



DARLINGTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Strategic (Single) Needs Assessment Refresh 2013

Background

- New powers and duties under the Health and Social Care Act 2012
- Requirement to publish JSNA and JHWS
- Decision to refresh SNA in 2013
- Develop and publish new SNA for 2013-14
- Continuous on-going development through a series of 'products'



Issues for partners

- Operating in a climate of reduced public sector funding and increasing and changing demand
- Need to understand conditions and issues
- Need to focus on key actions
- Direct resources to our strategic priorities
- Need to continue to innovate to address issues



Darlington at a glance



Population

Darlington's population:

- Growing - 105,564 (up 7.9%)
- Getting older - 18,570 over 65s (17.5%)
- More carers 10.5% of the population (11,033)
- Living longer but life expectancy remains less than England



Life Expectancy and Disease

- Premature mortality rates (<75) for the 'biggest killers' (heart disease, cancer, stroke) are higher than England.
- CVD and cancer account for around 65% of early or premature deaths.
- Smoking remains the biggest single contributor to the shorter life expectancy locally



Overview of Key Factors

Alcohol/Substance
Misuse/Smoking

Learning Disability/Autism

Dementia

Business and Economy

Teenage Conceptions

Welfare Reform/Poverty

Obesity

Crime and Community Safety

Education and Skills

Vulnerable People

Child Protection



The Headlines

- **Alcohol and Substance Misuse**

- more people in Darlington 'binge drink' 29% against the national figure of 20%
- In 2011, 693 crimes were attributable to alcohol misuse of which 498 were violent.
- Alcohol related hospital admissions reduced for the first time from 2,417 to 2,336
- Fewer young people have drunk alcohol
- Fewer young people take drugs



The Headlines

Dementia

- main cause of mental health admissions among older people
- prevalence is predicted to rise to 7.5% by 2020
- Learning disabled people living longer
- It is estimated nationally that 25.6% of people with Down's Syndrome aged over 60 will suffer dementia.



Key factors

Teenage conception

- Conception rates are falling
- Strong relationship between conception and deprivation
- In Darlington only 33% of teenage mothers are in education, employment or training
- Contraception advice in FE colleges

Obesity

- 27.6% of the adult population are obese, up 5%
- Breastfeeding is a major contributor to good health and rates have fallen in 2012/13



The Headlines

Education and Skills

- All schools are improving attainment across all age groups and narrowing the attainment gap between vulnerable groups continues.
- Darlington has one of the highest rates of Academy schools in the country with 28; and 11 Local Authority maintained schools.
- **schools@onedarlington** is a strong partnership providing mutual support and agreed spending priorities to continue improvements for all schools in the borough.



The Headlines

Child Protection:

- Fewer children subject to Child Protection Plans.
- Risk factors associated with Child Protection have changed:
 - 77% neglect
 - 12% emotional abuse
 - 10% physical abuse
 - 2% sexual abuse

Child poverty:

- Currently 20.6% - a reduction of 0.6% on 2009



The Headlines

Learning Disability and Autism

- Learning Disabled Adults risen from 377[2007] to 544 [2012]
- 370 school-aged children have Special Educational Needs
- People with a learning disability are 58% more likely to die prematurely (<50)
- 1.1% of the population may have autism

Mental Health

- Social and health inequalities can result in and be caused by mental ill health.



The Headlines

Business and Economy

- Darlington's economy continues to be driven by Service Sector
- JSA claimant rates fallen to 4.9%
- 10.8% of claimants are aged 18-24
- Significant investment despite difficult economic climate



The Headlines

Welfare Reform/Fuel Poverty

- 9,582 households in the borough suffer fuel poverty (20.5% of all households)
- Over 1/3 of fuel poverty occurs in the most deprived wards or 3,203 households
- Disabled people are most severely affected by Welfare Reform (19.6% of the population)
- 988 tenants are affected by under occupation in social rented sector



The Headlines

Crime and Community Safety

- Overall Darlington is a safe place
- Crime figures continue to fall, minus 15.5%
- 1,298 fewer crimes reported
- Anti Social Behaviour continues to fall
 - 38% fewer incidents recorded (-3,105)
- Alcohol related ASB fell to 799 (-42%)
- Incidents of domestic abuse are 1.4% of all incidents
- Repeat incidents increased from 2012 (9.1%) to 16.7%
- Residents' satisfaction up 7%



Vulnerable People

The following groups have been identified as vulnerable in their outcomes for health and wellbeing:

- Frail elderly people
- People with Autism
- Migrants
- Homeless People
- Young People (mental health)
- Carers including young carers
- Veterans
- BME including Gypsy Travellers
- Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender (LGBT)
- People with physical disability and sensory impairment



Next Steps

- Identification of gaps in the SNA e.g. vulnerable groups
- October/November – update on review of SNA
- Continuous on-going development

