Schools participating in National Healthy Schools Standards 100%
SERVICE OBJECTIVES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'A Leading Edge authority', through:- ❖ Ensure that children and young people are cared for appropriately and helped to live safely within their own communities ❖ Through partnership and collaborate working, improve prevention services in order to improve life chance for children and young people ❖ Improve the health, educational attainment, stability of placements and reduce offending rates of all Looked After Children and young people ❖ To ensure families, young people and children are empowered to participate in individual and service planning 	PERFORMANCE MEASURES	Initial assessments for children's social care carried out within 7 working days of referral 65% Core assessments for children's social care that were carried out within 35 working days of their commencement 88% Stability of looked after children adopted following an agency decision that the child should be placed for adoption 98%	Stability of placements of looked after children: number of moves 12% Stability of placements of looked after children: length of placement 55% Child protection cases which were reviewed within required timescales 100% Special Educational Needs – statements issued within 26 weeks 96%	The Special Educational Needs SEN/non-SEN gap – achieving 5 A*-C GCSE inc. English and Maths 48.4% First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10 – 17 254 Care leavers in Employment Education or training 0.75
SERVICE ACTIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Audit referral/initial assessment process to ensure compliance with legislation and procedure ❖ DSCB Audit of Child Protection system and processes, to ensure compliance ❖ Audit placement moves of CLA and analyse the reason and trends for such moves 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Produce action plan to develop intensive support and parenting services ❖ Develop multi-agency strategy for children and young people with additional needs ❖ Review the social work service delivery to ensure it is aligned with the locality model of provision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Implement foster care training programme in line with new competences ❖ Develop Children in Care Council 	

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