

CUL 008a

Indicator Name

Percentage of the adult population physically inactive (doing less than 30 minutes moderate activity per week)

Theme or Portfolio

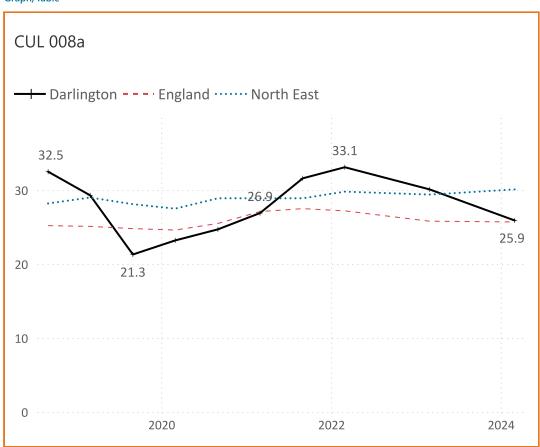
Priority or Key Action

Narrative

The 2022-23 Active Lives survey results show that there has been a 14% reduction in physical inactivity (30.1% 2022/23 to 25.9% 23/24). This is a positive trend and below the North East average of 30.1% and in line with the England average of 25.7%.

The adult projects organised and ran by the council from the Eastbourne Sports Complex Move More Programme, Haughton Matters, The Sheltered Housing Activity project and numerous new community out reach sessions attracted over 10,000 visits in the year. They deliver activities from Walking, Inclusive Activities, Nordic Walking, Walking Football, Weight Goals and various other activities.

A new 5 year Physical Activity Strategy is in development and scheduled to go to Cabinet this year. It outlines how the council in partnership with other organisations can develop, organise and promote new projects to encourage adult participation in physical activity, therefore continue the downward trend of adult physical inactivity.





CUL 009a

Indicator Name

Percentage of the adult population physically active (doing 150 minutes moderate activity per week)

Theme or Portfolio

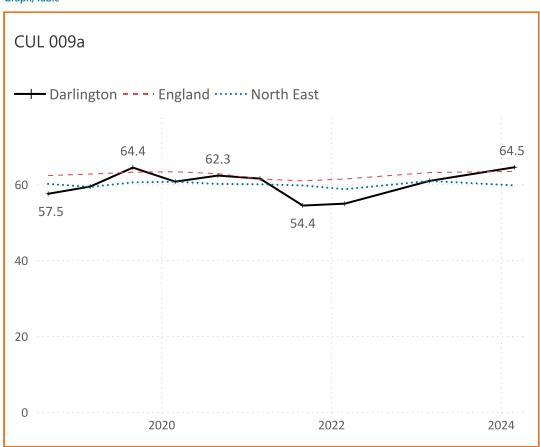
Priority or Key Action

Narrative

The 2022-23 Active Lives survey results show that there has been a 5.9% increase in adults being physically active in Darlington (60.9% 2022/23 to 64.5% 23/24). This is a positive trend and above the North East average of 59.7% and in line with the England average of 63.4%.

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CUL 010a

Indicator Name

Percentage of the adult population taking part in sport and physical activity at least twice in the last month

Theme or Portfolio

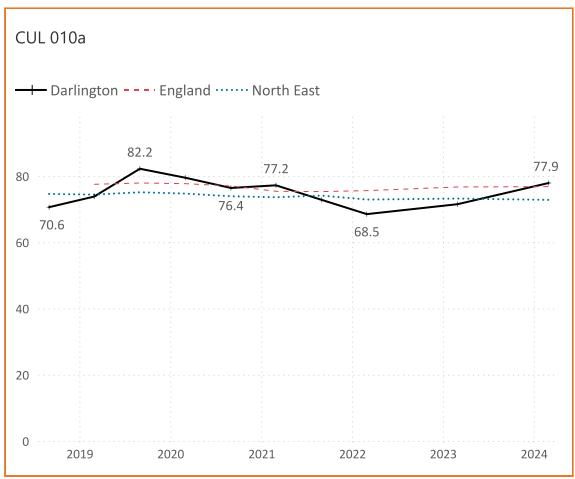
Priority or Key Action

Narrative

The 2022-23 Active Lives survey results from November show there has been an 8.9% increase in adults taking part in sport and physical activity at least twice a month in Darlington (71.5% 2022/23 to 77.9% 23/24). This is a positive trend with Darlington now being above both the North East average of 72.8% and the England average of 76.8%.

The Move More team delivered numerous new community outreach sessions throughout the year, attracting over 10,000 visits, which targeted hard to reach groups and communities.

A new 5-year Physical Activity Strategy is in development and scheduled to go to Cabinet this year. It outlines how the council in partnership with other organisations can develop, organise, and promote new projects to encourage adult participation in physical activity, therefore continue the upward trend of adult physical activity.





CUL 030b

Indicator Name

Total number of visits to the Dolphin Centre (quarterly)

Theme or Portfolio

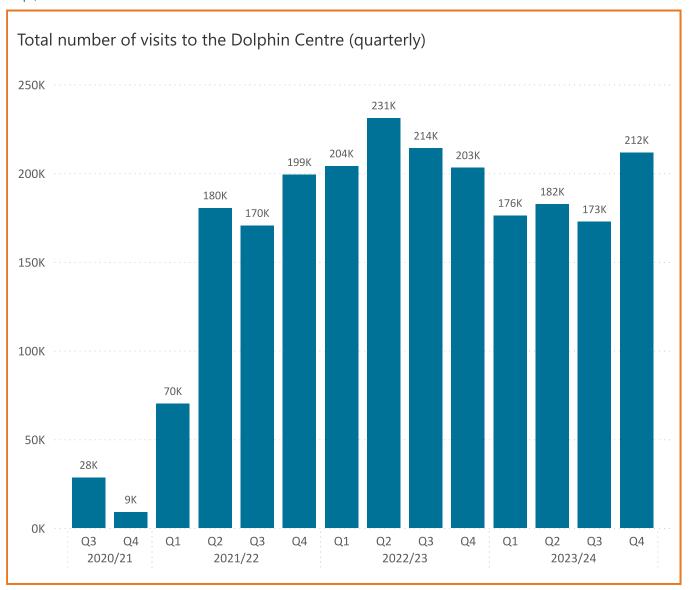
Health and Housing Portfolio

Priority or Key Action

Review the vacant space within the Dolphin Centre to improve the leisure offer and so maximise income

Narrative

Visits to the Dolphin Centre were up in Quarter 4 compared to the same quarter in 22-23, demonstrating the impact on footfall with the reopening of the main pool in January 24. Income levels are also reporting a rise with February half term celebrating the highest ever performance levels. Memberships have also hit the highest level in the history of the Dolphin Centre with a clear rise directly after opening the main pool.





CUL 063

Indicator Name

Number of school pupils participating in the sports development programme

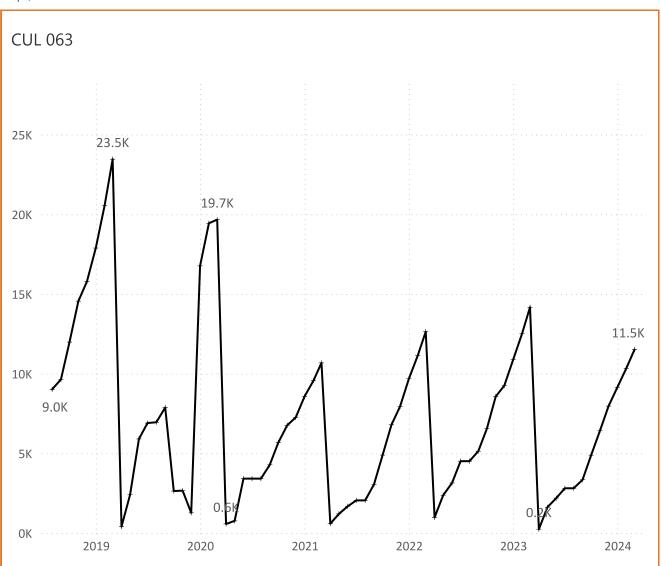
Theme or Portfolio

Priority or Key Action

Narrative

The end of March figures are slightly lower in 2024 than March 2023. However, there will be a full School Games programme scheduled in 24/25 now that the Eastbourne Sports Complex is fully re-opened following the investment project in the facilities.

The Primary/Secondary Athletics, multiple Quadkids, Change 4 Life, Community Games and Multi Skill Festivals are all scheduled to take place from May onwards and this will significantly increase the figures this year.





CUL 064

Indicator Name

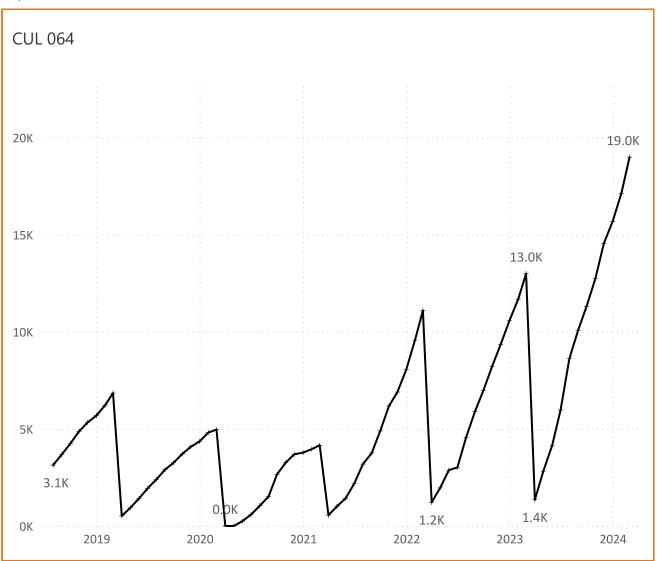
Number of individuals participating in the community sports development programme

Theme or Portfolio

Priority or Key Action

Narrative

The figures are showing an upward trend this year following the growth in various Move More projects and activities. These include the Holiday Activity Project, Eastbourne Sports Complex Move More Programme, Haughton Matters, The Sheltered Housing Activity project and numerous new community out reach sessions that the team deliver from Walking, Inclusive Activities, Nordic Walking, Walking Football, Weight Goals and various other activities.





HBS 013

Indicator Name

Rent arrears of current tenants in the financial year as a percentage of rent debit

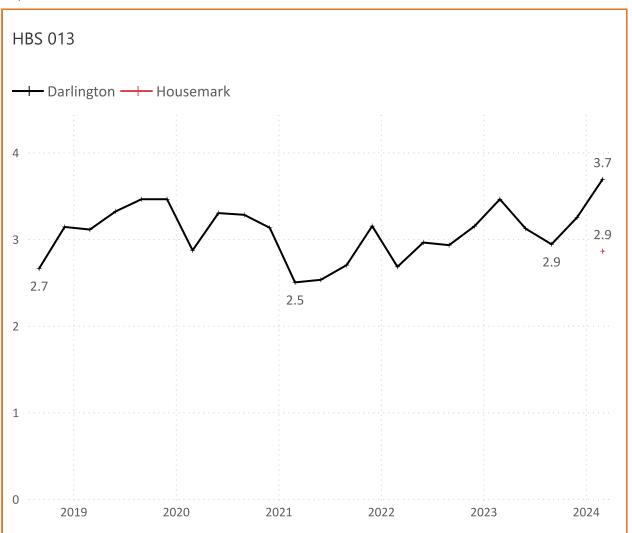
Theme or Portfolio

Priority or Key Action

Narrative

The team collected £27.9m throughout 2023-24. However, rent arrears levels in Q4 did not quite meet target of 3.4% with arrears at 3.69% of the annual debit. Collection rates were affected by bank holidays and delayed payments hitting accounts. Had direct debits and payments hit accounts appropriately the level would have been 3.1% and would have met the target.

The team continue to collect with care, offering guidance, help and support to customers, assisting with benefit claims and budgeting skills at the beginning of a tenancy and throughout and only taking enforcement and court action when all other avenues have been exhausted.





HBS 016

Indicator Name

Rent collected as a proportion of rents owed on HRA dwellings

Theme or Portfolio

Health and Housing Portfolio

Priority or Key Action

Maximise rental and service charge income from council tenants to ensure we are able to provide them with a comprehensive range of good quality housing management and support services

Narrative

Collection rates have slightly decreased in Q4 2023/24 to 95.9%, this was affected by a double bank holiday and delayed payments hitting accounts.

Over 2040 Council tenants are now in receipt of some element of Universal Credit and have the 5 week wait prior to first payments being received, however average arrears for UC customers remains around 5 weeks average rent.

Managed Migration to UC is due to commence in Darlington from spring/summer 2024 and collection rates are expected to be affected as tenants await their payments and move from weekly to monthly payments. The team are planning some joint events with the DWP to support and guide tenants through the period of migration.

Graph/Table

Rent collected as a proportion of rents owed on HRA dwe...

Year	Quarter	Value
2022/23		
	Q1	96.2%
	Q2	97.3%
	Q3	96.4%
	Q4	95.9%
2023/24		
	Q1	98.1%
	Q2	98.8%
	Q3	97.2%
	Q4	96.0%



HBS 025

Indicator Name

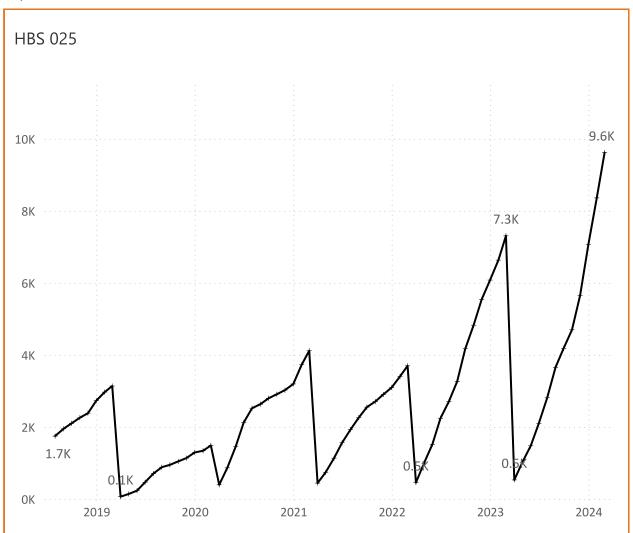
Number of days spent in "Bed and Breakfast"

Theme or Portfolio

Priority or Key Action

Narrative

The number of nights spent in bed and breakfast accommodation was 7,308 in 22/23 and has increased to 9,616 in 23/24 which is a 31.6% increase. The average length of stay per household has increased by 1.3 days in 23/24 to 19.8 nights per household, compared to 18.5 nights for 22/23. It is the council's statutory function to provide temporary accommodation under the Homeless legislation. The days spent in temporary accommodation has increased due to difficulties moving people on to permanent accommodation. Waiting lists for social rented accommodation have increased and access to the private rented market has become more difficult and expensive. More people are presenting who meet the priority need category due to their vulnerabilities. The number of households placed has increased by 31.1%, 395 in 22/23 to 518 in 23/24.





HBS 027i

Indicator Name

Number of positive outcomes where homelessness has been prevented

Theme or Portfolio

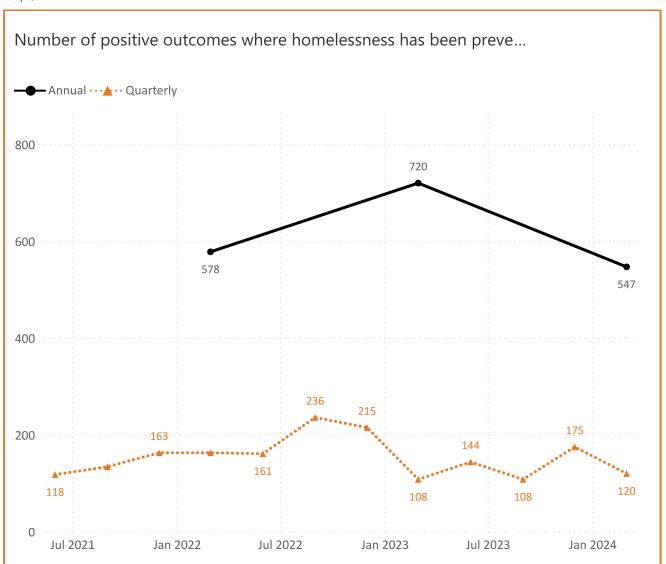
Health and Housing Portfolio

Priority or Key Action

Review the Darlington Preventing Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy

Narrative

There has been a decrease of 446 (24.2%) in the number of presentations to the Housing Options Service, from 1,842 in 22/23 to 1,396 in 23/24. The percentage of positive outcomes remained at 39% for the second year, with the number of positive outcomes decreasing from 720 in 22/23 to 547 in 23/24. There have been changes in the housing market, less private rented accommodation is available and the demands on the social housing waiting lists has increased.





HBS 034

Indicator Name

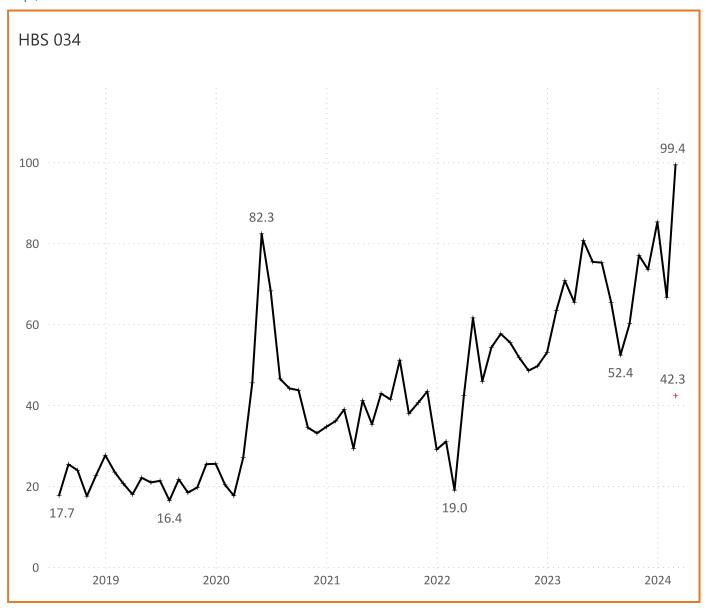
Average number of days to re-let dwellings

Theme or Portfolio

Priority or Key Action

Narrative

The average re-let time in March has increased from February 2024. Whilst the introduction of the new allocation system Darlington Homesearch assisted with Officers being able to re-let, the timescales for completing repairs before letting has continued to increase. This is due to difficulties in recruiting qualified tradespeople in Housing Repairs. A program of recruitment is ongoing within that team.





HBS 072

Indicator Name

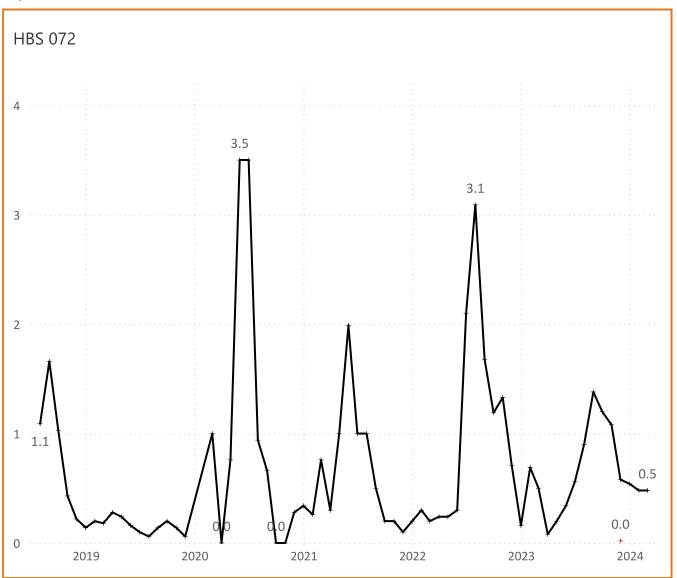
Percentage of dwellings not with a gas service within 12 months of last service date

Theme or Portfolio

Priority or Key Action

Narrative

The percentage of dwellings without a gas service within 12 months of last service date was 0.5% in Quarter 4. All Council properties due a gas service in 2023-24 were completed so we have met our statutory obligations and performance in Q4 was well within the 1% target. This result shows the priority given to ensuring the health and safety of Council tenants within their homes.





PBH 009

Indicator Name

Percentage of live births (with a gestational age of at least 37 weeks) which have a low birth weight

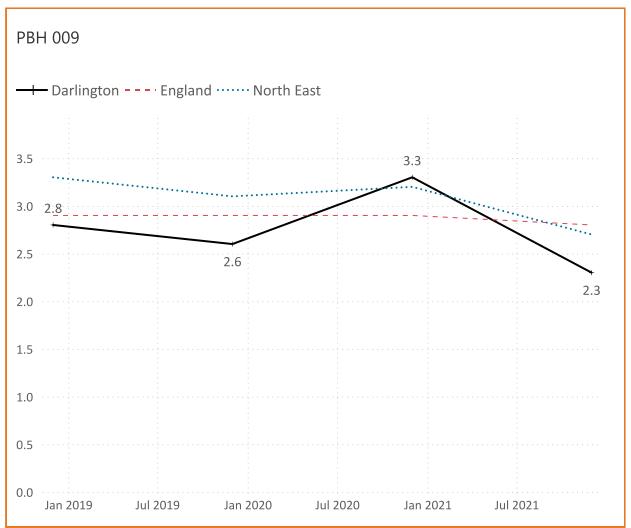
Theme or Portfolio

Priority or Key Action

Narrative

This data (from 2021) shows that that there is no significant change to the trend for low birth rate of term babies. 2.3% of infants are recorded as low birth weight. Compared to our North East neighbours Darlington is ranked 12th. Statistically similar to the North East and England.

The 0-19 year's contract includes a specific action for Health Visitors to visit an expectant mothers between 28 and 36 weeks of their pregnancy. This visit provides an opportunity to provide information, advice and support to maximise the mother's health the optimum conditions for a healthy pregnancy.





PBH 013c

Indicator Name

Percentage of infants that are totally or partially breastfed at age 6-8 weeks

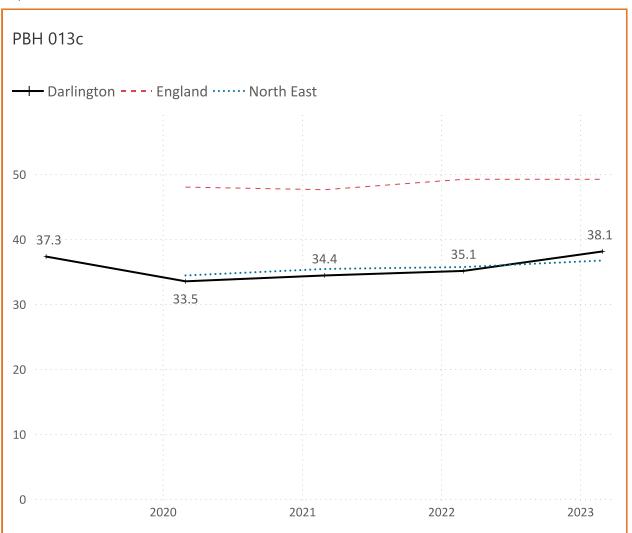
Theme or Portfolio

Priority or Key Action

Narrative

The data (from 2022/23) shows that 38.1% of infants in Darlington are totally or partially breastfed at 6-8 weeks after birth. This is an improving picture and statistically similar to the North East. Although statistically worse than England the gap is narrowing.

The midwifery team in the hospital initiates breastfeeding with new mothers at the time of delivery. When the mother and baby is discharged from the midwifery service the Health Visiting team then provides a proactive offer of structured breastfeeding help. The Health Visiting Service hold UNICEF BFI Gold Ambassador Status, which demonstrates sustainability of good practice.





PBH 014

Indicator Name

Percentage of women who smoke at time of delivery

Theme or Portfolio

Health and Housing Portfolio

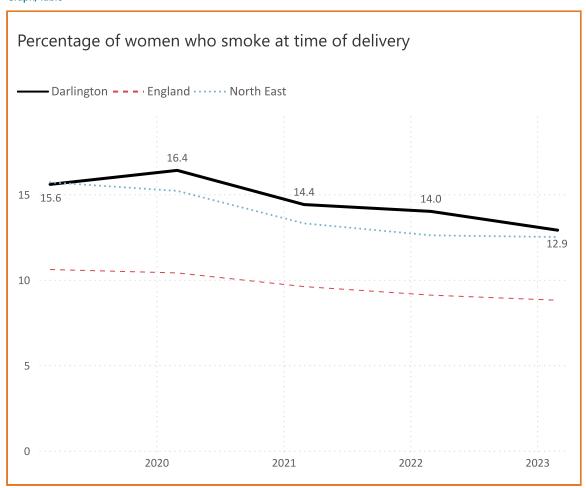
Priority or Key Action

Continue the reduction in smoking to achieve a smoke free Darlington (i.e. just 5% of total population smoking) by 2030

Narrative

The data (from 2022/23) shows that there is no significant change to the trend for women who smoke at time of delivery. 12.9% of mothers are known to be smokers at time of delivery. Darlington is statistically similar to the North East and statistically worse than England. The gap between Darlington and the North East and England has narrowed since 2020.

The NHS provides stop smoking support through local maternity services. The Local Authority commissions a specialist stop smoking service that supports women to stop smoking before and after being pregnant. The authority works with partners to encourage all residents, including pregnant mothers, to quit smoking at every opportunity.





PBH 016

Indicator Name

Conceptions in women aged under 18 per 1,000 females aged 15-17

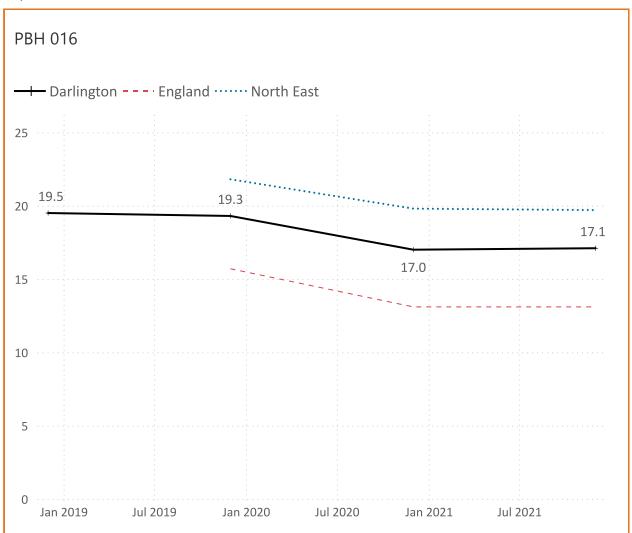
Theme or Portfolio

Priority or Key Action

Narrative

This data (from 2021) shows that there is no significant change to the trend for under 18s conception rate/1,000. 17.1 per 1,000 of pregnancies that occur in women aged under 18. Compared to our North East neighbours Darlington is ranked 9th. Statistically similar to the North East and England.

The authority coordinates a broad range of evidence based interventions and programmes across partners to tackle and contribute to the reduction in teenage conceptions through the Teenage Pregnancy and Sexual Health Strategy and action plan. This includes commissioning Sexual Health Services and support schools in their delivery of Sex and Relationship Education.





PBH 018

Indicator Name

Percentage of children aged 2-2½ yrs offered ASQ-3 as part of the Healthy Child Programme or integrated review

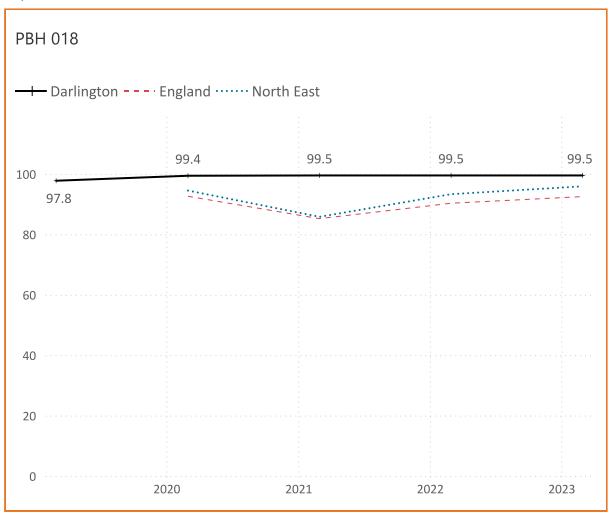
Theme or Portfolio

Priority or Key Action

Narrative

This data (from 2022/23) shows that 99.5% of children aged 2-2.5 years were offered an ASQ-3 test as part of the mandated Healthy Child programme contacts (or an integrated assessment). Darlington is statistically better than the North East and England.

ASQ3 is a comprehensive assessment of child's development including motor, problem solving and personal development. The Health Visiting team work with Education and Early Years settings and parents to ensure those identified with additional needs are offered an integrated assessment to identify any developmental needs as early as possible so that the child and family can receive appropriate support.





PBH 020

Indicator Name

Excess weight among Reception pupils (%)

Theme or Portfolio

Health and Housing Portfolio

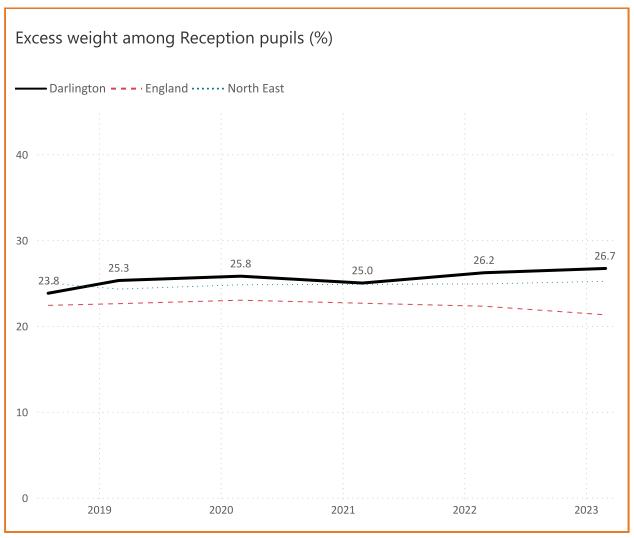
Priority or Key Action

Implement the Darlington Child Healthy Weight Plan with partners

Narrative

This data (from 2022/23) shows that that there is no significant change to the trend for Reception prevalence of overweight (including obesity). 26.7% of reception children aged 4-5 years were classified as overweight or obese. Darlington is statistically similar to the North East and statistically worse than England.

The Darlington Childhood Healthy Weight Plan identified evidence-based interventions delivered with partners to address underlying causes of obesity in children and young people. Work includes activity with schools and local commercial food premises to develop a healthy catering standard for a healthy food offer.





PBH 021

Indicator Name

Excess weight among Year 6 pupils (%)

Theme or Portfolio

Health and Housing Portfolio

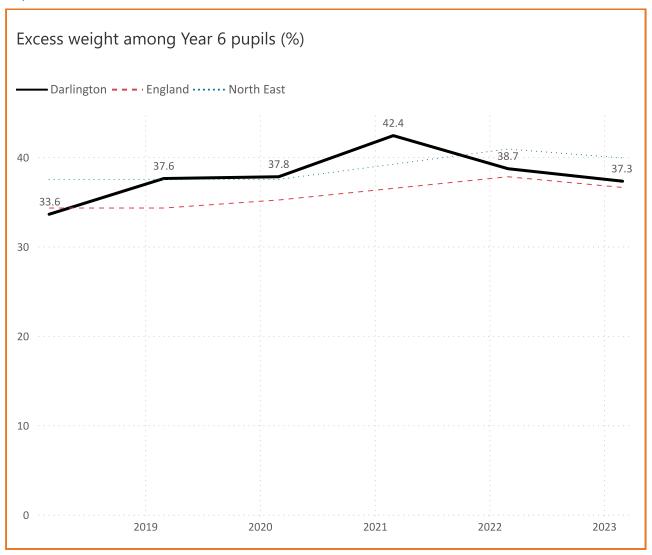
Priority or Key Action

Implement the Darlington Child Healthy Weight Plan with partners

Narrative

This data (from 2022/23) shows that 37.3% of year 6 children aged 10-11 years were classified as overweight or obese. Darlington is statistically similar to the North East and England.

The Darlington Childhood Healthy Weight Plan identified evidence-based interventions delivered with partners to address underlying causes of obesity in children and young people. Work includes activity with schools and local commercial food premises to develop a healthy catering standard for a healthy food offer.





PBH 024

Indicator Name

Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in children aged under 5 years (per 10,000 0-5 population)

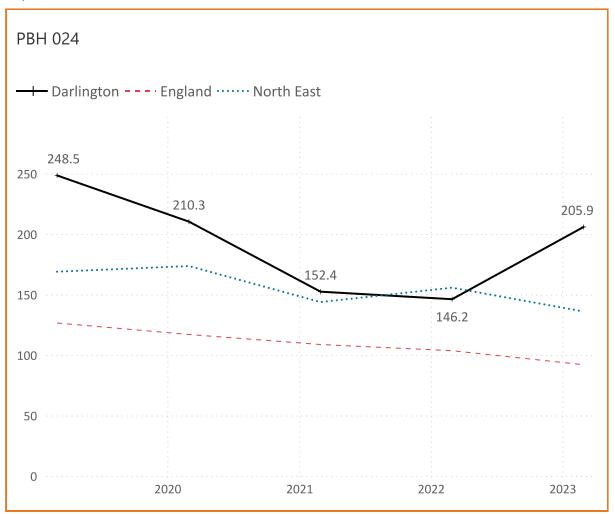
Theme or Portfolio

Priority or Key Action

Narrative

This data (from 2022/23) shows an increase in this rate to 205.9 per 10,000 population for emergency admissions for 0-4 years. Compared to our North East neighbours Darlington is ranked 1st and is statistically worse than the North East and England rate. The Darlington rate in 2022/23 was the highest in England.

Most of these admissions are due to avoidable accidents in the home. This issue requires system wide action, including a greater understanding of the data, with input from a range of different partners. The Health Visiting team are informed of any child's hospital admission and will contact parents and provide them with information, guidance and support.





PBH 026

Indicator Name

Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in children aged under 15 years (per 10,000 0-15 population)

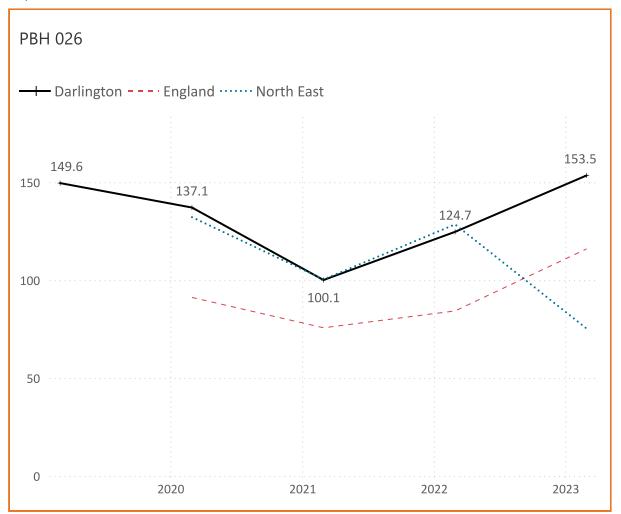
Theme or Portfolio

Priority or Key Action

Narrative

This data (from 2022/23) shows that there is an increasing trend similar to the England trend data. The rate for Darlington is 153.5 per 10,000 for emergency admissions for 0-14 years. Darlington is statistically worse than the North East and England.

The causes of admissions for this group are more complex but a large proportion include accidental injuries including road accidents. This issue requires system wide action with input from a range of different partners. The Health Visiting team are informed of any child's hospital admission and will contact parents and provide them with information, guidance and support.





PBH 027

Indicator Name

Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in young people aged 15-24 years (per 10,000 15-24 population)

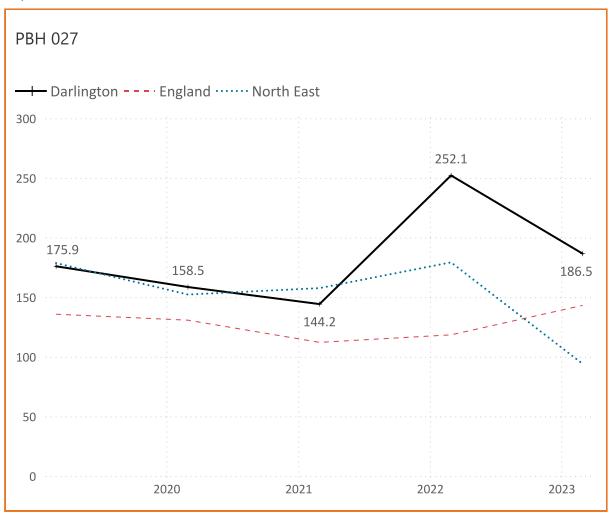
Theme or Portfolio

Priority or Key Action

Narrative

This data (from 2022/23) shows that this rate has reduced from the peak in 2022 in line with the England trend. For Darlington the rate is now 186.5 per 10,000 for emergency admissions for 15-24 years. This is statistically worse than the North East and England.

The underlying causes of admissions for this age group are complex including traffic and sporting injuries. This also includes injuries as a result of self harm for this group. This issue requires system wide action with input from a range of different partners. The Health Visiting team are informed of any child's hospital admission and will contact parents and provide them with information, guidance and support.





PBH 031

Indicator Name

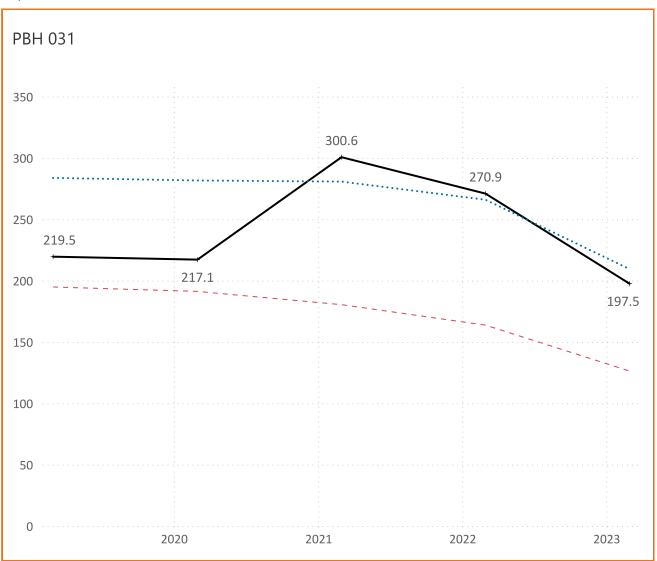
Emergency Hospital Admissions for Intentional Self-Harm (per 100,000 population)

Theme or Portfolio

Priority or Key Action

Narrative

The latest data shows a decreasing trend for Darlington at 197.5 pre 100,000 which is statistically similar to the North East and statistically worse than England. Self harm is a complex and poorly understood act with varied reasons for a person to harm themselves irrespective of the purpose of the act. There is a significant and persistent risk of future suicide following an episode of self harm. This indicator is a measure of intentional self harm events severe enough to warrant hospital admission and not a measure of the actual prevalence of severe self harm.





PBH 033

Indicator Name

Prevalence of smoking among persons aged 18+ years

Theme or Portfolio

Health and Housing Portfolio

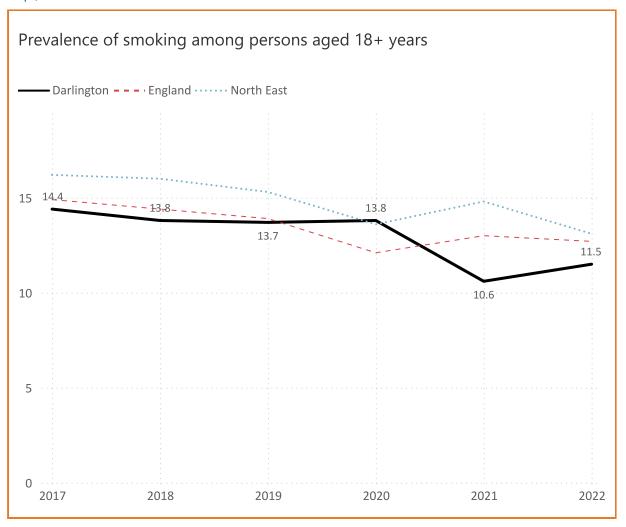
Priority or Key Action

Continue the reduction in smoking to achieve a smoke free Darlington (i.e. just 5% of total population smoking) by 2030

Narrative

This data (from 2022) shows that 11.5% of persons aged 18+ self-reported themselves as smokers in the Annual Population Survey (APS). This has increased slightly from 2021 but is not statistically significant. Darlington is statistically similar to the North East and England.

The trend over time continues to reduce and it is anticipated that further falls will be recorded in future due to the ongoing impact of measures to reduce smoking in the community such as the raising of the smoking age and funding to increase access to stop smoking interventions.





PBH 035i

Indicator Name

Percentage of opiate users successfully completing their treatment

Theme or Portfolio

Stronger Communities Portfolio

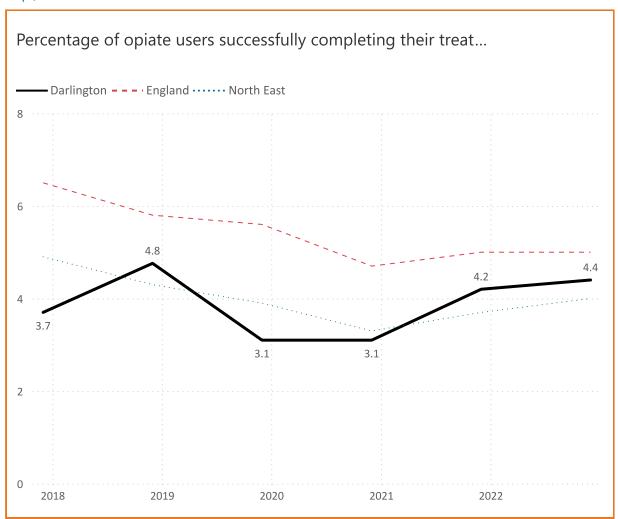
Priority or Key Action

Work with Durham Constabulary and other key partners to improve our collective response to dealing with drug and alcohol issues

Narrative

This data (from 2022) shows that that there is an increasing trend for the proportion of Opiate users who are successfully completing structured drug treatment. This has increased to 4.4% of opiate users for Darlington which is now statistically similar to the North East and England.

This rise reflects the work the provider of substance misuse services in Darlington has undertaken to increase access to treatment and improve the numbers in treatment. They are also implementing evidence based interventions such as optimising prescribing to ensure treatment is optimised and effective.





PBH 035ii

Indicator Name

Percentage of users on non-opiates successfully completing their treatment

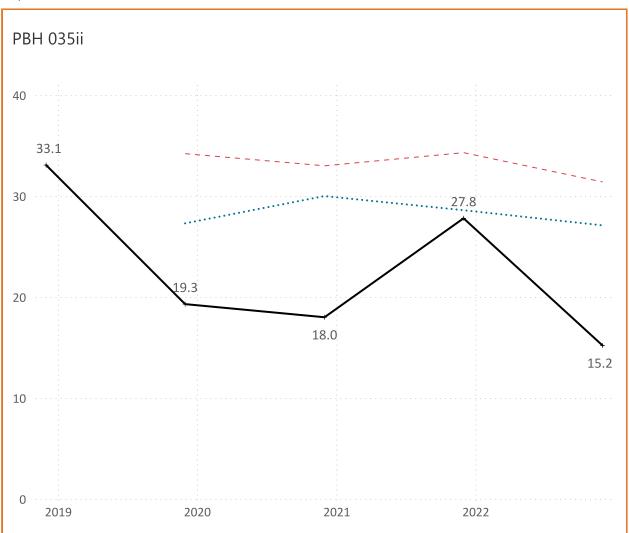
Theme or Portfolio

Priority or Key Action

Narrative

This data (from 2022) shows a decreasing trend of non opiate drug users completing treating, with 15.2% successfully completing structured drug treatment compared to 27.8 in the previous reporting period. Darlington is statistically worse than the North East and England.

This is a key performance indicator within the Support, Treatment and Recovery In Darlington through Empowerment (STRIDE) service contract monitoring tool. This reduction in successful completions reflects the changing patterns of substance misuse in Darlington and the emergence of new substances which are more resistant to treatment along with the focus on improving opiate treatment in the national strategy.





PBH 035iii

Indicator Name

Percentage of alcohol users successfully completing their treatment

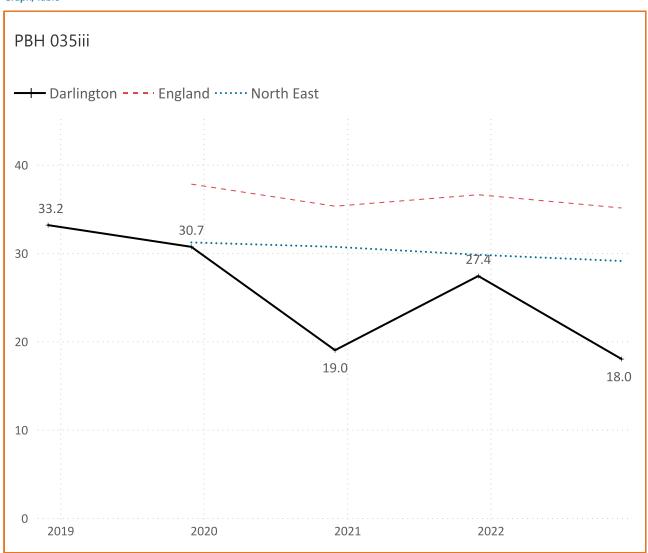
Theme or Portfolio

Priority or Key Action

Narrative

This data (from 2022) shows a decreasing trend since 2019 with 18.4% of alcohol users successfully completing structured treatment in Darlington which is statistically worse than the North East and England.

This is a key performance indicator (KPI) within the substance misuse treatment service contract. This reduction reflects the growing demand for alcohol treatment services in Darlington with increasing levels of dependency in people presenting for treatment. This requires a multiagency action to respond and mitigate the impact of alcohol in our communities.





PBH 044

Indicator Name

Alcohol related admissions to hospital (per 100,000 population)

Theme or Portfolio

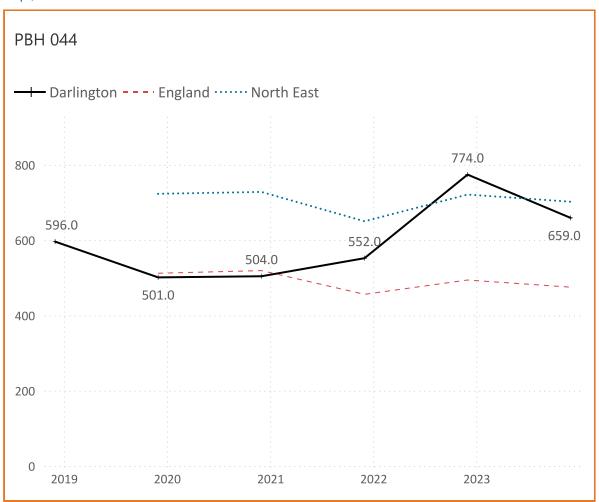
Priority or Key Action

Narrative

The method used to calculate this indictor changed in 2020/21. This means that data before that date cannot be compared.

The most up to date data for 2022/23 shows that in Darlington the rate of alcohol related admissions was 659.0 per 100,000. This has reduced from the previous data. Darlington is statistically worse than England but statistically similar to the North East

This indicator represents the burden of disease from alcohol consumption in Darlington. The council commissions preventative and treatment services and is engaged with partners to implement strategies to reduce alcohol consumption and harms from alcohol to contribute to reducing alcohol admissions.





PBH 046

Indicator Name

Cumulative % of eligible population aged 40-74 offered an NHS Health Check who received an NHS Health Check in the five year period

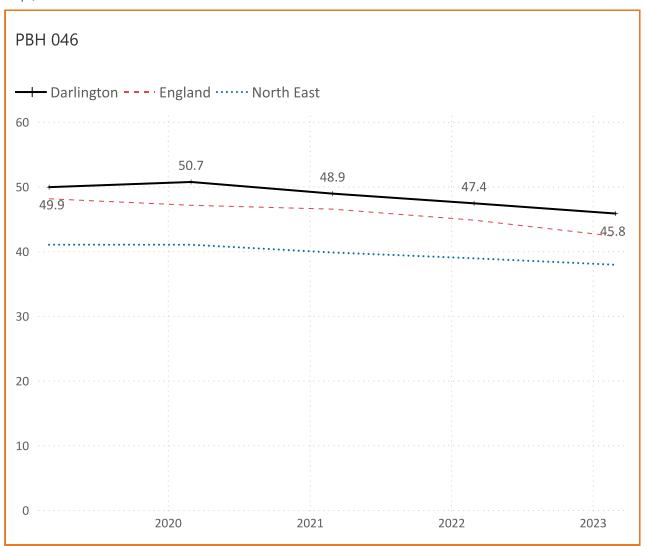
Theme or Portfolio

Priority or Key Action

Narrative

The latest data shows that 45.8% of those in Darlington who are eligible for an NHS Health Check are successfully receiving the check. Darlington is statistically better than England and the North East

Performance is monitored quarterly, with an annual target for each GP Practice to offer a health check to 20% of the eligible population (40-74 year olds) annually. This is incentivised to encourage the GP Practices to offer a health check to the maximum number eligible.





PBH 048

Indicator Name

Chlamydia diagnoses in 15-24 year olds (per 100,000 15-24 population)

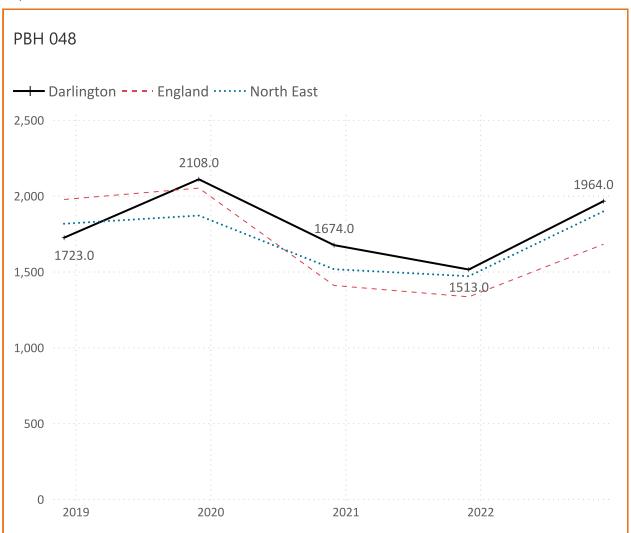
Theme or Portfolio

Priority or Key Action

Narrative

The latest data is 2022 which shows a diagnoses rate of 1,964 per 100,000. Statistically better than England and statistically similar to the North East. An increased detection rate is indicative of increased control activity. It is not a measure of disease in the community.

The council commissions a specialist Sexual Health Service which has been working to improve uptake of screening by targeting younger people under 25 yrs, including access to online testing for over 16 years. This has increased the number of people getting tests. The School Nursing Service work with schools and Personal, Social & Health Education leads to ensure Chlamydia screening is promoted within the curriculum.





PBH 050

Indicator Name

People presenting with HIV at a late stage of infection (percentage of all those presenting with HIV)

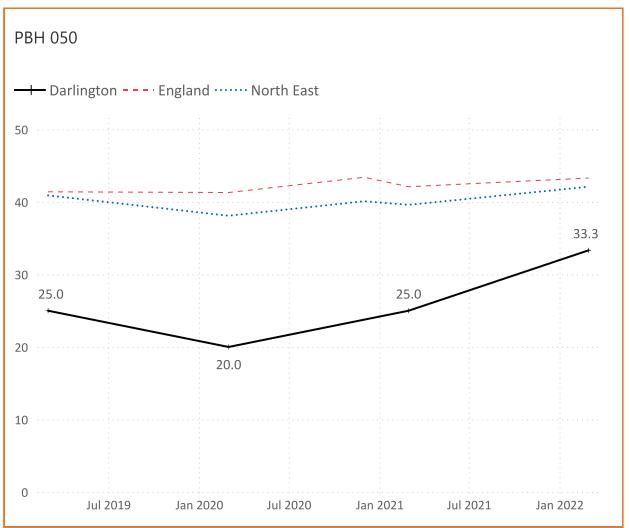
Theme or Portfolio

Priority or Key Action

Narrative

Due to the small numbers of people who are diagnosed with HIV this data is cumulative from 2020-22 data. 33.3% of adults were identified as being diagnosed late using the CD4 cell count at diagnosis. This impacts on what treatment options can be offered. This corresponds to 2 individuals Compared to our North East neighbours Darlington is statistically similar to the North East and England against the benchmarked goal of <25%.

The Sexual Health Service has increased new patients receiving a HIV risk assessment, more and easier routes to access HIV testing including postal testing kits and C Card to reduce the potential for exposure to HIV.





PBH 052

Indicator Name

Annual total number of prescribed antibiotic items per STAR-PU (Specific Therapeutic group Age-sex weightings Related Prescribing Unit)

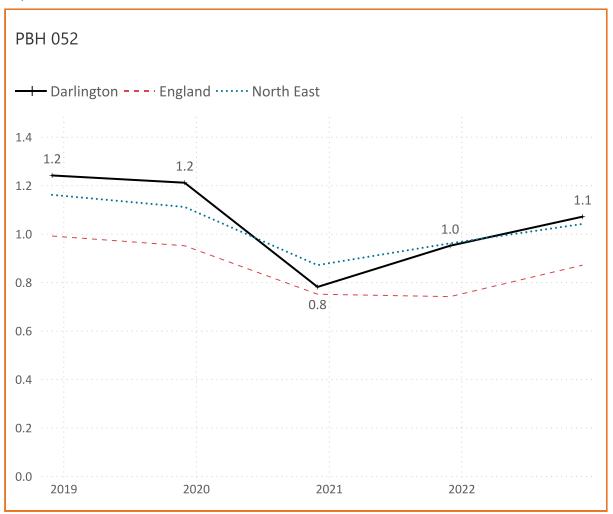
Theme or Portfolio

Priority or Key Action

Narrative

The rate of antibiotic prescribing within the local NHS is statistically similar to both England and the North East average with Darlington having 1.07 STAR-PUs. (Specific Therapeutic Group Age sex weightings Related Prescribing Units).

The NHS has an action plan to help reduce antibiotic prescribing and is working with individual GP Practices and hospital doctors and microbiologists to ensure good antibiotic stewardship. The NHS through the ICB produces information campaigns to reduce the demand and expectations for antibiotics from patients for relatively minor and self-limiting illnesses. This includes the regular winter pressures campaigns and plans.





PBH 054

Indicator Name

Percentage of 5 year olds with experience of visually obvious dental decay

Theme or Portfolio

Health and Housing Portfolio

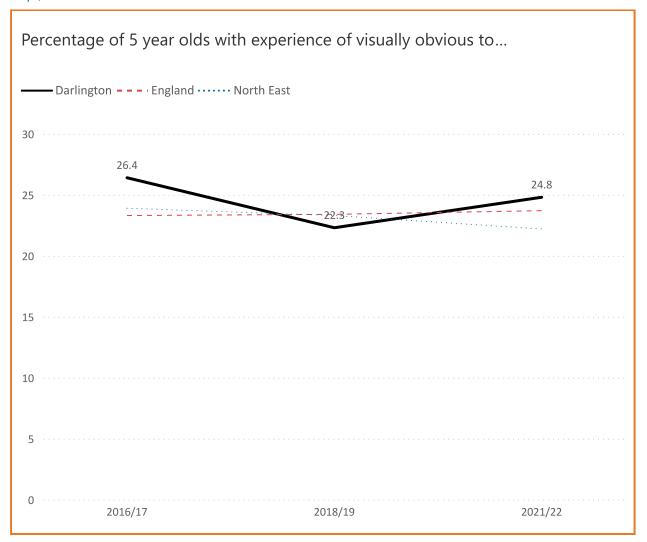
Priority or Key Action

Implement the Darlington Oral Health Plan 2017-2022 with partners

Narrative

The latest data shows that the percentage of Darlington 5-year-olds with experience of visually obvious dental decay has increased to 24.8%. This is statistically similar to both the England and North East

It is a preventable cause of avoidable pain and illness in children in Darlington. Dental decay is the most common cause of hospital admissions for 5 to 9 year olds and a significant contribution to the days absent from school. The Childhood Healthy Weight Plan for Darlington includes actions such as reducing sugar and fizzy drinks in settings such as schools and working with families on healthy weaning for babies, to help reduce dietary sources of sugar.





PBH 056

Indicator Name

Under 75 mortality rate from cardiovascular diseases considered preventable (per 100,000 population)

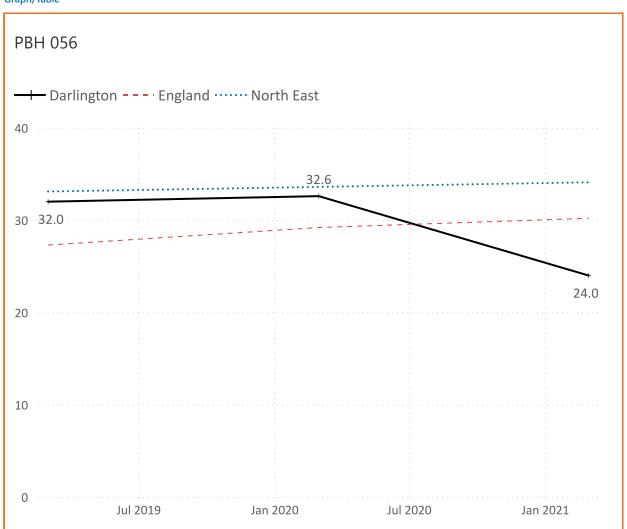
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Narrative

Preventable mortality are those deaths that could have potentially been avoided by public health interventions. This indicator reinforces that prevention is just as important as treatment. The latest available data for Darlington shows a rate of 24.0 per 100,000. Darlington is statistically similar to the North East and England.

The Authority commissions the NHS Health Checks provided by all 11 GP Practices in Darlington. The Public Health team are supporting the Primary Care Network (PCN) to identify those in high risk communities and improve access to early identification and treatment.





PBH 058

Indicator Name

Under 75 mortality rate from cancer (per 100,000 population)

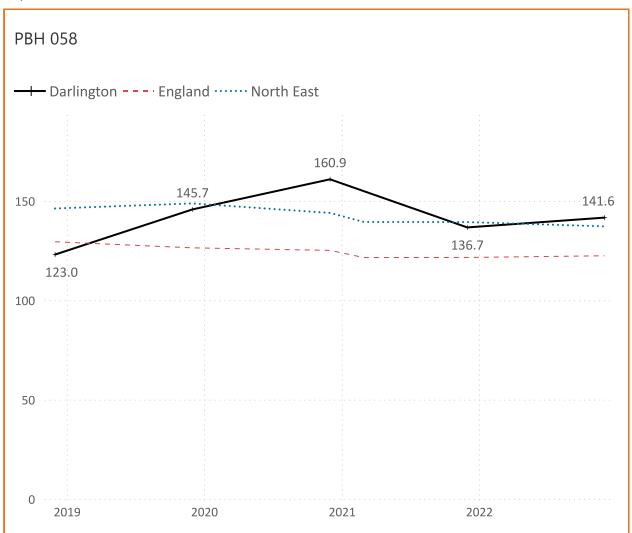
Theme or Portfolio

Priority or Key Action

Narrative

The latest data shows that the rate of under 75 mortality from caner in a year in Darlington was 141.6 per 100,000. Darlington is statistically similar to England and the North East.

Cancer is the highest cause of death in England in under 75s. To ensure that there continues to be a reduction in the rate of premature mortality from cancer the public health team supports a range of partners in their work to contribute to preventing and reducing early deaths from cancer. This includes providing support to smokers in quitting smoking and supports the NHS in supporting better uptake of screening and treatment to maximise those who survive a diagnosis of cancer.





PBH 060

Indicator Name

Under 75 mortality rate from respiratory disease (per 100,000 population)

Theme or Portfolio

Priority or Key Action

Narrative

The latest data shows that Darlington has a rate of 44.6 per 100,000 of deaths from respiratory diseases in people aged under 75. This is statistically similar to the North East statistically worse and England.

The Public Health team commission a range of prevention interventions including a Stop Smoking Service which supports individuals to quit which improves their respiratory health and reduces the effects of second-hand smoke and interventions for children and young people which highlights the harms from tobacco. Environmental Health also monitor air quality including an annual action plan to improve air quality.

