

Children's service organisational structure

SAFEGUARDING AND PLACEMENT SERVICES

Looked After Children Team

The Looked After Children's Team works with children and young people who are placed away from their families in foster care or other accommodation.

Leaving Care Team

The Leaving Care Team works with young people aged between 16 and 21 years who have previously been cared for by the Local Authority.

Residential Units

Riverdale - an assessment and short-term unit for 5 children and young people (male or female) aged 10-17.

Sycamore House - provides placements for children who may have a combination of emotional and or behavioural and social difficulties (EBSD).

Starting Point - provides accommodation to young people who are remaining in care from school-leaving age up to 21 years.

Safeguarding Team

The Safeguarding Team works with families who have been identified through an assessment as in need of additional support due to safeguarding concerns. The team also works with families where there are child protection concerns and where there are child protection plans in place.

Front Door Service

The Front Door service provides access to all services for children and families in North Tyneside. If you have concerns about the safety or welfare of a child in North Tyneside the Front Door Service is the first point of contact for everyone.

Raising the Health and Education of Looked After Children (RHELAC) Team

The RHELAC Team are a group of professionals from Health and Education who support the needs of Looked After Children. The team provides direct support to children and young people in care, along with training and advice for social workers, carers and teachers and all others working to improve the well-being of looked after children.

Fostering and Adoption Service

The role of the Fostering Service is to recruit, train, assess and supervise all North Tyneside approved foster carers.

The role of the Adoption Service is to assess, train and support prospective adopters and find families for children with a plan of adoption. The team also provides support and advice to families who have children placed with them.

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EARLY INTERVENTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Supporting Families Team

In North Tyneside the Supporting Families Team provides support to families who experience two or more of the following issues - poor school attendance, worklessness, children who need help, parents and children with health problems, domestic violence or anti-social behaviour and crime.

Family Partners

Family Partners work with families who need support and are dedicated to the family; look at what is happening for the family as a whole; give practical, hands-on support to the family; have an assertive and challenging approach; are supported by a plan agreed with the family and relevant services.

The Early Help and Coordination Team

The Early Help and Coordination (EHC) Team is part of the Health, Education, Care & Safeguarding service. The team have experience from a number of disciplines which means there is a wealth of knowledge within the team.

The focus of the team is to support other professionals working with a family regardless of the complexity of the case. This is to ensure that a wide range of professionals, from a broad range of agencies are trained and up-skilled to this way of working.

Drug & Alcohol Support

N2L is a confidential drug and alcohol service for young people in North Tyneside. Any young person under the age of 18 is welcome to contact this service.

Youth Offending Team

The purpose of the Youth Offending Team (YOT) is to prevent offending and reduce re-offending by children and young people. The team consists of staff from North Tyneside Council, Northumbria Police, National Probation Service, Health and is overseen by a partnership board with an Independent Chair.

Youth Support Service

The Youth Support Service supports organisations to deliver youth clubs within the community. The workers provide advice, support and practical help to volunteers and community-based projects to enable them to respond to the needs of young people.

Youth Offer

The current Youth Offer includes - Leisure centres; Play Sites; Skate Parks; Accredited Programmes; Youth Council, Young Mayor and Youth Forums; Apprenticeships and work experience opportunities; Connexions service.

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INTEGRATED DISABILITY AND ADDITIONAL NEEDS SERVICE

The Local Offer

The Local Offer sets out the support and services that are available for children and young people aged 0-25 years, with special educational needs.

Disability and Additional Needs Service

The Disabilities and Additional Needs Service (DANS) offers children and families access to disability and additional needs information and advisory services.

The Children's Disability Team

The Children's Disability Team is a service for children and young people who have a severe learning and/or physical disability, or life limiting condition and their families. The team offers assessment and care packages tailored to children and young people's individual needs.

The team also provides support for disabled young people and their families through transition in to Adult Social Care.

Addison Street

Addison Street offers short breaks for up to 5 children and young people aged 8-17 years with disabilities. The service, based in a specially adapted property, provides short breaks for up to 16 nights and offers a maximum of 74 nights per year. Generally, short breaks are offered as a stay every 4-6 weeks and at least 45 children and young people with a learning and/or physical disability access this service.

Educational Psychology Service

The Educational Psychology Service is a team of specially trained psychologists who are skilled in assessing children and young people's educational needs and offering advice on how they can be supported in school.

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SKILLS, JOBS AND CAREERS

Information, Advice and Guidance (Connexions)

North Tyneside Connexions service is a confidential advice and support service primarily for 13 - 19 year olds (and up to age 25 for young people with special needs). Connexions offers advice and support on education, training, careers, employment, health and personal development opportunities.

Education to Employment

The Education to Employment Team provides support to employers based in North Tyneside to grow their business by creating opportunities for local people.

Adult Learning Alliance

The Adult Learning Alliance offers hundreds of part time courses, all year round, in accessible locations across the borough.