

Growing Up in County Durham

Delivery Plan

2023 – 2025

Starting Well Partnership Board

We have approved the Growing Up in County Durham strategy to improve services for children, young people and families in County Durham and responsibility for delivery has been delegated to the Children, Young People and Families Partnership Board (CYP&FPB). The CYP&FPB is made up of a number of different organisations including:

- [North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board](#)
- [County Durham and Darlington Constabulary](#)
- [County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust](#)
- [Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust](#)
- [Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust](#)

There are also representatives from differing teams within Durham County Council including:

- Inclusion and Vulnerable Groups
- Education
- Performance
- Children's Social Care
- Children's Safeguarding
- Public Health
- County Durham Care Partnership Integrated Commissioning

To do this, the partnership is divided into 4 sub-groups who each take aspects of the work for delivery. These four sub-groups are;

- Best Start in Life
- Preparing for Adulthood (Transitions)
- Inclusion and Vulnerable Groups
- Service Transformation

Developing the Strategy

The strategy was developed in co-production with our children, young people and families. There were three stages to this process during 2022:

1. February to 30 April – co-production sessions with children, young people, families and carers via the SDG and the VCS Alliance to establish the vision for the strategy and the priority areas that the strategy should focus on.
2. 22 June to 10 August – wider consultation on the proposed vision statement and priority areas, carried out via an online survey and targeted consultation with stakeholder groups.
3. 5 September to 12 October – further consultation on the proposed strategy document, carried out through an online survey with stakeholder groups, as well as presenting the draft strategy to key stakeholders, giving them the opportunity to comment before final agreement at the Children, Young People and Families Partnership Board. The consultation period has been extended from 2 October to 12 October as promotion of the strategy has been on hold due to the national mourning period.

The result was a strategy with six priority areas;

1. Family, friends and community.
2. Being safe.
3. Breaking Down the Barriers
4. Development, learning and skills.
5. Physical health, mental health and emotional wellbeing.
6. Access to community support and services.

How will we make sure the strategy is delivered?

Some of the issues raised we have already identified and they are being addressed. The CYP&FPB will seek assurance that this work is delivering for our children and young people and is addressing the areas you identified to us.

The following pages set out the priority areas identified by you for us to improve, where responsibility for this lies, and what is happening to deliver the improvements you need. The number in the box next to the action links the action to those listed on P9 of the Strategy.

We need to know if and when we have succeeded so we need to identify, at the start, how we are going to measure our success. By 2025, when this strategy ends, we will have:

1. Created 15 Family Hubs to provide better community-based support and services.
2. Improved children and young people's experience of the move from children to adult's services.
3. Improved attendance levels for all children and young people across all schools and settings.
4. Increased the numbers of young people traveling by bus.
5. Shown how children, young people and families are more involved in developing the support and services they use.
6. Increased the number of children who achieve a healthy development during the first years of their life.
7. Reduced the number of times children and young people have to go to hospital with unintentional injuries.
8. Developed an online toolkit which will show partners what is happening across the County and where we need to focus our efforts.

Priority area	High level action	Tasks	Timescale	Owner	
Breaking Down the Barriers	Working with the strengths and opportunities in local communities to develop a network of family hubs which can support the delivery of a range of local community support and services to children, young people and families	Production of a delivery plan for Family Hubs in County Durham	Dec-22	Vulnerable groups CYP&FPB sub-group	1
		Family Hubs operational	Apr-23	Vulnerable groups CYP&FPB sub-group	2
		Review and adjust <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What services are delivered from which Hubs? How is that going? What needs to change?	On-going to March 2025	Vulnerable groups CYP&FPB sub-group	3
Development of Learning and Skills	Ensure every young person, who has health, education and/or care needs, and their family, has access to the right support on their move from children's to adult's services, when they are old enough to do so.	Statutory transitions	New work plan in development	14-25 Transitions CYP&FPB sub-group	4
		CAMHS transitions			5
Access to Community Support and Services	Monitor and evaluate the Bus Service Improvement Plan in relation to benefits brought to young people through concessionary	Network wide ticketing – so one ticket can be used on all busses.	Timescales in Development	North East Joint Transport Committee	6
		Improved CCTV provision to improve safety	Timescales in Development	North East Joint Transport Committee	7

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	fares and other favourable benefits, allowing young people to have wider access to health, education, leisure, volunteering and other services, and for young people aged 16 and over, work and apprenticeships. Build and promote community, peer to peer support, buildings, people, facilities, and services that are available in communities as a clear offer which is communicated in a way that is easy for children, young people and families to understand.	Introduction of capped fares for all ages – target £2.50 region-wide multi-modal cap for CYP.	Timescales in Development	North East Joint Transport Committee	8
		Care Leavers concession	Timescales in Development	North East Joint Transport Committee	9
		Development of a community book	Action plan to be completed March 2023	County Durham Together Board	10
Physical Health, Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing	Ensure children, young people and families have an equal role in the development and redesign of the support and services they use	Needs led neurodiversity support	March 2028 with interim goals	Service Transformation CYP&FPB sub-group	11
		Improving specialist services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eating disorders 	March 2024	Service Transformation CYP&FPB sub-group	12

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	Develop seamless services that support children, young people and families across health, education and social care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paediatric therapies 			
		Expand the DCC estate of children's residential homes	March 2024	Durham Sufficiency Board	13
		Re-procurement of the Short Break offer for families who care for children with SEND and complex health needs.	March 2024	Service Transformation CYP&FPB sub-group	14
Family, Friends and Community	Build and promote community, peer to peer support, buildings, people, facilities, and services that are available in communities as a clear offer which is communicated in a way that is easy for children, young people and families to understand.	Actions in this area to come from County Durham Together Board Who and when	Action plan due for completion June 2023	County Durham Together Board	15
Being Safe	Being and feeling safe in the community is one of the 6 strategic priorities set by the Safe Durham Partnership. For the SDP, this area is split	Reducing anti-social behaviour	New strategy recently agreed. Delivery plan in development	Safer Durham partnership	16

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	into 5 covering anti-social behaviour, arson, housing, road safety and hate crime with a significant amount of work being undertaken in each area. Children and young people are mentioned specifically in relation to reducing rates of arson and deliberate fires in the SDP plan. This will be delivered through the Multi-Agency Arson Reduction Strategy 2021 - 2024	Reducing arson and deliberate fires	Delivered via Multi-agency arson reduction strategy 2021 - 24	Safer Durham partnership	17
		Hate crime and community tension		Safer Durham partnership	18

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Governance structure



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Reporting template



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