

Executive Summary

This is the second annual review of Darlington's Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2008 – 2011 which was published in June 2008. This review report looks specifically at the period April 2009 to March 2010 and considers what we have achieved over this period. This review also examines our existing Children and Young People's Plan priorities and makes contextual changes to some of our priority actions.

Key Achievements so far:

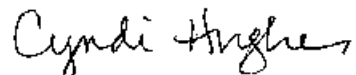
- The number of young people screened for Chlamydia increased significantly in Darlington in 2009-2010.
- Under-18 conceptions have reduced in Darlington. We have achieved a reduction of 20.1% against a national average reduction of 13.3%.
- Progress with Schools participating and achieving National Healthy School Status has improved in the last 12 months.
- Darlington has successfully increased long-term stability of placements for Looked After Children (LAC).
- The number of completed Common Assessment Frameworks (CAF) has continued to increase with 150 completed in 2009-2010.
- Darlington has continued to reduce the number of children aged 0 -15 killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents.
- Darlington's 5+ A*-C GCSE performance continued to improve with 51.8% of learners achieving 5+ A*-C GCSE's in the summer of 2009.
- The number of schools providing access to extended services for children and families in Darlington has also improved.
- We have continued to improve the number of young people achieving both level 2 and level 3 qualifications by the age of 19.

- We have increased the number of young people in receipt of free school meals at age 15 years who achieve level 2 qualifications by the age of 19.
- We have narrowed the gap in level 3 achievement by age 19 between those young people eligible for free school meals and those not eligible.

Areas for Improvement:

- Although Under 18 conception rates have reduced work will continue to sustain this downward trend.
- Although reported alcohol/drug misuse has reduced, sustained attention is required.
- Darlington will mitigate and reduce the proportion of children living in poverty, especially in the current economic climate.
- Although obesity rates for reception and year 6 aged children have reduced work will continue to tackle childhood obesity.
- Darlington will reduce the number of school exclusions.
- Darlington will continue to improve provision for disabled children, their families and carers.
- Darlington will reduce the number of youth related anti-social behaviour incidents.
- Darlington will tackle under performance in service areas working with vulnerable children and young people.

The review has also looked at what has changed from the engagement and involvement of children and young people (Section 4).



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