

## **Foreword**

Last year we produced the first Darlington Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) which brought together information on health and social care from a variety of sources in one document. The JSNA is designed as a common database to help local agencies plan “joined up” or integrated services together to address the wider health and wellbeing needs of the people of Darlington. The 2009 version of the JSNA is a brief “refresh”, including updated data where available. A full re-write is planned in 2010 to inform the review of Darlington’s Sustainable Community Strategy, *One Darlington: Perfectly Placed 2010*. The planned full review in 2010 will involve a wider spectrum of partners to bring a richer perspective to the JSNA.

The JSNA, along with other documents, is intended to provide a powerful tool for defining priorities and shaping future services for Darlington. The JSNA highlights areas where we need to do more to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities and specific health and social care issues that require targeted actions.

Like the previous JSNA, the document has drawn data from a variety of sources in health and the local authority to describe the health and wellbeing and care needs of the local population. Work on developing the JSNA 2010 will begin in the new year. In the meantime, we hope you continue to find the JSNA useful in informing your commissioning and service planning.

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