

Child Poverty

- Ensure that children who live in poverty are safe
- Increase the parental employment rate
- Improve skill levels in parents and children
- Support families to maximise their entitlements
- Prevent those at risk from falling into poverty
- Where it is evident that a family is experiencing poverty take action to mitigate its effect

Children's Safeguarding

- Ensure children live safely in Hartlepool
- Children and young people live in households where they are properly cared for, all of their needs are met and they are free from the impact of neglect
- Children and young people live free from the impact of domestic violence
- Adolescents in Hartlepool are supported to make safer choices and safeguarded from harm
- Children and young people safely access and use existing and emerging technologies to aid their enjoyment and achievement

Looked After Children

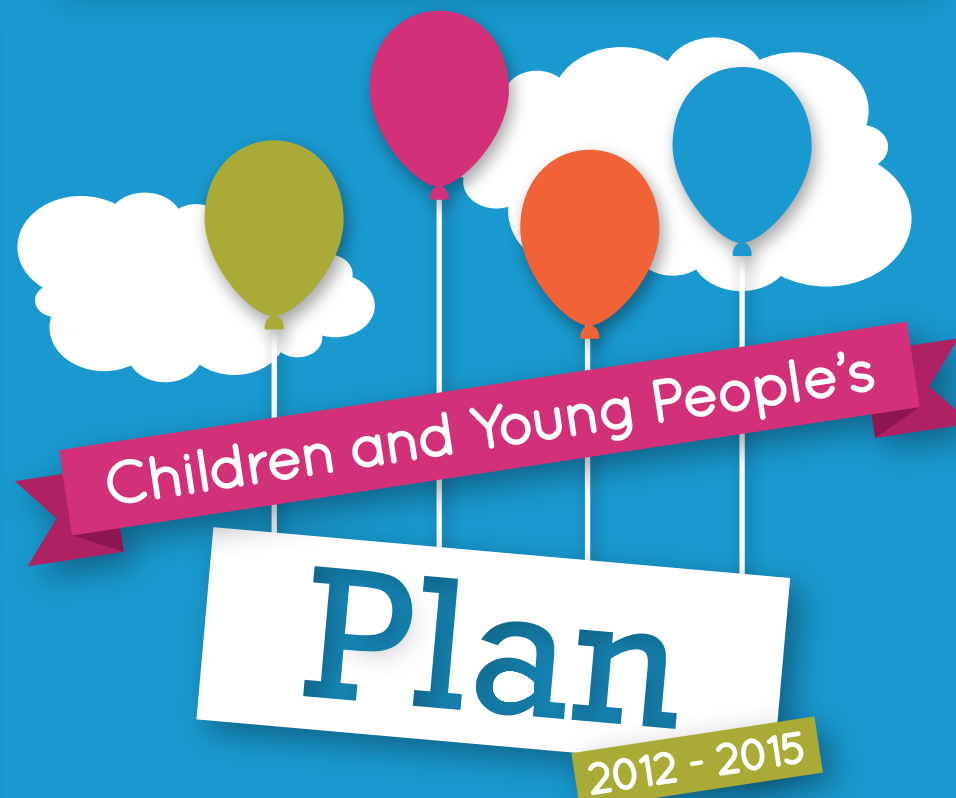
- Ensure that children and young people are supported at the earliest possible opportunity through effective assessment, planning and intervention thus preventing children entering care
- Ensure that placements are planned effectively and appropriate for individual children's needs
- Ensure all children looked after attend and receive the highest quality education to enable them reach their potential
- Ensure that children looked after are supported to live healthy lives
- Ensure that children looked after are supported effectively as they grow into adults

Young Carers

- Young carers in Hartlepool receive an assessment of their needs and appropriate support
- Ensure young carers of parents who have mental health problems or misuse alcohol or drugs are identified and supported

Early Intervention

- Ensure that children and young people are supported at the earliest opportunity through effective assessment, planning, intervention and support
- Ensure that children and young people receive the right service at the right time
- Identify and support those families that are at risk of poor outcomes providing tailored support to narrow the gap in life chances



"In Hartlepool we will work together through the Hartlepool Children's Partnership to keep children and young people and their families at the centre of services that we provide."

Health

- Reduce health inequalities for children and young people
- Give every child the best start in life
- Ensure all children and young people to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives
- Create fair employment and good work for all
- Ensure a healthy living for all
- Create and develop healthy and sustainable communities
- Strengthen the role and impact of ill health prevention

Youth Offending

- Identify and support young people undertaking risk taking behaviour and prevent them from entering the criminal justice system
- Ensure that there are effective arrangements in place for the management of the risk and vulnerability of young people and their families
- Provide high quality Restorative Justice Services that support victims of youth crime and promote confidence in the community of local Youth Justice Services
- Reduce incidences of reoffending for young people in the criminal justice system

Education

- Ensure all children attend and receive the highest quality education to reach their potential
- Improve standards in reading, writing and mathematics in Key Stage 1
- Improve pupil progress from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 4
- Support all schools to ensure that they are judged to be good or outstanding
- Narrow the attainment gap for pupils on free school meals

Transitions

- Ensure all young people have access to age appropriate services which are responsive to their specific needs as they grow into adulthood

Children with Additional Needs/Disabled Children

- Ensure that children and young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities have an equal opportunity to achieve their potential
- Ensure that children and young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities have those needs met in an holistic way, in partnership with the young people, their parents/carers and other professionals
- Support the increase of community capacity to include and support children with disabilities
- Raise the achievement of pupils with learning difficulties and/or disabilities ensuring that this is dealt with centrally within other education plans
- Ensure that children and young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities are empowered to express their views and to have control over their own lives