



# INTRODUCTION TO SERVICE GROUPINGS: Children and Young People's Services

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**Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny July 2021**

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# Services we provide

- **Education and Skills** – responsibility for providing services to secure standards and improvement in schools and other places of learning, including adult learning. Key support services also include school and governor support, school admissions and transport, school capital programme, as well as DurhamWorks.
- **Children’s Social Care** – responsibility to support and safeguard children in need of care and protection, as well as those children who are looked after with residential, fostering, adoption and supported living services. We also provide services to children with a disability and young people who leave care.
- **Early Help, Inclusion and Vulnerable Children** - responsibility to ensure early help for children and families, helping to tackle child poverty and supporting programmes such as ‘Fun with Food’, support for young people who have offended and victims of crime, educational psychology, special educational needs services and Aycliffe Secure Childrens Unit.

# Services we provide

- **Public Health** – Public Health have responsibility for the following:
  - Health protection – infectious and communicable disease control, health emergency planning, screening and immunisation programmes.
  - Commissioning health improvement services including mental health, tobacco control, stop smoking services and drug and alcohol treatment services, 0-19 health services and oral health.
  - Healthcare public health services to clinical commissioning groups and Academic public health
- **Commissioning** – have responsibility for commissioning services for children, contracting, market management, personalisation and financial protection.
- **Operational Support** – have responsibility for systems and data, statutory complaints, inspection readiness and improvement support.

# Inspection Framework

- CYPs is subject to regulatory inspections
  - Ofsted regulate services in the following areas:
    - ❑ Children's Homes (including Aycliffe Secure Unit)
    - ❑ Children's social care services (inspection every 3 years with an annual conversation and self assessment with Ofsted)
    - ❑ Schools
    - ❑ Adult learning and skills
  - Ofsted and Care Quality Commission inspect:
    - ❑ Special Education needs and Disabilities Services.
  - Ofsted, Care Quality Commission, HMI Constabulary and HMI Probation jointly assess:
    - ❑ How effectively agencies are working together to help and protect children. This is referred to as a Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) and is themed.
  - HMI Probation inspect:
    - ❑ Youth Justice Services

# Partnership Working

- Durham County Council is a member of a number of boards and partnerships which aim to improve overall health, wellbeing and safety of individuals and communities across the County.
- The Council is a statutory partner of the Durham Child Safeguard Partnership (DSCP) which provides the safeguarding arrangements under which partners and other agencies work together to coordinate safeguarding services.

We work closely with a wide range of partners including:

NHS Foundation Trusts	Police
Clinical Commissioning Groups	Police, Crime and Victims Commissioner
National Probation Service	Schools
Regional Schools Commissioner	Voluntary Sector Organisations



# Challenge

## **Key Challenges**

- Education Review
- Early Years
- Special Educational Needs Review
- Home to School Transport
- Children in Care – Placement Sufficiency
- Integrated Services

All underpinned by Covid-19 Impact and Recovery