

## Areas for Improvement for Darlington Children's Trust during 2010-2011:

- Although Teenage Pregnancies have reduced work will need to continue to sustain this
- Although reported alcohol/drug misuse has reduced for children and young people work will need to continue to sustain this
- Darlington will reduce the numbers 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 continue to improve services for disabled children, their families and carers
- Darlington will reduce the number of youth related antisocial behaviour incidents
- Darlington will tackle under performance in service areas working with vulnerable children and young people
- Darlington will continue to reduce the number of young people excluded from school.

## Want to know more about Darlington Children's Trust?

More information about Darlington Children's Trust is available on the Children's Trust website:

<http://www.darlington.gov.uk/Children/childrenstrust/Childrens+Trust.htm>

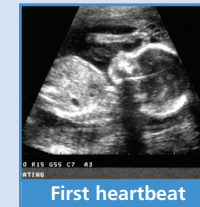
You can find out more information about Darlington Children's Trust services for children, young people and their families by contacting the Families Information Service:

- Telephone 0800 917 2121 between 8.30am-5pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am-4.30pm on Friday.
- An answer phone service is available outside these hours
- e-mail: [fis@darlington.gov.uk](mailto:fis@darlington.gov.uk)
- drop into Darlington Families Information Service in the Town Hall, Feethams, Darlington, DL1 5QT.



# Children and Young People's Review Plan

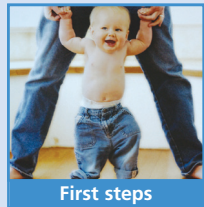
## A summary of the 2009-2010 Review



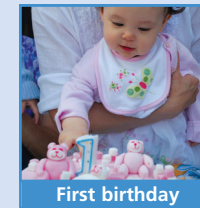
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First breath



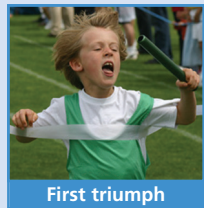
First steps



First birthday



First day



First triumph



First challenge



First real test



First day of the rest of my life

## What is a Children's Trust?

Children's Trusts are local partnerships which bring together organisations responsible for services for children, young people and families in a shared commitment to improving children's lives. Local authorities work closely with other local agencies with a legal duty to be part of the Children's Trust. This includes primary care trusts (PCTs), police authorities, local probation boards, youth offending teams, Connexions, Job Centre Plus, voluntary and community sector organisations, colleges and schools.

## How does Darlington Children's Trust do this?

Children's Trusts develop a local strategy for improving children's lives by delivering better services. Darlington has published its second Children and Young People's Plan covering the period 2008-2011. The Children and Young People's Plan sets out how service providers including the Council, schools, the health service, police, and voluntary and community sector organisations will work together over the coming years to deliver the Sustainable Community Strategy Vision – **One Darlington, Perfectly Placed**, to improve the lives of children, young people and their families.

## Darlington's Children's Trust continue to support all children and young people so that they can:

- Be healthy – Through promoting positive health and emotional wellbeing
- Stay Safe – Ensure the safety of children and young people
- Enjoy and Achieve – Enable children and young people to aspire, have fun and maximise their full potential through learning
- Make a positive contribution – Enable children and young people to contribute to their community and environment
- Achieve economic well-being – Ensure children and young people are prepared for and prosper in adult life

These five priorities complement each other. Children and young people thrive and learn best when they are healthy, safe and engaged.

## Findings from the Children and Young People's Plan Review

Darlington Children's Trust Key achievements during 2009-2010 are:

- The number of young people screened for Chlamydia increased significantly in Darlington in 2009-2010
- Teenage Pregnancies have reduced in Darlington
- 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)
- Darlington has continued to reduce the number of children aged 0 -15 killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents.
- The number of young people achieving five or more GCSEs has continued to improve
- 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.