

Darlington Children and Young People's Plan 2008-2011

## Summary of Planned Activity

Progress against planned actions

2009-2010

**Sustainable Community Strategy Theme:** Healthy Darlington

**CYPP Priority:** Promote positive health and well being

<b>We will:</b>	<b>Our top Actions are:</b>	<b>Position at year end</b>	<b>Timescale /By</b>	<b>Lead Officer Agency/source</b>
Promote healthy settings for children & young people	To deliver the National Healthy Schools Programme.		Dec 2010	<b>Wendy Bagnall</b> [Health Improvement Strategic Lead CYP/ Healthy Schools Programme Manager/Public Health county Durham & Darlington] <b>Heather Long</b> [Lead Officer School Improvement and Development – Children’s Services Darlington BC]
	Increase the number of schools achieving validation to National Healthy School Status (NHSS) from baseline of 58% at 31 March 2009 to achieve LAA target of 100% schools.  Engage schools with enhanced National Healthy Schools Programme (NHSP) (rollout from October 2009)	31/38 (82%) schools have achieved validation to NHSS  1 school (Cockerton CE Primary) has completed the Annual Review and has engaged with the HS Enhancement Model (HSEM).	31 December 2009  March 2010	Healthy schools programme business plans 2008-09 and 2009-2010

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Promote healthy settings for children & young people	<p>Increase the number of schools achieving the Smokefree School Award</p> <p>To deliver Darlington Healthy Early Years Standard.</p>	<p>Target set for schools to achieve standard Smoke Free Award by 2009/10 was 5</p> <p>Target exceeded at 20 schools achieved</p>	<p>5 by 31 March 2010</p> <p>15 by 31 March 2011</p> <p>2010</p>	<p>Healthy schools programme business plans 2008-09 and 2009-2010</p> <p><b>Wendy Bagnall</b> [Health Improvement Strategic Lead CYP/ Healthy Schools Programme Manager/Public Health county Durham &amp; Darlington]</p> <p><b>Heather Long</b> [Lead Officer School Improvement and Development – Children’s Services Darlington BC]</p>
	<p>To support pilot Sure Start Children’s Centres to achieve Healthy Early Years Standard</p>	<p>2 Children’s Centres achieved the HEY Standard pilot by 31 March 2010</p>	<p>6 by 31 March 2010</p>	<p>Healthy schools programme business plans 2008-09 and 2009-2010</p>
	<p>To promote healthy youth settings</p>		<p>31 March 2010</p>	

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Promote healthy settings for children & young people	<p>Develop a healthy youth setting <i>quality mark/charter</i></p> <p>To promote healthy further education settings.</p>	<p>During 2009 a pilot tool was developed in consultation with young people and key stakeholders. The tool promotes a three stage approach;            Star 1 – <b>Planning</b>: Local needs analysis and priority setting;            Star 2 – <b>Doing</b>: Implementing Action Plans;            Star 3 – <b>Reviewing</b>            Outcomes are identified and evidenced.</p> <p>Two Units agreed to pilot the tool and work commenced in January 2010. They are now preparing to submit evidence to a moderation group in May in support of Star 1.</p>	1 by 31 March 2010	<p><b>Wendy Bagnall</b>            [Health Improvement Strategic Lead CYP/ Healthy Schools Programme Manager/Public Health county Durham &amp; Darlington]  <b>Heather Long</b>            [Lead Officer School Improvement and Development – Children’s Services Darlington BC]</p> <p>Healthy schools programme business plans 2008-09 and 2009-2010</p>

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Promote healthy settings for children & young people	To support 2 FE establishments to develop a Health Improvement Strategy and adopt a whole setting approach in preparation for the rollout of the national Healthy FE Programme	<p>FE settings are engaged in healthy settings approaches. The National Healthy FE programme has been launched and the colleges are linked in to the regional steering group and have access to the online tools. Health Improvement Service specialists are developing work in the settings based on local need and context and</p> <p>Funding has been provided to each of the settings to support implementation of action plans.</p> <p>Darlington College has an action plan.</p> <p>Queen Elizabeth 6<sup>th</sup> Form has a Healthy College Policy and has participated in the national Big College Health Check Pilot.</p>	2 by 31 March 2011	Healthy schools programme business plans 2008-09 and 2009-2010

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Tackle obesity in children and young people	To review and implement the childhood obesity strategy	<p>Childhood obesity strategy finalised and ratified by Children's Trust Dec 2009. Obesity continues to be a PCT priority, corporate improvement project and an area for investment. Solid Progress has been made in developing services preventing childhood obesity and developing intervention programmes for children and young people who are at risk of becoming obese i.e. FISCH programme in operation in Darlington schools since September 2009)</p> <p>All programmes and interventions link to and utilize the Change 4 life social marketing programme. ( promoting a societal shift to changing behaviours)</p>	Ongoing	<p><b>Sue Hoare-Leather</b> [Health Improvement Strategy Lead (Obesity) Co. Durham &amp; Darlington PCT]</p> <p>Preventing obesity, promoting Physical Activity in Children and Young people in Darlington Strategy</p>

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Tackle obesity in children and young people		<p>The Preventing Obesity, Promoting Physical Activity Strategy ( Darlington) which has been ratified by the children’s trust provides a framework for a multi agency approach to tackle obesity in children and young people – The supporting action plan highlights the necessity for a multi faceted approach to tackle childhood obesity and coordinates the range of services that attribute to tackling obesity, this includes food and health programmes, physical activity programmes, breast feeding support etc.</p> <p>An integrated pathway for children and young people has been developed with community and family based interventions that cover Darlington. Key components of the pathway include – Agreed entry criteria as per NICE guidance and BMI centiles for children.</p>		<p><b>Sue Hoare-Leather</b> [Health Improvement Strategy Lead (Obesity) Co. Durham &amp; Darlington PCT]</p> <p>Preventing obesity, promoting Physical Activity in Children and Young people in Darlington Strategy</p>

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Tackle obesity in children and young people	<p>As an indicator of childhood obesity, increase the percentage of infants who are breast fed at six to eight weeks following birth.</p> <p>Clear action planning to achieve UNICEF/ UK Baby Friendly accreditation.</p>	<p>Availability of group and one to one interventions which involve the child and the family.</p> <p>A specialist paediatric serves for obese children with / without associated diseases or disabilities. Standardisation of documentation and messages.</p> <p>Whilst the reduction in rates is very much welcomed, there is no room for complacency as we can only really turn the trend on obesity rates if all agencies are committed to continue playing their part.</p> <p>Strong progress is being made on promoting and sustaining breast feeding as a component of preventing childhood obesity.</p> <p>UNICEF/UK Project lead appointed to achieve accreditation in both the community and hospital settings by 2012</p>	Ongoing	<p>Preventing Obesity, Promoting Physical Activity in Children and Young People in Darlington Strategy</p> <p><b>Donna Thorne</b> [Commissioning Manager Maternity Matters and NHS Lead – Teenage Pregnancy]</p>

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Tackle obesity in children and young people	<p>Increase capacity for infant feeding coordination and breast feeding management by trained staff.</p> <p>Increase capacity for peer support.</p> <p>Improve and standardise data collection.</p> <p>Work with partners across Darlington to move breast feeding to the cultural norm</p> <p>Raise awareness of maternal obesity</p>	<p>Mapping and scoping current capacity/provision Short term funding provided to support infant feeding co-ordination role</p> <p>Mapping and scoping current peer support</p> <p>Data is available for: Initiation Discharge from unit 6 – 8 weeks Darlington has exceeded national expectation of a 2% increase in initiation and the 6 – 8 week vital sign</p> <p>Breastfeeding Stakeholders event hosted May 2009 Social marketing of breast feeding plans drafted and implemented: Darlington Logo Developed December 2010 Policy to prevent formula milk companies from advertising in health settings – September 2009</p> <p>Scoping exercise with recommendations for future commissioning December 2009</p>	March 2010	<b>Donna Thorne</b> [Commissioning Manager Maternity Matters and NHS Lead – Teenage Pregnancy]

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Tackle obesity in children and young people	<p>Raising awareness of the serious risks to both mother and baby of obesity in pregnancy and the associated links with childhood obesity.</p> <p>Develop a weight control programme for pregnant women who are obese, working with midwives and health visitors.</p>	<p>Information provided through Maternity provision</p> <p>Scoping exercise identified variations in practice December 2009</p>	March 2010	<b>Donna Thorne</b> [Commissioning Manager Maternity Matters and NHS Lead – Teenage Pregnancy]
Tackle health inequalities, targeting binge drinking and drug and alcohol misuse	Drug and alcohol education worker to liaise with the DAAT and support schools in delivering substance related education	Five of our seven secondary education settings in Darlington were working closely with the Drug & Alcohol Education officer at the end of 09/10. Work included the delivery of bespoke lessons based on a detailed understanding of the needs of each year group, as well as assisting in CPD for school staff. The role out of this work is at different points in each setting. Relevant policies and procedures are also being developed / revised and implemented.	March 2010	<b>Kate Martin/ David Gardiner</b> [DAAT] Community Safety Delivery plans/alcohol strategy



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Tackle health inequalities, targeting binge drinking and drug and alcohol misuse	To deliver Alcohol Awareness Campaigns including: specific schools events; road shows; posters; leaflets & advertising aimed at young people	Five of the seven secondary education settings in Darlington have received road shows delivered by STAR radio and the Drug & Alcohol Education Officer. The sessions address alcohol and drug misuse in an engaging manner, using a social norms perspective. The road shows have raised awareness in local schools that drugs and alcohol are not used by most young people and that most of Darlington's young people make healthy lifestyle choices. The road shows have been complemented by communications to parents and radio and poster campaigns to support the positive messages.	12 month programme to March 2010	<b>Kate Martin/ David Gardiner</b> [DAAT] Community safety delivery programme to March 09
Tackle health inequalities, targeting binge drinking and drug and alcohol misuse	Develop a reporting / monitoring tool and agree key priority objectives; enabling delivery of Young People's Specialist Substance Misuse	Key priorities were agreed and delivered upon in 09/10. Performance reporting systems are now robust and support the efficient and effective delivery of treatment activity.	May 2009	<b>Kate Martin/ David Gardiner</b> [DAAT]

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Tackle health inequalities, targeting binge drinking and drug and alcohol misuse	<p>Treatment Plan 2009/10 to be monitored by the Young People's Commissioning Group and Young People's Planning Group</p> <p>Devise performance monitoring / quality assurance framework to support the implementation and development of extended Tier 2 substance misuse provision across partner agencies. Ensure training has been adopted as continued practice. Interim data collection by DAAT, ultimate data collection via CAF hub</p>	<p>Treatment is now more effective and works with more young people than before.</p> <p>There remains work to be done in order to establish better performance monitoring of preventions work in this area.</p> <p>We are working to embed the reporting of Tier 2 work across partner agencies. Over 200 children's practitioners have received relevant training. We are seeing improved levels of referrals to treatment from across a wide range of teams, though the reporting of information about the number of young people being screened and given brief advice remains an area for improvement.</p>	<p>May 2009</p> <p>Sept 2009</p>	<p><b>Kate Martin/ David Gardiner</b> [DAAT]</p> <p><b>Kate Martin/ David Gardiner</b> [DAAT]</p>

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Tackle health inequalities, targeting binge drinking and drug and alcohol misuse	<p>Carry out comprehensive review of SWITCH Young People's Substance Misuse Team, focusing on improving engagement, efficacy and planned exits / Transitions to other services</p> <p>Fund specialist training where required for techniques including Solution Focused and Motivational Interviewing, which have a known evidence base for effective intervention with this client group. Further support any additional specialist training which is found to be necessary following a comprehensive skills audit</p>	<p>The review has been completed. The process was driven by the needs of young people who attend SWITCH. As a result of the review and the team's efforts, we are now running a service which engages young people better than before, provides effective support that reduces misuse and where 79% of young people leave the service in a planned way. There have been examples of excellent transitional work though this remains an area for development.</p> <p>The SWITCH team has undertaken considerable training during 09/10, ensuring the required skills and resources are available locally.</p>	<p>June 2009</p> <p>March 2010</p>	<p><b>Kate Martin/ David Gardiner</b> [DAAT]</p> <p><b>Kate Martin/ David Gardiner</b> [DAAT]</p>

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Tackle health inequalities, targeting binge drinking and drug and alcohol misuse	<p>Develop Tier 2 substance misuse treatment network across partner agencies and ensure appropriate training is available, improving early identification, screening, referral and outcomes for all stakeholders</p> <p>To quantify groups with unmet tier 3 and 4 need and target resources towards them</p>	<p>Over 200 staff were trained in brief intervention screening, delivery and referral to treatment in 09/10 as part of the development of this network. We have one screening and referral process for all services. Numbers of referrals to SWITCH from a broad range of services are increasing.</p> <p>A comprehensive needs assessment has been completed during 09/10 that will guide activity in 10/11. During 09/10 SWITCH successfully engaged with more young women who had been identified as a group with unmet need.</p>	<p>March 2010</p> <p>March 2010</p>	<p><b>Kate Martin/ David Gardiner</b> [DAAT]</p>



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Tackle health inequalities, targeting binge drinking and drug and alcohol misuse	<p>Ensure targeted range of engagement work takes place (led by needs assessment priorities) including work to engage with homeless young people, Volatile Substance users, stimulant users, those not in employment, education and training and other hard to reach groups. Also establish links with diverse sections of the community to improve engagement and service delivery for local residents from any diverse background.</p> <p>Develop new senior Youth Work roles with drug and alcohol remit</p>	<p>Targeted work takes place in secondary education setting including a number of posts which address this risk directly. This work has supported the increase in referrals to treatment with SWITCH.</p> <p>The post is in place and has worked successfully to embed and develop targeted preventative work in the Targeted Youth Work team.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>June 2009</p>	<p><b>Kate Martin/ David Gardiner</b> [DAAT]</p> <p><b>Kate Martin/ David Gardiner</b> [DAAT]</p>

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Tackle health inequalities, targeting binge drinking and drug and alcohol misuse	Publicise the relevant drug and alcohol messages and the availability of the SWITCH specialist substance misuse treatment team in arenas that young people use including schools, colleges, pubs, youth clubs, GP surgeries/walk in clinics, video game shops, amusement arcades and fast food outlets etc. Deliver the young people's strand of the DAAT Communications Campaign and national campaigns, including FRANK	We have run extensive road show and communications campaigns in schools in Darlington as well as using radio advertising and bus back campaigns.	Sept 2009	<b>Kate Martin/ David Gardiner</b> [DAAT]



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<p>Tackle health inequalities, targeting binge drinking and drug and alcohol misuse</p>	<p>Develop Through-care provision for SWITCH team clients sentenced to custody Intensive community disposals. SWITCH Through-care post to contribute to end of order / sentence hand over planning: either to SWITCH or a Tier 2 provider. Develop joint working arrangements / protocols between SWITCH and the local secure estate for young people.</p> <p>To carry out a Social Norms Survey. Electronic Questionnaire used in schools to track young people's perception of trends/levels of substance misuse. This information will be used to challenge inaccurate perceptions about drug and alcohol misuse</p> <p>The DAAT children and young people treatment plan provides a comprehensive response to this issue in greater detail. The above actions represent key priorities only.</p>	<p>The Through care worker was appointed in early 2009 and has actively contributed to case planning for those young people who require it. The post is part of the SWITCH team but is based in the Youth Offending Service.</p> <p>Social norms survey carried out in all secondary schools. Full communications campaigns received in 5 of the 7 schools in Darlington. Work supported by Borough wide communications campaign. Lessons being delivered to specific year groups in response to known need. The approach has received praise and recognition as a piece of good practice.</p>	<p>June 2009</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p><b>Kate Martin/ David Gardiner</b> [DAAT Young People's substance misuse treatment plan]</p>

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Improve oral health	Implement the oral health strategy		Ongoing	<b>Ken Ross</b> [Head of Health Improvement – Darlington PCT] Oral Health Strategy
	The PCT has commissioned a new dental practice to improve oral health in a deprived area of Darlington in the Eastbourne Ward.	The new dental practice has opened as has taken on significant numbers of new patients, many of whom have not accessed dental services for sometime.	Ongoing	<b>Ken Ross</b> [Head of Health Improvement – Darlington PCT] Oral Health Strategy
	<p>The PCT has commissioned a research program to identify barriers to oral health experienced by the most challenged sections of society form a social Marketing company. It will identify contractual changes for practices which will aide in reducing barriers to this group.</p> <p>The PCT has commissioned an oral health promotion pilot in Darlington from a practice to enable its staff to work in the community to improve oral health and facilitate the uptake of care from groups with high dental needs.</p>	<p>The research project has been completed and the results of the project are being disseminated to aide the commissioning and design of new services.</p> <p>The project has started and staff have been recruited for the pilot scheme</p>		<p><b>Ken Ross</b> [Head of Health Improvement – Darlington PCT] Oral Health Strategy</p> <p><b>Ken Ross</b> [Head of Health Improvement – Darlington PCT] Oral Health Strategy</p>

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Reduce Under 18 conceptions and promote positive sexual health	To continue to develop and support targeted outreach and mainstream young person focused contraception and sexual health service	The sexual health outreach service has been reviewed and a service specification and delivery plan developed to support the achievement of the national target.	2010	<b>Donna Thorne</b> [Commissioning Manager Maternity Matters and NHS Lead – Teenage Pregnancy] Teenage pregnancy Action Plan 2008-09
	Risk Indicator Toolkit leading to earlier identification and earlier interventions with those at risk of unintended conceptions	An 'aide memoir' has been rolled out across the workforce to support early identification with an identified care pathway for those young people who require targeted support	2010	
	'Your Welcome' Quality Standards in 3 targeted General Practice's and Young Person Focused Contraceptive Outreach Settings	3 GP Practices providing a service to 'hotspot' wards have been recruited and are working towards accreditation	2010	
	2 x School based 'health drop ins'	Schools have developed school nurse led health drop-ins across the borough.	2012	
	Post Termination of Pregnancy <18 'follow up' to support compliance with chosen contraceptive method	'follow up' is provided post termination of pregnancy to support contraception compliance	2010	

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Reduce Under 18 conceptions and promote positive sexual health	<p>To strengthen Sex &amp; relationship education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educational &amp; non-educational settings for all children, young people and young parents</li> <li>• Target 'at risk' groups</li> <li>• Parents /carers</li> </ul> <p>Workforce development and induction</p>	<p>See below: Better sex and relationship education within and outside of school settings</p> <p>Workforce development has taken place in several key areas including;</p> <p>Teaching staff via the PSHE Network</p> <p>Governor Training on SRE and their roles and responsibilities</p> <p>The PSHE CPD accredited programme</p> <p>The Bridge – Delay Training fro staff</p> <p>Family Learning – Delay training and meeting the needs of the family</p> <p>Back to Basics programme for Youth Service Staff</p> <p>L8R training to support the resource</p>	2010	<p>Teenage pregnancy Action Plan 2008-09</p> <p>Teenage pregnancy Action Plan 2008-09</p>

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Reduce Under 18 conceptions and promote positive sexual health	<p>Workforce development and induction</p> <p>Better sex and relationship education within and outside of school settings</p>	<p>Assessment and Evaluation in PSHE including SRE for teaching staff Lucinda and Godfrey Foundation Stage and Year 1 (2 sets of training) Lucinda and Godfrey Year 2 / 3 &amp; 4 (One set of training)</p> <p>Since May 2009 work towards strengthening SRE in Darlington has included: Creation of an SRE Forum which meets quarterly to produce a town wide action plan looking at three key areas, SRE in and out of school settings, SRE Workforce Development and SRE with Parents and Carers An umbrella policy for SRE for all Children's Service Staff has been agreed by Cabinet The L8R resources has been distributed with training to all secondary schools, youth offending team, residential care settings, College, Home &amp; Hospital and four youth service areas, use of this is being monitored</p>	2010	<p>Teenage pregnancy Action Plan 2008-09</p> <p><b>Wendy Bagnall</b> [Health Improvement Strategic Lead CYP/ Healthy Schools Programme Manager/Public Health county Durham &amp; Darlington] <b>Heather Long</b> [Lead Officer School Improvement and Development – Children's Services Darlington BC] Healthy schools programme business plan 2008-09</p>

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Reduce Under 18 conceptions and promote positive sexual health	Quality Standard delivery of sex and relationship education within and outside of school settings – timetable plan	<p>A specialised programme has been designed and delivered for young people who are looked after and therefore at 'high risk' of teen conceptions, this is now being followed up by the introduction of a SRE pack for each individual to complete with a key worker on SRE and health issues Support has been given to assist with the introduction of CASH services in educational settings</p> <p>The OCN accredited package for SRE has been re-written and will be rolled out this year including training for all who deliver and quality assurance, this will be used specifically in the youth service and youth offending team</p> <p>Workforce development has also taken place in several key areas.</p> <p>Support has also been given to schools on a one to one basis to support them with SRE.</p>	2012	<p><b>Wendy Bagnall</b> [Health Improvement Strategic Lead CYP/ Healthy Schools Programme Manager/Public Health county Durham &amp; Darlington]</p> <p><b>Heather Long</b> [Lead Officer School Improvement and Development – Children's Services Darlington BC]</p>

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Reduce Under 18 conceptions and promote positive sexual health	Children's Trust SRE Workforce Policy and Induction Process agreed	Darlington Children's Trust agreed to develop common induction processes in September 2009. DBC Workforce Development Manager will progress the Children's Trust Induction Programme during 2010.	2010	<b>Donna Thorne</b> [Commissioning Manager Maternity Matters and NHS Lead – Teenage Pregnancy] Teenage pregnancy Action Plan 2008-09
	To thread Delay, Raising Aspirations and Social Normative thinking throughout all actions	Delay, raising aspirations and social norms approaches underpins all of the work that is carried on around SRE.	2010	
	Further development of young person centered contraception and sexual health services in clinical and non-clinical settings.	Mapping work is currently being carried out to identify gaps in service to allow longer term planning around plugging gaps – particularly in areas of greatest need	2010	

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Reduce Under 18 conceptions and promote positive sexual health	FE and HE colleges engaged in Social Normative data collection	This has now been commissioned and is being delivered by Youth Bytes. Our local approach to alcohol education is recognised as good practice and is showing signs of improving young people's understanding of alcohol use and reducing levels of misuse. Five out of seven secondary education settings have now benefited from a full programme of support designed to tackle inaccurate beliefs held by young people about local levels of alcohol misuse. The approach specifically challenges peer pressure and undermines any sense that misuse is 'normal'. From Sept 2010 the approach will focus on the fact that alcohol misuse and poor sexual health / risky sexual behaviour can often be closely associated. The campaign will focus again on positive social norms as they are identified.	2010	<b>Donna Thorne</b> [Commissioning Manager Maternity Matters and NHS Lead – Teenage Pregnancy] Teenage pregnancy Action Plan 2008-09

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Reduce Under 18 conceptions and promote positive sexual health	<p>Social Normative Campaign linking with other risk factors; alcohol, crime, school non-attendance</p> <p>Raising Aspirations All young people disengaged or excluded from school with raising aspiration, realising ambition All LAC/care leavers with above through appropriate services Delay, Social Norms and RA included in all workforce development training opportunities, outreach 1 – 1 and group work activities</p>	<p>See above comments about Social Normative campaign.</p> <p>A specialised programme has been designed and delivered for young people who are looked after and therefore at 'high risk' of teen conceptions, this is now being followed up by the introduction of a SRE pack for each individual to complete with a key worker on SRE and health issues</p>	<p>2010</p> <p>2010</p>	<p><b>Donna Thorne</b> [Commissioning Manager Maternity Matters and NHS Lead – Teenage Pregnancy] Teenage pregnancy Action Plan 2008-09</p>
Promote positive mental health and emotional well being	Continue to develop CAMHS at tiers 1 and 2 in line with NSF targets	Investment in several Tier 1 and 2 areas e.g. Counselling; Targeted Mental Health in Schools; developed a book resource for the children's workforce; developed youth offending pathway to CAMHS;	2010	<p><b>Lucy Wheatley</b> [Joint Health Commissioner NHS Co. Durham (Darlington) Multi-agency CAMHS Strategy Multi-agency CAMHS Strategy</p>

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Promote positive mental health and emotional well being	Ensure all schools work within the CAMHS referral pathway for schools	Developed a pathway – achieved.	2008	<b>Lucy Wheatley</b> [Joint Health Commissioner NHS Co. Durham (Darlington) Multi-agency CAMHS Strategy Multi-agency CAMHS Strategy]
	Continue to roll out foundation training	Achieved.	2010	
	Ensure that specialist CAMHS are able to meet all proxy indicators and deliver a comprehensive CAMHS service, as defined in the NSF	All 4 indicators achieved at level 4.	2009	<b>Chris Davis</b> [Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Trust] Multi-agency CAMHS Strategy]
	Develop emotional well being strategy	The Darlington Emotional Health and Well being Strategy was launched at a multi agency event in September. (see further comment below)	2009	<b>Jenni Cooke</b> [Darlington BC Children's Services – Assistant Director: Children & Families]

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Promote positive mental health and emotional well being	<p>Final draft Strategy will go to Children's Trust</p> <p>A launch event is planned for September 2009 with a key note address, workshops and consultation on the key areas identified in the strategy. Investors in Children are undertaking a piece of work to present Young People's views as part of this.</p>	<p>The Darlington Emotional Health and Well being Strategy was launched at a multi agency event in September.</p> <p>There has been investment in several Tier 1 and 2 areas e.g. Counselling; Targeted Mental Health in Schools; development of a book resource for the children's workforce; development of youth offending pathway to CAMHS.</p> <p>A CAMHS referral pathway for schools has been developed. All proxy indicators for effectiveness of CAMHS services have been achieved a level 4, the highest level.</p> <p>CAMHS services will continue to be developed at universal and targeted levels in line with national and local guidance/targets</p>	2009	<p><b>Jenni Cooke</b>          [Darlington BC Children's Services – Assistant Director: Children &amp; Families]          Emotional Well-being and Mental Health Strategy</p>

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<p>Improve uptake of ante natal and post natal service</p>	<p>To continue, and develop Health Visiting ante natal contact through; Contact being made by the health visitor in clinic or at home during the ante natal period. This opportunity to reinforce the message given by the midwife to promote health and wellbeing of pregnant women and their families in relation to tackling the inequalities in health in County Durham and Darlington.</p> <p>NHS Darlington Children's Services Directorate will: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build upon data collected via base line audit 08 to develop robust information regarding ante-natal contacts.</li> <li>• Develop a protocol in collaboration with CDDFT regarding the sharing of information and notification to facilitate antenatal contacts</li> <li>• Work with Commissioners to ensure the service specifications reflect recommendations of Healthy Child Plan.</li> </ul>	<p>Healthy Child Programme provides the framework for this contact.</p> <p>Data has been analysed and shared with staff</p> <p>Communication Protocol to facilitate information sharing agreed with Acute Trusts and approved by CDDCHS.</p> <p>Service Specifications in development</p>	<p>March 2010</p>	<p><b>Angela Davidson</b> [Integrated Nurse Team Leader – Darlington PCT] <b>Mark Cain</b> [Children's Services Locality Lead(South) Darlington PCT]</p> <p>Health visiting/school nursing pathway for the promotion of child and family health in County Durham and Darlington</p>

We will:	Our top Actions are:	Position at year end	Timescale /By	Lead Officer Agency/source
<p>Improve uptake of ante natal and post natal service</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that the service delivery model for integrated child health services is based upon County Durham and Darlington Child Health Promotion Pathway Policy.</li> <li>• Integrated Child Health service to engage in the implementation of the Darlington Locality integrated Teams.</li> </ul> <p>To continue to develop the Health Visiting Post natal service through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home visits by the health visitor to assess the child and family health needs, including identification of mental health needs. The postnatal visit will be agreed within 4 weeks of the baby's birth. This will preferably take place between 10-15 days except in exceptional circumstances.</li> <li>• See Actions in ante natal contact</li> </ul>	<p>Health Child Programme launched March 2009 and used by health visiting teams as service delivery model.</p> <p>NHS Darlington health managers have been fully engaged in the development of integrated locality teams.</p> <p>Ongoing service provision</p>	<p>Ongoing service provision</p>	<p><b>Angela Davidson</b> [Integrated Nurse Team Leader – Darlington PCT] <b>Mark Cain</b> Children's Services Locality Lead(South) Darlington PCT Health visiting/school nursing pathway for the promotion of child and family health in County Durham and Darlington</p>

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Improve uptake of ante natal and post natal service	<p>The health visitor will agree and plan in partnership with the family the pathway of care, using an integrated approach &amp; build on the health needs assessment begun in the antenatal period, reviewing the care plan and agreeing further targeted interventions.</p> <p>Further contacts at 4-8 weeks, , 6 weeks to 6 months 6 – 12 months Additional contacts to this programme negotiated with families to address identified needs</p> <p>Continue the work of the family nurse partnership</p>	<p>Ongoing service provision following Health Child Programme</p> <p>The programme constitutes the universal work for the antenatal and post natal period and enables the identification of additional needs and subsequent targeted service provision.</p> <p>The original three year pilot period has been completed. Recurrent funding has been confirmed for the FNP</p>	<p>March 2010</p> <p>March 2010</p> <p>March 2010</p>	<p><b>Angela Davidson</b> [Integrated Nurse Team Leader – Darlington PCT] <b>Mark Cain</b> Children’s Services Locality Lead(South) Darlington PCT Health visiting/school nursing pathway for the promotion of child and family health in County Durham and Darlington</p> <p><b>Jan Finn</b> [Family Nurse Partnership Manager]</p>

**SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME: Safer Darlington**

**CYPP Priority:** Ensure the safety of children and young people

<b>We will:</b>	<b>Our top Actions are:</b>	<b>Position at year end</b>	<b>Timescale/ By</b>	<b>Lead Officer/Agency</b>
Reduce the number of children and young people killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents by enhancing our approach to accident prevention and road safety	<p>To ensure that school pupils in Darlington have the opportunity to make a safe, healthy, affordable and enjoyable journey to school with the minimum practicable impact on the local environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All schools (45) to have a School Travel Plan by 2010.</li> <li>• % of journeys to school by car reduced to 23.5% by 2011</li> </ul>	<p>All local authority schools (41) have developed a School Travel Plan. Just four schools, all independent, are yet to complete one.</p> <p>% of journeys to school by car currently stand at 24.7% as measured by the annual hands up survey.</p>	2011	<p><b>Nick Butler</b> [School Travel Plan Officer – Darlington BC] Local Transport Plan-School Travel Plan Strategy</p>
	<p>To achieve the actions set out in Darlington’s Sustainable Travel to School Strategy, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % of journeys to school by car reduced to 20.8% by 2010 (NI198 – data collected through School Census)</li> </ul>	<p>% of journeys to school by car will be reported officially in July 2010, however, early indications show a level of 20.4%</p>	2010	
	<p>Number of schools with cycle parking – 35 by 2010</p>	<p>32 schools now have cycle parking with a further 3 schemes to be installed in the first quarter of 2010/11</p>	2010	

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<p>Reduce the number of children and young people killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents by enhancing our approach to accident prevention and road safety</p>	<p>To implement a wide range of initiatives focused on areas of most risk, which are identified through accident statistics and partnership working with local communities.</p> <p>Produce and implement an evidence led programme of casualty reduction and speed reduction schemes, through the Local Transport Plan, targeting those areas where casualties are comparatively high and where the severity is high.</p>	<p>The Council has supported programmes to educate young drivers in terms of driver behaviour, drug and drink driving, motorbike training, advanced driver training, child pedestrian training, child cyclist training, elderly resident road safety education and engaged in a range of national, regional and local road safety education and publicity events and campaigns.</p> <p>A programme of local safety and speed management schemes was delivered. Their affect will be monitored over the coming years.</p>	<p>2010</p> <p>April 2010</p>	<p><b>Dave Winstanley</b> [Darlington BC – Assistant Director: Highways &amp; Engineering] Local Transport Plan- Travel Safety Strategy</p> <p><b>Dave Winstanley</b> [Darlington BC – Assistant Director: Highways &amp; Engineering] Local Transport Plan- Travel Safety Strategy</p>

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<p>Reduce the number of children and young people killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents by enhancing our approach to accident prevention and road safety</p>	<p>To achieve the national targets for casualty reduction by 2010: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 40% reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured.</li> <li>• A 50% reduction in the number of children killed or seriously injured.</li> <li>• A 10% reduction in number of slight casualties.</li> </ul> <p>Produce and implement an evidence led programme of casualty reduction and speed reduction schemes, through the Local Transport Plan, targeting those areas where casualties are comparatively high and where the severity is high.</p>	<p>2009 saw a 26% increase in the overall number of KSIs compared to 2008 (34 to 43). There is never the less a downward trend compared to the 1994-98 baseline with the 2009 figure 25% lower than the baseline (67 to 43). Our 2010 target of 34 KSIs will be difficult to achieve.</p> <p>The number of child KSIs increased from 1 in 2008 to 2 in 2009 though this is well below the 2010 target of 5. The number of child KSIs in 2009 represents a reduction of 80% compared to the 1994-98 baseline (10 to 2).</p> <p>The number of slight casualties in 2009 was 5% higher than 2008 (346 to 364). The overall trend is down though with the number for 2009 representing a 19% reduction compared to 1994-98 (451 to 364). We are well on track to achieve this target.</p>	<p>April 2010</p>	<p><b>Dave Winstanley</b> [Darlington BC – Assistant Director: Highways &amp; Engineering] Local Transport Plan- Travel Safety Strategy</p>

<b>We will:</b>	<b>Our top Actions are:</b>	<b>Position at year end</b>	<b>Timescale/ By</b>	<b>Lead Officer/Agency</b>
Promote awareness of accident prevention and road safety	To achieve a local target for casualty reduction by 2010:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 10% reduction in number of slight child casualties. (child = under 16 years old)</li> </ul>	Child slight casualties in 2009 reduced by 9% compared to 2008 (46 to 42) producing an overall reduction against 1994-98 baseline of 37% (67 to 42). We are therefore well in excess of this target.	2010	<b>Dave Winstanley</b> [Darlington BC – Assistant Director: Highways & Engineering] Local transport plan –travel safety strategy
	Deliver a programme of road safety education and training to all schools within the Borough.	Road safety education and training received by all schools.	2010	
Improve the stability and safety of Looked After Children	To audit placement moves of CLA and analyse the reasons and trends for such moves Produce placement strategy for children looked after	Report on Analysis of Placements taken to meeting of Strategic Leads for Looked After Children in March 2010. Analysis of payments to foster carers has been carried out including the potential cost of reviewing the professional fee banding, to compare with other Local Authorities. RIEP collaboration continuing with a view to joint service provision, where appropriate.	March 2009	<b>Jenni Cooke</b> [Darlington BC Children’s Services – Assistant Director: Children & Families] Children’s Services departmental plan
	To develop recruitment/marketing strategy for foster carer recruitment		May 2009	
	To support families and carers in providing a stable safe secure environment		April 2009	

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Improve the stability and safety of Looked After Children	Review systems and processes to monitor children's residential homes	Review complete Regulation 33 Visits continue on track. Further monitoring carried out by senior managers to support the Ofsted Inspection process.	May 2009	Children's Services departmental plan
Help children, young people and adults to develop positive relationships and not to bully	To continue to develop youth participation strategy, to gather direct feedback from children and young people,	Ongoing throughout the year via appropriate forums (Youth Service)	Ongoing throughout 2009-10	<b>Odette Sanderson</b> [Darlington BC – Children's Services] Tackling Bullying in Darlington
	To arrange training sessions for professionals to be incorporated into the Safeguarding Board's training programme for 2008-2009. Completed but further sessions arranged within the training programme	Training has continued to be offered and undertaken via the LSCB Training Programme.	2009-10	
	To develop wider awareness raising programme with schools and agencies re; Sentinel programme. Ongoing funding and training 2009-2010	Sentinel continues to be funded.	2009-10	

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Help children, young people and adults to develop positive relationships and not to bully	<p>To develop alongside the Local Safeguarding Children Board, a local professionals' network, to share good practice on a range of safeguarding issues including bullying. To be developed further through the 'Improving Practice' sub-group</p> <p>To establish a task group to develop a communications strategy and to plan and maintain oversight of events during anti-bullying week, across agencies and settings. Incorporated within Business Plan 2009-2010</p> <p>Identified need for coordinator post to drive forward the anti bullying action plan Funding currently being explored</p>	<p>Recently the Improving Practice sub-group has been devolved by the LSCB. Practitioner network groups that are open to all agencies will develop throughout 2010-2011.</p> <p>Communication strategy in early stages of development during 2009-2010.</p> <p>Co-ordinator appointed March 2010.</p>	<p>2009-10</p> <p>2009-10</p> <p>Provisionally Sept 2009</p>	<p><b>Odette Sanderson</b> [Darlington BC – Children's Services] Tackling Bullying in Darlington</p>
Reduce the exposure of children and young people to the prevalence of domestic abuse and repeat abuse Reduce the exposure of children and young people to the prevalence of domestic abuse and repeat abuse	<p>The Multi-Agency Risk Assessment (MARAC) developed and implemented across the Borough (Dec 08) An evaluation of the MARAC process will be commissioned Nov 09 to assess reduction in repeat victimisation, and improvement in the quality of life for the service user.</p>	<p>This action was removed from the Domestic Abuse Delivery Plan in June 2009. The evaluation of the MARAC process did not take place: however, the target of 31% for repeat victimisation within the MARAC was achieved (the repeat victimisation rate April 09-March-10 was 14%).</p>	<p>Evaluation of MARAC to be completed by March 2010</p>	<p><b>Joy Easterby</b> [Darlington BC – Chief Executive's: Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator] Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Plan</p>



<b>We will:</b>	<b>Our top Actions are:</b>	<b>Position at year end</b>	<b>Timescale/ By</b>	<b>Lead Officer/Agency</b>
Reassure young people and improve perceptions of anti social behaviour	<p>Launch the 'Think Families' Programme ensuring families and children at risk of offending or engaging in ASB receive additional specialist support based on need.</p> <p>Develop a programme of evening activity to divert young people away from ASB.</p>	<p>FIT team now in place – 3 qualified social workers, 3 family intervention workers, 1 Health Visitor, 1 Alcohol Worker, support services officer and Team Manager.</p> <p>Think Family launch event held 23rd April 2010 at Darlington Football Club –over 100 delegates attended</p> <p>Programme of activity developed in each service area. Activity programme launched Oct 09 and operational Oct-March 2010, culminating in a large event at South Park 17 April. Return on provision of Positive Activities completed and submitted to DCSF 1.3.10 – includes provision on Friday and Saturdays.</p>	<p>March 2010</p> <p>March 2010</p>	<p><b>Kate Martin</b> [Darlington BC – Chief Executive's: Safer Communities Co-ordinator ]</p> <p><b>Jenni Cooke</b> [Darlington BC Children's Services – Assistant Director: Children &amp; Families] Children with a disability strategy</p>

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Reassure young people and improve perceptions of anti social behaviour	Develop a programme of evening activity to divert young people away from ASB.	<p>New equipment and resources trialled (caged football and mobile cinema). Government 'Open for the Weekend' campaign used to promote positive activities. WWW bus deployed at locations throughout the Borough with impact monitored and reviewed.</p> <p>Range of methods developed and employed to acquire the views of young people and to ensure their views impact on plans and programmes.</p> <p>Young People's Street based teams recruited and deployed (via YCAP funding) – full staff team in place and operational across the Borough on Friday nights and within the Town Centre on Saturdays.</p>		<p><b>Kate Martin</b> [Darlington BC – Chief Executive's: Head Safer Darlington]</p>

<b>We will:</b>	<b>Our top Actions are:</b>	<b>Position at year end</b>	<b>Timescale/ By</b>	<b>Lead Officer/Agency</b>
Reassure young people and improve perceptions of anti social behaviour	<p>Develop a programme of evening activity to divert young people away from ASB.</p> <p>Continue to rollout the Sanctuary Scheme and evaluate its effectiveness</p>	<p>Arriva Teen Card promoted and additional discounts established. All schools/colleges now accessed for this academic year and promotional sessions continuing at Chill Out Café. Dosh Funds are available to young people, and criteria amended to target activity on Friday and Saturday nights.</p> <p>The Police Service continues to provide advice about security arrangements. Window locks and personal alarms are provided for women at risk and for those at serious risk of harm the sanctuary scheme is available to support them.</p>	Ongoing	<p><b>Kate Martin</b> [Darlington BC – Chief Executive’s: Safer Communities Co-ordinator ]</p>

<b>We will:</b>	<b>Our top Actions are:</b>	<b>Position at year end</b>	<b>Timescale/ By</b>	<b>Lead Officer/Agency</b>
<p>Reassure young people and improve perceptions of anti social behaviour</p>	<p>Improve engagement with diverse groups to ensure they have the opportunity to inform, influence and shape service delivery</p> <p>Linked to the healthy Schools agenda raise awareness of the harm caused by the misuse of alcohol in Schools and other establishments</p>	<p>PACT processes established with diverse groups – (Disability, LGBT) – and invitation to component communities within the community liaison group to start their own PACTs if they so wish. MSG PACT extended to Neasham and Hurworth. Existing network has been maintained and extended beyond the initial 11 priority wards. Delivery linked to the Problem Solving Group</p> <p>Darlington's Alcohol Strategy and the DAAT Children &amp; Young People's Treatment Plan include a range of work to raise awareness of the harm caused by alcohol. Key points include: Drug and Alcohol Social Norms campaigns in secondary schools, supported by follow up lessons to each year group which target their particular needs and concerns;</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>March 2010</p>	<p><b>Kate Martin</b> [Darlington BC – Chief Executive's: Safer Communities Co-ordinator ] Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Plan</p>



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Reassure young people and improve perceptions of anti social behaviour	Continued engagement with young people in a range of activities that will provide educational experiences, improve self worth and prevent anti social behaviour	Fire break course with young people identified by local schools: course facilitated by the Fire & Rescue Services' Youth Inclusion Team	March 2010	<b>Kate Martin</b> [Darlington BC – Chief Executive's: Safer Communities Co-ordinator] Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership Plan
Increase the number of local authority foster carers	To increase the recruitment and improve the retention of Darlington local authority foster placements	See comments relating to 'produce placement strategy for children looked after' above	March 2010	<b>Mary Sweeney</b> [Darlington BC – Children's Services: Children's Accommodation Manager] Children and Families service Plan



**SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME: Aspiring Darlington**

**CYPP Priority - Enable children and young people to aspire, to have fun and maximise their full potential through learning**

We will:	Our top Actions are:	Timescale /By	Position at year end	Lead Officer/Agency
<p>Ensure all children including all vulnerable groups receive high quality teaching and learning, improving academic progress and reducing the disparity in performance between schools phases</p>	<p>Continue to develop school leadership college</p>	<p>March 2010</p>	<p>The Leadership College has grown and is making an impact across our schools. A range of training / development opportunities are making an impact at different leadership levels across schools. We have a strategic steering group that is made up of partners including schools and Teesside University. We have some key staff from schools seconded for periods of time from 10 – 30 days to support the capacity building agenda.</p>	<p><b>Andy Dunn</b> [Darlington BC – Children’s Services: Assistant Director School Improvement and Development] Children’s Services Departmental Plan</p>
	<p>For Governing bodies to carry out self review programme, so identifying CPD</p>	<p>July 2009</p>	<p>Governor Development Unit is aware of 17 schools that have completed a self review, although no overviews / action plans have been received.</p>	<p><b>Andy Dunn</b> [Darlington BC – Children’s Services: Assistant Director School Improvement and Development]</p>

<b>We will:</b>	<b>Our top Actions are:</b>	<b>Timescale /By</b>	<b>Position at year end</b>	<b>Lead Officer/Agency</b>
<p>Ensure all children including all vulnerable groups receive high quality teaching and learning, improving academic progress and reducing the disparity in performance between schools phases</p>	<p>To further develop SIP and Lead Officer intervention to ensure Darlington Schools Ofsted reports are largely good and outstanding</p>	<p>July 2009</p>	<p>A commissioning model to develop Teaching and Learning has been in place since September 2009. As of Feb 5th four Commissioning Group meetings have been held so far with 58 proposals being heard. 34 of these projects are now being implemented.</p>	<p><b>Andy Dunn</b> [Darlington BC – Children’s Services: Assistant Director School Improvement and Development]</p>
	<p>At Early Years Foundation Stage increase level of achievement in Communication, Language and Literacy Development (CLLD) – particularly communication, speaking and listening.</p>	<p>March 2010</p>	<p>Evidence from observations indicates improvements in practitioner’s knowledge and understanding of early language and communication. March 2010 data collection (EcaT) illustrates a reduction in children at risk of under-achievement in early language development. Observations indicate improvements in practitioner’s knowledge and understanding of early language and communication.</p>	<p><b>Andy Dunn</b> [Darlington BC – Children’s Services: Assistant Director School Improvement and Development] Children’s Services Service Plan</p>

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<p>Ensure all children including all vulnerable groups receive high quality teaching and learning, improving academic progress and reducing the disparity in performance between schools phases</p>	<p>At Early Years Foundation Stage Increase level of achievement in Personal, Social &amp; Emotional Development (PSED) – particularly in Emotional Development</p> <p>We will do this by aligning Inclusion Development Programme communication materials with the Every Child a Talker (ECAT) programme and Social, Emotional Aspects of Development (SEAD) programme to create effective, measurable programmes/activities for schools/settings.</p>	<p>March 2010</p> <p>March 2010</p>	<p>Monitoring of the key worker system indicates continuing PSED stability. Girls continue to significantly outperform boys. Settings are currently developing outdoor learning in order to address boys' achievement by providing a context and environment which supports boys.</p> <p>See Comments above</p>	<p><b>Andy Dunn</b> [Darlington BC – Children's Services: Assistant Director School Improvement and Development] Children's Services Service Plan</p>
	<p>Working with vulnerable groups such as travellers and looked after children.</p>	<p>March 2010</p>	<p>2 LAC students who had failed at college last September were placed on the Skills4me programme studying BTEC Sport and Public Services and have now both completed the course and gained a pass. They have both achieved level 1 passes in Maths and English.</p>	<p><b>Liz Hemingway</b> [Darlington BC – Children's Services: Key Stage 4 Engagement]</p>

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Ensure all children including all vulnerable groups receive high quality teaching and learning, improving academic progress and reducing the disparity in performance between schools phases	Working with vulnerable groups such as travellers and looked after children.	March 2010	27 travellers are currently on roll at The Bridge. All travellers access to Maths and English and have the opportunity to study a vocational option of their choice. Retention of traveller pupils is 100%. 100% of current year 11 travellers are either in Education, Employment or training	<b>Liz Hemingway</b> [Darlington BC – Children’s Services: Key Stage 4 Engagement]
	We will improve in-school/setting moderation by raising awareness of on- entry data and specific actions necessary to improve outcomes.	March 2010	Working with the data team all on-entry and on-exit data is collected for every EYFS funded place child. Analysis of the data is issued to all schools/settings twice each year. An action plan outlines the areas to improve outcomes. Moderation of lower EYFS has been increased and the moderation of EYFSP is considered secure by QCDA.	<b>Andy Dunn</b> [Darlington BC – Children’s Services: Assistant Director School Improvement and Development] Children’s Services Service Plan
	We will launch the Flying Start programme to track pupil performance throughout the Early Years.	March 2010		

<b>We will:</b>	<b>Our top Actions are:</b>	<b>Timescale /By</b>	<b>Position at year end</b>	<b>Lead Officer/Agency</b>
	To link the best performing schools with those in need of improvement to ensure that skills are transferred	Sept 2009	New commissioning model introduced in Sept 2009. As of April's meeting 58 proposals have now been heard of which 34 are now being implemented. Rob Thompson/John Robinson now looking into ways to monitor and evaluate all 'live' projects.	<b>Andy Dunn</b> [Darlington BC – Children's Services: Assistant Director School Improvement & Development] Children's Services Service Plan
Reduce absence including persistent absence	Reduce the number of persistent absentees through better targeting and bespoke action planning	March 2010	All secondary schools have followed the good practice from our Persistent Absence schools and introduced many of the measures; consequently the number of secondary Pas has fallen across Darlington. The PA agenda is now being rolled out to primary schools; this should impact in the medium to longer term on the secondary school persistent absence rate.	<b>Gill Walker</b> [Darlington BC – Children's Services: Assistant Director Partnerships] Children's Services Departmental Plan
	To work with parents and settings to improve the support for school attendance	March 2010	An Attendance Strategy is in place, which all schools should be working within. School Attendance Officers and Education Family Support Officers work alongside and give support and guidance in reducing the number of Persistent Absentees within each school.	

We will:	Our top Actions are:	Timescale /By	Position at year end	Lead Officer/Agency
Reduce exclusion rates	<p>Incorporate the CAF process within the pathway for targeted support for parents/carers of persistent absentees</p> <p>To ensure full compliance with 6 day rule</p> <p>To review and evaluate the deployment of key staff in Behaviour Support Team to ensure sustained focus on vulnerable young people at risk of exclusion.</p>	<p>March 2010</p> <p>March 2010</p> <p>March 2010</p>	<p>CAF process now used routinely with persistent absentees and their families and carers</p> <p>We have undertaken a Behaviour and Attendance Review in 09-10</p> <p>Behaviour &amp; Attendance Partnership developed May 2010</p> <p>Carousel System with schools in place</p> <p>We are compliant with the six day rule</p> <p>In liaison with schools, staff have identified pupils at risk of exclusion. Pupils have undertaken an initial assessment to identify area of need for targeted support.</p>	<p><b>Andy Dunn</b> [Darlington BC – Children’s Services: Assistant Director School Improvement and Development] Children’s Services Departmental Plan</p>

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Reduce exclusion rates	To continue to ensure a service fit for purpose having maximum impact on the reduction of exclusions	March 2010	Pilot of Family SEAL in Firthmoor Primary School has been successful, parent evaluations and results have shown improvement. Family SEAL bid successful to develop Secondary Family SEAL pack. Schools have been identified and programmes are being developed to begin delivery after half term.	<b>Andy Dunn</b> [Darlington BC – Children’s Services: Assistant Director School Improvement and Development]
	Further develop the CAF pathway with the Behaviour Support Team around the Turnaround School	March 2010	CAF now integral part of Turnaround School. It has helped to forge strong links with families and children	
	To improve the rate of reintegration and support provided for permanently excluded pupils	March 2010	Secondary SEAL audit programme is underway with all secondary schools being visited. This information will be analysed and presented back to the SEAL group later this term. The purpose of the audit is to determine levels of progress. Small group SEAL rolled out to remaining secondary schools next term.	

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Reduce exclusion rates	To establish Behaviour and Attendance network for primary schools and continue to support secondary school network	March 2010	Following the Behaviour and Attendance review, the first of 2 conferences on B & A will be held in May, leading to the formation of a new Darlington Behaviour and Attendance partnership	<b>Andy Dunn</b> [Darlington BC – Children’s Services: Assistant Director School Improvement and Development]
Improve transitions across all setting phases and services especially for vulnerable groups	<p>To implement the findings of the Director’s Transition Commission.</p> <p>Data arrangements in place for schools by Sept 2008 to include establishing a transition model: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪Establish a transition model for all schools, informed by existing good practice in Darlington (SCS)</li> </ul>	<p>April 2009</p> <p>April 2009</p>	<p>Transition action plan devised to replace existing one Conference took place in Spring term to allow this to be generated. Transition focus now to be ‘Narrowing the Gap’ and to incorporate developments in G&amp;T through the establishment of an NtG network. This network will be launched in Spring 2010. An RE transition module is being developed by the subject leaders for use across KS2-3 in the summer term</p> <p>Many Transition Models exists in each primary- secondary link. Levels of transition activity at Y6-7 are very healthy and comprise a great variety of bespoke developments provided by each primary and secondary school.</p>	



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<p>Improve the provision of high quality child care</p>	<p>To increase number of sustainable good quality, inclusive school age childcare places (breakfast, after school &amp; holiday) to achieve sufficiency Develop implementation plan for next full sufficiency assessment in March 2010</p> <p>Continue to improve the infrastructure within FIS to gather supply data via providers on a quarterly basis</p>	<p>March 2010</p> <p>Ongoing – Start August 2009</p>	<p>We have secured the Childcare Sufficiency Audit (CSA) budget, commissioned research support around measuring demand for childcare/ activities from parents, children and young people, service providers, employers, etc. and reviewed supply data questionnaires and gap analysis spreadsheets. CSA survey commenced April 2010</p> <p>FIS is working with the Commissioning Projects Officer ( Nicola Davies) and CEDAR (Centre of Educational Development and Research ) to improve and increase the capacity of information on a database for collection and supply of information relating to all childcare sufficiency information in Darlington</p>	<p><b>Lynne Henderson</b> [Darlington BC Children’s Services –0-11 Development and Commissioning Manager] <b>Gill Walker</b> [Darlington BC – Children’s Services: Assistant Director Partnerships] Early Years &amp; Childcare Strategy &amp; Action Plan 2008-11</p> <p><b>Sue Davison</b> [Darlington BC Children’s Services – Families Information Services]</p>



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Improve the provision of high quality child care	Continue to improve and extend inclusive practice	March 2010	All childcare settings have had training on Inclusive Practice. The training was delivered to whole staff teams at staff meetings so that all staff in the setting understood the inclusive agenda.	<b>Lynne Henderson</b> [Darlington BC Children's Services –0-11 Development and Commissioning Manager]
			The Community Childminders who provide care and support for disabled children (over night, weekends and day care) have expanded to 15 childminders. These childminders are supported and have regular training from EY practitioners and the National Childminding Association. The uptake for parents, children and young people, using the service is increasing as parents become more aware of the service and trust the childminders to take care of their children.	<b>Gill Walker</b> [Darlington BC – Children's Services: Assistant Director Partnerships]

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<p>Improve the provision of high quality child care</p>	<p>Continue to improve and extend inclusive practice</p>	<p>March 2010</p>	<p>5 Childcare settings have received funding to pilot a support scheme for settings to work with the families of disabled children so that the transition from home to nursery is made with support and understanding. The key practitioners in the pilot are now being used to support other settings, sharing good practice, advice and information. All settings will receive this support.</p> <p>4 of the community childminders are to be assessed to access the Free Flexible Entitlement for 3 &amp; 4 yr olds (15hrs childcare and education) This will give parents choices as to how they want their child to access the flexible offer. For children who are already with the childminder it will mean that they can have continuity of care and have access to other nursery provision when the child is ready.</p>	<p><b>Lynne Henderson</b> [Darlington BC Children's Services –0-11 Development and Commissioning Manager]</p>

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Improve the provision of high quality child care	Continue to improve and extend inclusive practice		Childcare Development Officers work with all childcare settings on a regular basis to continue to develop and improve practice.	<b>Gill Walker</b> [Darlington BC – Children’s Services: Assistant Director Partnerships]
Provide high quality learning environments	To provide new or substantially refurbished secondary schools throughout the Borough	2012	Ready to Deliver approval received on 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2009 allowing for development of planning for the improvement of 3 secondary schools, ICT for 6 secondary’s and the improvement of a PRU (The Bridge)	<b>George McQueen</b> [Darlington BC – Children’s Services:BSF Director]
	To implement our Primary capital strategy to provide suitable learning spaces	2009	17 projects underway. Progress reported to Primary Capital Project board. Adjustments made at Heathfield and Heighington	Capital Strategy (Primary Capital Strategy Building Schools for the future)
	To carefully manage, in partnership with Governors, Devolved formula Capital	March 2010	Ongoing	
	To pursue pathfinder capital to build/expand our experience in sustainable/carbon-neutral building developments	2009	Northwood Primary School opened January 2010. Children’s Services developing a contribution to council’s carbon management programme.	

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<p>Improve opportunities for play and play provision</p>	<p>To develop closer links with leisure services to support delivery of play strategy</p> <p>To develop a comprehensive youth offer and ensure this is available within service directory – ensure details are refreshed as appropriate.</p>	<p>July 2010</p> <p>During 2010</p> <p>July 2010</p>	<p>Playbuilder Capital projects-Year 1 sites- 4 sites open. 6 to be finished this week. 2 moved to Year 2 sites due to adverse winter conditions held up soil testing processes. Play Commission- up and running. TUPE issues resolved. Delivery plan finalised-21 play sessions per week to be held across variety of community venues in 11 most disadvantaged wards equates to approx 1300 sessions per year. "Quality in Play" Standard process started. Darlington College providing independent review and evaluation process re quality. DVD produced by children attending schemes being produced for presentation to Children's Trust Board in May.</p> <p>Promotion of positive activities continued as part of the Click web site and high profile events. Promotion of information, advice and guidance via Connexions Service.</p>	<p><b>Gill Walker</b> [Darlington BC – Children's Services: Assistant Director Partnerships] Children's Services Partnerships' Service Plan</p>

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Extend opportunities and access to cultural, sports and formal/informal youth activities	To develop and deliver a wide range of initiatives across all YS areas.	March 2010	Full programmes in place and delivered for all areas, with an increased focus on opportunities being available on Friday and Saturday nights. In partnership with Children's Services Locality Teams and as part of several Sports Development projects, hundreds of formal and informal sport and physical activity opportunities are available right across Darlington in a variety of venues.	<b>Mike Crawshaw</b> [Darlington BC Community Services: Cultural Services Manager]
	To ensure that there is a programme in place for key school holiday periods.	March 2010	Programmes offered summer, Easter and half-terms – specific focus on summer holidays. Activity was integral part of the Summer Nights campaign. A comprehensive programme of cultural, sport and physical activity opportunities was available over the summer period during 2009.	<b>Mervyn Bell</b> [Darlington BC – Children's Services: Area 1 Integrated Service Manager] Consultation and Engagement Strategy
	To extend range and scope of programmes and activity at weekend periods.	March 2010	Specific and dedicated programme of Fri/Sat activity Oct 09-Mar 10 which culminated in Click in the Park (Sat 10 April 2010). Activities on offer as a direct result of consultation and dialogue with young people (summer 09).	

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Extend opportunities and access to cultural, sports and formal/informal youth activities	To make <b>The Dosh</b> funds widely available to groups of young people.	March 2010	All funds utilised in 2009-10 (final report and management information currently being prepared for Government Office).	<b>Mervyn Bell</b> [Darlington BC – Children’s Services: Area 1 Integrated Service Manager] Consultation and Engagement Strategy
	To continue with the Youth Offer Stakeholder sessions to extend provision across all sectors.	March 2010	Sessions have concluded and partners are now part of specific task and finish groups, e.g. Fri/Sat provision, holiday provision, The Box development.	
	To respond to the needs/wants of young people as expressed through the Click website and on-going dialogue/consultation.	March 2010	As above.	
	Implement the children and young peoples disability strategy	March 2010	Work streams and strategic framework to progress delivery of the strategy established. Action complete.	<b>Jenni Cooke</b> [Darlington BC Children’s Services – Assistant Director: Children & Families] Children with a disability strategy

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Extend opportunities and access to cultural, sports and formal/informal youth activities	<p>Ensure that young carers have the opportunity to contribute to and influence service development in respect of specific services for young carers, services for the people they care for and general services for children and young people</p> <p>Ensure that young carers and professionals working with them have accurate information about the support available</p>	<p>March 2010</p> <p>March 2010</p>	<p>Young Carers have accessed a range of sports and other activities, both locally and in the wider area. Young Carers' Action Plan 2009-11 developed and young carers' views sought regarding the support they need.</p> <p>Information leaflets about the Timeout Young Carers Project are widely available and updated as required. Awareness raising of the support available is undertaken regularly via a number of mechanisms including the Children's Trust newsletter, Children's Trust events, ongoing work in schools and with other professionals who work with young carers</p>	<p><b>Lisa Holdsworth</b> [Darlington BC: Community Services – Service Development Officer Adult Services] Carers Strategy and Implementation Plan</p>

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Extend opportunities and access to cultural, sports and formal/informal youth activities	Ensure that service planning and delivery in all statutory and voluntary sector settings is responsive to the needs of young carers and that those planning, commissioning and providing services collect and have information available to them about young carers and their needs	March 2010	A Project Direction meeting took place with young carers in July 2009, which showed that they are happy with the Project. The Young Carers Action Plan 2009-11 contains demographic and good practice information about young carers and their needs.	<b>Lisa Holdsworth</b> [Darlington BC: Community Services – Service Development Officer Adult Services] Carers Strategy and Implementation Plan
Maximise leisure opportunities for children and young people with additional needs	To continue delivery of Inclusive Leisure Fund Opportunities	March 2010	New Panel formed including parents and young people. 11 applications. 9 successful	<b>Kevin Kelly</b> [Darlington BC Children's Services – Integrated Service Manager (Disabled Children) Children with a disability strategy

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<p>Improve provision for disabled children, their families &amp; carers across ECM outcomes</p>	<p>Opening up universal services and new activities for disabled children and young people.</p>	<p>March 2010</p>	<p>Football, Dance, Games, Arts Spark, sports all offered to disabled children. 16 new children attending universal services.</p>	<p><b>Jenny Lumley</b> [Darlington BC Children's Services: Aiming High for Disabled Children Manager] Aiming High for Disabled Children Strategy</p>
	<p>Development of additional holiday and after school activities for disabled children and their families.</p>	<p>March 2010</p>	<p>Football, Dance, Games, Arts Spark, sports all offered to disabled children. 16 new children attending universal services.</p>	
<p>Improve provision for disabled children, their families &amp; carers across ECM outcomes</p>	<p>Increasing specialist provision of short breaks for children with complex and additional needs.</p>	<p>March 2010</p>	<p>Additional holiday support using Harewood Lodge &amp; commissioned flexible overnight and outreach service via Team Fostering.(10 children)</p>	<p><b>Jenny Lumley</b> [Darlington BC Children's Services: Aiming High for Disabled Children Manager]</p>

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<p>Improve provision for disabled children, their families &amp; carers across ECM outcomes</p>	<p>Improving access to support workers through direct payments</p> <p>Improving access to child care through support and training of childminders and childcare centres.</p>	<p>March 2010</p> <p>March 2010</p>	<p>17 families supported to find appropriate support workers. Young people and parents supported to recruit &amp; select candidates.</p> <p>10 childminders identified and trained with 4/5 used by families. 5 centres trained. 2 supported by AHDC monies to provide afterschool and holiday activities</p>	<p><b>Jenny Lumley</b> [Darlington BC Children's Services: Aiming High for Disabled Children Manager] Aiming High for Disabled Children Strategy</p>
<p>Improve parenting skills to increase parental involvement in their child's development</p>	<p>Actively pursue parental engagement</p> <p>Develop a coordinated framework for service delivery</p>	<p>ongoing</p> <p>March 2010</p>	<p>3398 parents have been consulted in relation to what is working well and what gaps in provision there are. 239 parents and carers have been referred for Evidence Based Parenting Programmes. Outcomes for families have included, understanding where to go for support, enrolling in Family Learning Courses to having their children returned to them from the care of the Local Authority, ceasing drug use and gaining their own property.</p> <p>A coordinated plan for Evidence Based Parenting Programmes is in operation with 15 programmes delivered this year.</p>	<p><b>Julie Bell</b> [Darlington BC Children's Services: Parenting Commissioner]</p>

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<p>Improve parenting skills to increase parental involvement in their child's development</p>	<p>Develop multi agency working</p>	<p>March 2010</p>	<p>Partners from across many agencies including, Behaviour Support, Health, Schools, Children's Centres, Social Care, FIT, Education Family Support, YOS, Family Learning and the Third Sector are working together to implement the Evidence Based Parenting Programmes. Sixty Seven practitioners across agencies have been trained in Evidence Based Parenting Programmes. 241 Parenting Practitioners have attended four Parenting Practitioner Network Meetings. Ninety practitioners have attended the Working With Parents Core training.</p>	<p><b>Julie Bell</b> [Darlington BC Children's Services: Parenting Commissioner]</p>
	<p>Provide quality Assurance in Parenting Support Services</p>	<p>March 2010</p>	<p>We have been awarded the Quality Kite Mark for the delivery of Evidence Based Parenting Programmes. All EBPP are supervised and adhere to the integrity of the programme. Most programmes have been evaluated and have completed the CEDARS evaluation questionnaires</p>	

**Sustainable Community Strategy Theme:** Greener Darlington (aspects)

**CYPP Priority – Enable children and young people to contribute to their community and environment**

<b>We will:</b>	<b>Our top Actions are:</b>	<b>Timescale/ By</b>	<b>Position at year end</b>	<b>Lead Officer/Agency</b>
Improve and promote opportunities for volunteering	To make links with Third sector organisations to source opportunities for volunteers	March 2010	Continually sourcing new opportunities with an increase from 298 April '09 to 399 March '10. Also developed an increase in organisations offering opportunities	<b>Karen Grundy</b> [Chief Executive – eVOLution] Evolution Strategic Plan SCS – Sustainable Community Strategy
	To develop the partnership with Darlington College and Young Enterprise Group	March 2010	Regular outreach and HE events attended and organised for Darlington College	
	To recruit and support and refer young volunteers drawn from the local community to Third Sector organisations	April 2010	With events and outreach session will continue to recruit and refer young volunteers	
Increase engagement of children, young people their families and carers in the design and delivery of services	Implement an agreed cross Department/sector Consultation and Engagement action plan	March 2010	Strategy and action plan in place – currently being reviewed and refreshed.	<b>Mervyn Bell</b> [Darlington BC – Children's Services: Area 1 Integrated Service Manager] Consultation and Engagement Strategy

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<p>Increase engagement of children, young people their families and carers in the design and delivery of services</p>	<p>To maintain 'What's Changed' logs to monitor impact of engagement on service design.</p>	<p>March 2010</p>	<p>Partner agencies encouraged to adopt and utilise What's Changed Logs.</p>	<p><b>Mervyn Bell</b> [Darlington BC – Children's Services: Area 1 Integrated Service Manager] Consultation and Engagement Strategy</p>
	<p>Further research the issues identified by LAC with a view to identifying areas for change.</p>	<p>March 2010</p>	<p>Young Inspector inspections being collated into an overall What's Changed Log.</p>	
	<p>Attend National Centre for Excellence in Residential Child Care Annual Conference 2009 to present evidence of research to date.</p>	<p>March 2010</p>	<p>Agenda days have been held on Education and Looked After Reviews and to review progress on the Pledge</p>	
	<p>Attend and contribute to Investing in Children Partnership Board.</p>	<p>March 2010</p>	<p>Conference postponed. Action now N/A</p>	
	<p>Further develop partnerships with other organisations and groups promoting the welfare of LAC</p>	<p>March 2010</p>	<p>Three young people represent Darlington on the Board</p> <p>Darlo care Crew members have worked with a wide range of partners from all agencies working with LAC</p>	

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Increase engagement of children, young people their families and carers in the design and delivery of services	Present outcomes of Agenda Days and wider research to Corporate Parenting Panel	March 2010	Darlo Care Crew have had direct input into Corporate Parenting Panel	<b>Graham Bristow</b> [Darlington Borough Council Children's Services: Corporate Parenting Co-ordinator]
	Explore taking on the Quality Assurance role for DBC Children's Homes	March 2010	Young people in care have carried out a Quality Assurance programme in DBC children's homes.	
Support the manifesto commitments of the UK Youth Parliament Member for Darlington	Submit new My Place bid	March 2010	Bid submitted but unsuccessful.	<b>Mervyn Bell</b> [Darlington BC – Children's Services: Area 1 Integrated Service Manager] Consultation and Engagement Strategy
	Radio station now operational, with plans in place to start recording in April 09.	March 2010	Online radio station in place and operational.	
	Future plans to approach the Dolphin Centre and other commercial outlets in Darlington to negotiate reductions for young people.	March 2010	Now part of wider review of charging policies and community access.	

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Reduce the number of young people offending and re-offending	To work with partners to increase protective factors for young offenders including access to education/training and employment, suitable accommodation and drug and alcohol services.	March 2010	Clear pathways to SWITCH. Excellent links with first stop (SPOC) & DBC housing department. Various projects have been funded via supporting people. NEETs do remain a problem, particularly 16/17yr olds.	<b>Jo Benson</b> [Darlington BC Children's Services: Head of Youth Offending Service] Youth Offending Service Plan	
	Improve assessment and intervention planning to ensure a consistent, safe and holistic approach	September 2009	Most staff have completed APIS training		
	Review pathways to ensure appropriate health, accommodation and education support is provided to young offenders	September 2009	Complete: -Clear and robust pathways in place		Youth Offending Service Plan
	Appoint a programme Co-ordinator to develop group work around identified crimino-genic pathways.	September 2009	Complete		
	All YOS staff to have up to date Safeguarding training and access to procedure on their desktop.	September 2009	Complete to level 2. Volunteers complete to level 1		

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Reduce the number of young people offending and re-offending	<p>To continue to develop Restorative Justice Services including reparation and victim awareness and mediation. With YCAP funding employ additional Reparation Officer Appoint Victim Support Officer to increase resilience and provision of RJ staff for work with victims</p> <p>To deliver against multi agency agreed Premium Service Agreements for DYO and PPO to ensure a robust and co-ordinated approach in work with identified Deter Young Offenders (DYO) and priority and prolific offenders (PPO).</p> <p>Review Premium Service Agreements and performance manage delivery against these through LCJB/CDRP</p> <p>YCAP funded YOS Officer in police custody suite to deliver target led interventions with identified DYO &amp; PPO clients</p>	<p>June 2009</p> <p>June 2009</p> <p>December 2009</p> <p>June 2009</p>	<p>The YOS has a comprehensive list of reparation projects Complete. Additional YCAP Reparation worker employed until March 2011. Also, a Victim liaison support worker employed on 20hrs per week basis to support the VLO</p> <p>Completed-A Multi Agency Operational Group chaired rotationally by senior officers of Police, Probation and YOS ensure robust delivery</p> <p>Completed-A LCJB/CDRP Strategic Prevention of Re-Offending Group and an LCJB Delivery Group have reviewed agreements and monitor performance</p> <p>Completed and Ongoing. Triage process developed to identify those young people who can receive a Pre Reprimand disposal with restorative justice, additional support and interventions included as required. For those young people known to the YOS, additional interventions and rapid referrals.</p>	<p><b>Jo Benson</b> [Darlington BC Children's Services: Head of Youth Offending Service] Youth Offending Service Plan</p>

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<p>Work with young people at risk of offending to prevent them entering the criminal justice system</p>	<p>Develop Safer Street initiative ensuring those communities suffering from ASB receive support and visible action</p> <p>Develop further reparation activities on Friday evenings and weekends and include as part of the Pre Reprimand Disposal intervention</p>	<p>April 2010</p> <p>June 2009</p>	<p>Completed and Ongoing. Additional YCAP funded social worker in YOS to support targeted Safer Streets weekend</p> <p>Completed and Ongoing. Additional YCAP funded post to 2011 to provide evening and weekend reparation. PRD worker funded thorough YJB prevention grant to 2011.</p>	<p><b>Jo Benson</b> [Darlington BC Children's Services: Head of Youth Offending Service] Youth Offending Service Plan</p>
<p>Reduce levels and improve perceptions of anti social behaviour</p>	<p>Maximise the use of enforcement interventions where appropriate, including ASBOs, Injunctions and Fixed Penalty Notices, parenting Orders to tackle ASB and Environmental Crime</p>	<p>March 2010</p>	<p>Fixed penalty notices &amp; environmental crime are a separate team since April '09.</p> <p>Support measures are utilised where appropriate in order to prevent ASB, these can include, neighbourhood agreements, acceptable behaviour agreements (ABA's), parenting support and drug &amp; alcohol support.</p> <p>Where initial interventions fail, enforcement measures continue to be utilised to tackle ASB where appropriate including, ASBOs, Injunctions, Parenting Orders, ASB Closure Orders.</p>	<p><b>Kate Martin</b> [Darlington BC – Chief Executive's: Safer Communities Co-ordinator ]</p>

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Reduce levels and improve perceptions of anti social behaviour	<p>To develop a reparation programme for young people who commit environmental crime.</p> <p>Appoint a YCAP Social Worker to work as part of the Street Safe initiative and undertake any follow up interventions with young people and</p> <p>Improve engagement with diverse groups to ensure they have the opportunity to inform, influence and shape service delivery</p>	<p>September 2009</p> <p>July 2009</p> <p>July 2008</p>	<p>YCAP funding agreed, additional reparation officer appointed, YOS reparation directory expanded to encompass weekends</p> <p>ASB/YCAP Social Worker in place, working with vulnerable young people on a one to one basis who have been identified as part of the Street Safe Initiative</p> <p>PACT processes established with diverse groups – (Disability, LGBT) – and invitation to component communities within the community liaison group to start their own PACTs if they so wish. MSG PACT extended to Neasham and Hurworth. Existing network has been maintained and extended beyond the initial 11 priority wards. Delivery linked to the Problem Solving Group</p>	<p><b>Kate Martin</b> [Darlington BC – Chief Executive’s: Safer Communities Co-ordinator ]</p>

**Sustainable Community Strategy Theme:** Prosperous Darlington

**CYPP Priority:** Ensure children and young people are prepared for and prosper in adult life

<b>We will:</b>	<b>Our top Actions are:</b>	<b>Timescale/ By</b>	<b>Position at year end</b>	<b>Lead Officer/Agency</b>
Impact of the current economic downturn is minimised for children, young people and families by reducing the proportion of children living in poverty	To continue to participate in the Narrowing the Gap pilot project	Pilot ends 2009	Pilot ended 2009 and principles from the pilot have been embedded into the Early Intervention and Prevention Teams.  OBA methodology is being used with all Children's Trust and new and refreshed strategies for example Child Poverty, Consultation Engagement Strategy, Communications Framework, Adult Learning and Skills Strategy.	<b>Gill Walker</b> [Darlington BC Children's Services: Assistant Director Children's Services Departmental Service Plan
	Develop a Child Poverty Strategy for Darlington	March 2010	PID for development of Child Poverty Strategy agreed by Local Strategic Partnership 22/3/10	<b>Julian Kenshole</b> [Darlington BC Children's Services: Head of Policy and Performance]
	Embed Child Poverty Pledge across Children's Trust Partners	April 2009 – ongoing	Pledge agreed by LSP	<b>Gill Walker</b> [Darlington BC Children's Services: Assistant Director

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Accelerate progress with all aspects of the implementation of the 14-19 strategy	Implement the revised 14-19 strategy agreed by 14-19 Trust	From April 2008	The revised 14 -19 Partnership Strategy contains 8 strategic priorities. The associated 14-19 Partnership Plan has an action plan for each strategic priority which is currently being delivered and monitored.	<b>Andy Dunn</b> [Darlington BC – Children’s Services: Assistant Director School Improvement and Development]
	Further develop the 14-19 Trust partnership arrangements to enable partnership to fulfil the 14-19 ‘Next Steps’ requirements	March 2010	The ‘Next Steps’ guidance has been superseded by more recent guidance. The 14-19 Partnership has recently reviewed its Partnership Agreement to ensure its structure is fit for purpose.	Children’s Services Departmental Service Plan
	Develop protocols around cross institution delivery of 14-19 offer	March 2009	A comprehensive range of 14-19 collaborative protocols has been developed by the 14-19 Partnership. All approved protocols are placed on the 14-19 website.	
	Develop further and raise awareness of borough-wide 14-19 Prospectus	December 2009	Confidence in using the prospectus has been damaged, due to upgrade of system by software company to meet new DCSF standards, causing glitches in the system. CAP process deferred to start September 2010	

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Accelerate progress with all aspects of the implementation of the 14-19 strategy	<p>Ensure consortium plans are in place for effective delivery of 2009 Diploma offer</p> <p>NEET strategy Action plan 2008-10 implemented</p> <p>Further analyse data, at student-level, if available</p> <p>Analyse data, particularly within WBL providers and with respect to Apprenticeships</p> <p>Highlight eligibility of FSM indicator with pre and post-16 partners to facilitate appropriate support</p>	<p>September 2009</p> <p>2010</p>	<p>4 Diploma Lines of Learning were offered in September 2009. 3 Diploma courses operated during that year – 2 Level 2 Engineering Diplomas and 1 Creative and Media Level 3 Diploma</p> <p>A new inter-agency NEET Implementation Plan against the toolkit is being delivered and monitored by the NEET Reduction Partnership</p> <p>NEET data is considered at student-level.</p> <p>WBL and Apprenticeship data is monitored.</p> <p>Eligibility of FSM indicator is now shared with post-16 partners.</p>	<p><b>Andy Dunn</b> [Darlington BC – Children’s Services: Assistant Director School Improvement and Development] Children’s Services Departmental Service Plan</p>

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Accelerate progress with all aspects of the implementation of the 14-19 strategy	Engage with employers more effectively improve range and quality of work experience offer.	March 2009	An Employer Engagement Strategy and action plan are in place. Employers are represented on the 14-19 Partnership and in Diploma Curriculum Groups. The quality of the work experience offered brokered by Durham EBP is regularly evaluated.	<b>Andy Dunn</b> [Darlington BC – Children’s Services: Assistant Director School Improvement and Development] Children’s Services Departmental Service Plan
Enhance people’s skills in relation to the job market, by tackling the disparities in employment prospects and economic opportunity across Darlington	To develop an Engineering Skills Project, working with approx. 6 key engineering employers within the town offering subsidised work placements to young people and some form of cash incentive to the individuals upon completion Engineering Skills Project is being refined in its scope.	Envisaged start date start of 2009/10 academic year	Encouraging Engineering’ project launched November 2009. 4 engineering companies signed up – CTC; Cummins; Henry Williams Ltd and Mech-Tool Engineering. Interviews held mid-March and 4 students offered support through the scheme from the start of the 2010/11 academic year.	<b>Nik Grewer</b> [Darlington BC Chief Executive’s: Business Engagement Manager] ALL – Sustainable Community Strategy & ‘Prosperous Darlington’ themes

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<p>Enhance people's skills in relation to the job market, by tackling the disparities in employment prospects and economic opportunity across Darlington</p>	<p>To develop vocational diplomas in areas including Engineering and Hospitality</p>	<p>March 2010</p>	<p>A level 2 Engineering Diploma is being offered at both Carmel RC College and the Education Village, in conjunction with South West Durham training. A Level 3 Creative and Media (C&amp;M) Diploma is operating at Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College. There was insufficient student interest to offer the Hospitality and IT Diplomas.</p>	<p><b>Andy Dunn</b> [Darlington BC – Children's Services: Assistant Director School Improvement and Development]</p>
	<p>To extend the Diploma offer to incorporate Construction and Hair &amp; Beauty and to increase the number of students on Diploma courses so that courses are available in all approved lines of learning."</p>	<p>March 2010</p>	<p>Hair &amp; Beauty has proved popular and will be taught by Darlington College, Saks and BL Hairdressing. A Level 2 C&amp;M will run at the EV and it is likely that a new Level 3 course will start at QE. There has been insufficient interest in T &amp; T to run a course and there will be no new Engineering groups starting in 2010.</p>	<p><b>Andy Dunn</b> [Darlington BC – Children's Services: Assistant Director School Improvement and Development]</p>

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<p>Enhance people's skills in relation to the job market, by tackling the disparities in employment prospects and economic opportunity across Darlington</p>	<p>To extend the Diploma offer to incorporate Construction and Hair &amp; Beauty and to increase the number of students on Diploma courses so that courses are available in all approved lines of learning."</p> <p>To continue DBC Self Development Grant scheme, aimed at removing barriers to employment or self-employment.</p>	<p>March 2010</p> <p>March 2010</p>	<p>Approval has been gained to offer courses in Retail Business from 2011 which will link to the proposed Retail Skills Academy. Providing conditions are met in July, we will also be able to offer courses in Society, Health and Development, Business, Administration and Finance, Environmental and Land Based Studies, and Public Services.</p> <p>In order to increase the number of students opting for Diploma courses, we have put on two Diploma Road Shows and offered taster sessions for the new courses. Further taster sessions for Year 8 students are being planned for the summer term.</p> <p>This scheme closed on 31 December 2009 (as planned) due to all monies having been allocated.</p>	<p><b>Andy Dunn</b> [Darlington BC – Children's Services: Assistant Director School Improvement and Development]</p> <p><b>Nik Grewer</b> [Darlington BC – Chief Executive's: Business Engagement Manager]</p>

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Support aspirations through adult learning and skills and opportunities for personal development	To increase engagement in the arts	March 2010	There has been a steady increase in participation in library events including attendance by non-library users.	<b>Ruth Bernstein</b> [Darlington BC- Children's Services –Adult and Community Partnerships Manager] Sustainable Community Strategy/Children's Services Departmental Service Plan
	To increase engagement in the arts	March 2010	Darlington Arts Centre has continued to offer a range of arts courses aimed at adults to increase engagement in the arts. These range from painting to pottery, textiles to tai chi, stained glass to glass painting, learn something new or develop existing skills.	<b>Mike Crawshaw</b> [Darlington BC Community Services: Cultural Services Manager]

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	To increase engagement in the arts	March 2010	Over a period of ten weeks, from September to December 2009, working in partnership with NECA (North East Council for Addictions), Darlington Arts Team brought together a project whereby clients used recycled plastic bottle tops to create two large murals with a mosaic approach at Darlington Arts Centre. The artist had the skills to encourage creativity from participants, many of whom had never been involved in arts activity other than at school.	<b>Mike Crawshaw</b> [Darlington BC Community Services: Cultural Services Manager]

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	To develop community provision	March 2010	Reduced funding has led to fewer community based learning programmes however we are in discussion with schools to support them to deliver adult education through the extended schools offer	<b>Ruth Bernstein</b> [Darlington BC- Children's Services – Adult and Community Partnerships Manager] Sustainable Community Strategy/Children's Services Departmental Service Plan

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	To develop Adult Learning and Skills Strategy	July 2010	Task and Finish group set up to progress this. Outcome Based Accountability methodology sessions undertaken with the task and finish group which included members from both Aspiring Darlington and Prosperous Darlington. Strategy currently under development.	