



GOVERNMENT OFFICE
FOR THE NORTH EAST

Children and Learners Group: Timeline

Setting out the work of the group as it benefits children throughout their lives from 0-19 years

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Children's centres, 0-5 years

A children's centre in every community by 2010 – working with Together for Children, who have the lead role in children's centre development, helping local authorities meet their targets.



Early Years Foundation Stage, 0-5 years

To be introduced in September 2008. Building a coherent and flexible approach to care and learning. All childcare providers are required to use the Early Years Foundation Stage to ensure children will receive a quality experience that supports their development and learning.

1yr

2yrs

3yrs

4yrs

5yrs

Early years leads support

Supporting the 12 local authorities early years leads to implement early years policy and helping strategic decision making programmes.

2 Year Old Pilot scheme

The 2 Year Old Pilot scheme provides 38 weeks of part time education to 12,000 disadvantaged 2 year olds. Improving cognitive and social outcomes of children and increasing take up of 3 and 4 year olds early education pilots.

3 and 4 Year Old Pilot scheme

The 3 and 4 year old pilot scheme is evaluating different methods of delivering the extended flexible offer of 15 hours free education and care. Local authorities are testing the different models to see which are the most suitable and accessible for parents.

Safeguarding children and young people, 0-19 years

Working with partners to improve children and young people's safety.



0-13 Childcare Act duties

We monitor the progress of local authorities towards implementation of the outcomes duties set out in the Childcare Act 2006. This includes the duty to carry out an assessment of childcare supply and demand, securing sufficient childcare and ensuring the provision of information and advice to parents and childcare providers.



Early support programme, 0-16 years
 Early support is for families with young disabled children. It's the Government's recommended approach for coordinating services across England. It's designed to improve services and help families and practitioners share information.

Sustainable schools
 Designed to support schools on their journey to sustainability, introducing the principles of sustainable development through doorways, and offering guidance on how to embed these principles into the heart of school life.



Access to childcare for children with disabilities, 0-19 years
 Pilot scheme looking at ways of increasing access to childcare for children with additional needs. Northumberland is the pilot in our region.

Play Pathfinders and Playbuilders, 0-16 years
 We will support the local authority Play Pathfinders and Playbuilders, improving play facilities and access to play for children and young people.

Joint improvement support plan
 Work with consultants (known as field forces) funded by the Department for Children, Schools and Families to identify and implement appropriate, co-ordinated support, to help local authorities address their priorities for children and young people.

Children's Workforce Development, 0-19 years
 Working with the Children's Workforce Development Council, local authorities and other key regional stakeholders to develop a consistent approach to workforce development across the 0 to 19 age range.



Children's health, 0-19 years
 Work with partners to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people including children with disabilities and complex needs.

Care matters: Time for change, 0-19 years

The key themes are:

- uncompromisingly high ambitions for children in care
- good parenting from everyone in the system
- stability in every aspect of the child's experience
- centrality the voice of the child.

Parents and carers, 0-19 years

Supporting local authorities developing their parenting strategies and commissioning parenting services.

Youth Opportunity and Youth Capital funds, 13-19 years

Supporting the delivery of Youth Opportunity and Youth Capital funds across the North East (20-24 for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities).

14-19 diplomas

Facilitate focused support to 14-19 partnerships for the development and implementation of 14-19 diplomas in the North East.

11yrs

12yrs

13yrs

14yrs

15yrs

Local area agreements

Advice and guidance on children and young people's priorities within the North East's local area agreements.

Child poverty

Coordinating activity to impact on child and family poverty.



National healthy schools programme, 5-18 years and beyond

97 per cent of schools in the North East are engaged in the national healthy schools programme. It provides opportunities at school for enhancing emotional and physical health; reducing health inequalities; increasing social inclusion and raising achievement for all.



Teenage pregnancy

The regional teenage pregnancy coordinator oversees the implementation of the Government's 10-year Teenage Pregnancy Strategy across the North East. The strategy aims to improve health and social outcomes for Children and Young People.

You're Welcome

A set of quality criteria to make health services more, young people friendly, in primary, community and hospital settings.

Aiming high for young people

Support the delivery of the Ten Year Youth Strategy. Increase the things to do, and places to go, for young people in the North East.

Targeted youth support reforms

All young people require access to high quality, universal services, but young people at risk of poor outcomes (young people with additional needs) also require targeted support from services.



16yrs

17yrs

18yrs

19yrs

Regional 14-19 Commission

The Regional 14-19 Commission aims to add value to the 14-19 agenda's local delivery. It contributes effectively to the economic and social priorities for the region, helping young people develop the skills and specialisms to participate in a thriving economy. They make sure that every young person is helped to find learning or work that is right for them including those who are disengaged or at risk from disengaging.

Government Office for the North East, the Learning Skills Council and One NorthEast form the steering group for the 14-19 Commission.

14-19 education reform (including qualifications reform)

Support the 14-19 partnerships in the region to raise attainment – getting young people to stay in education and training.

14–19 curriculum and qualifications

Supporting the introduction of new qualifications, for example, diplomas to engage young people and encourage them to stay in education and training. Creating the local infrastructure to deliver the curriculum and entitlement.

Raising expectations, 16-19 years

Support the successful transfer of 16-19 roles and responsibilities from the Learning and Skills Council to the local authorities. By 2010 all local authorities will be responsible for offering young people in their area, a full menu of choices – both the new diplomas and apprenticeships alongside GCSEs and A levels.

Young people not in education, employment and training

Support the reduction in the number of young people not in education, employment and training.