

Prevention and Early Help in North Tyneside

Early Help is “everyone’s business”

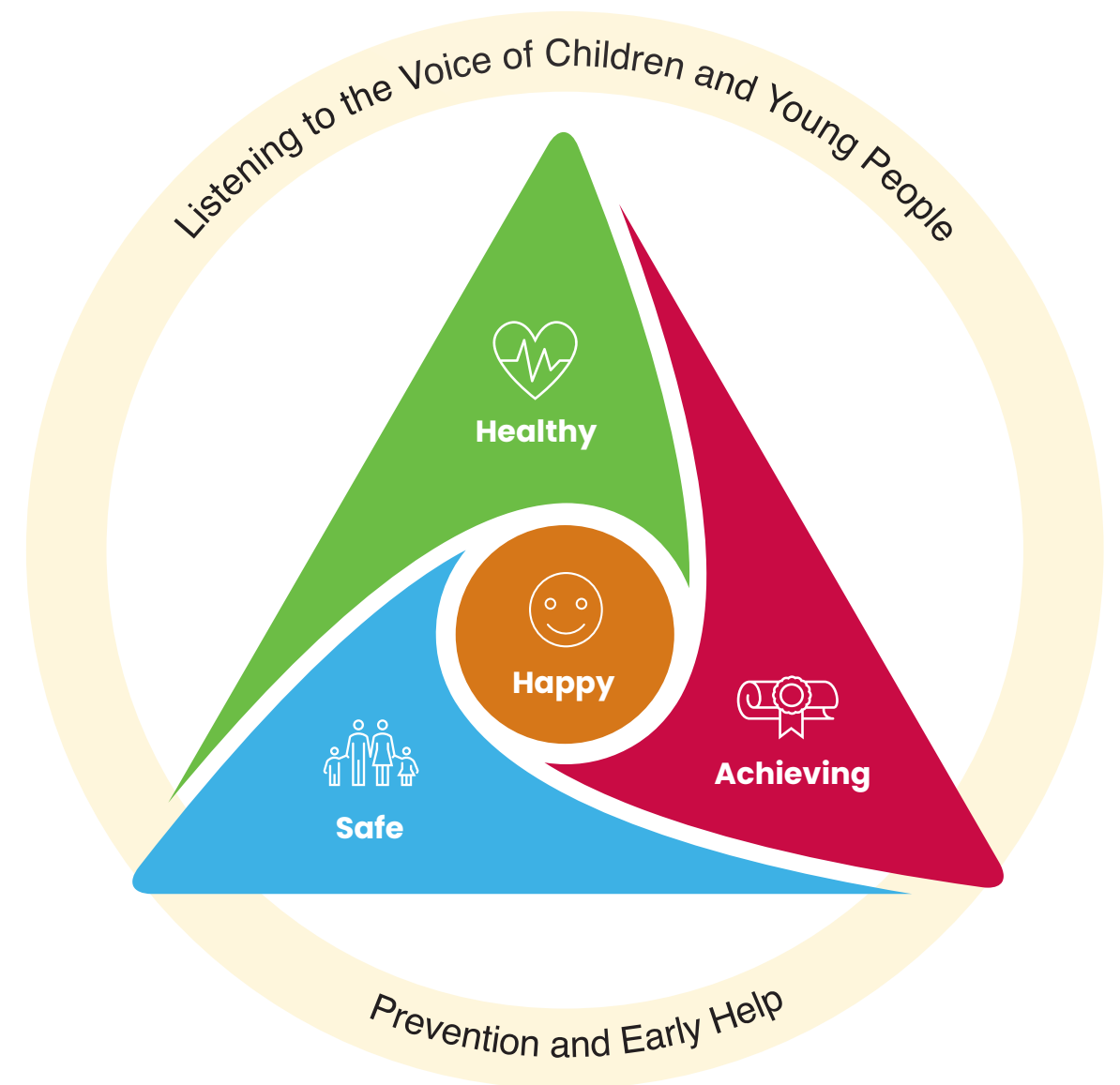
Prevention and Early Help in North Tyneside form the foundations of our **support to children, young people and families** across the Borough. They play a critical role in helping us achieve our vision, and the outcomes that we want to see for all children and young people across the Borough. This strategic position statement has been developed to reflect our continuing commitment and ambition to ensure we deliver the **right support to families** at the time they need it. Our work is underpinned by our shared principles, that in all aspects of our work, we will **listen to the voices of children and young people**, as we continue to embed our prevention and early help agenda across all our strategies and plans.

These key services also align entirely with our three pledges to children and young people, that **we will intervene early with evidence-based, family focused services, we will work in partnership to keep children in school and we will keep children and young people safe at home, healthy and connected to their networks and local communities**. We understand the critical importance of prevention and early help in narrowing inequalities for our children, families and their communities and in **creating opportunities for all children to thrive and maximise their potential** throughout their childhood.

We are proud of the partnership working that has driven improved outcomes and service innovation in terms of the support we are able to provide for our families. We could not have achieved this without having maintained the mature and effective partnership relationships that exist in North Tyneside. Alongside this **we value our trusted relationships with children, young people, families and communities**. We know the difference strong and trusted relationships can have. It is these relationships that have helped us to ensure that early help is “everyone’s business”.



Julie Firth
Director of Children's Services



Based on our 2021–2024 EH strategy we have...

Continued to develop a whole family early help approach to supporting children with an EHCP.	Supported our children to do better than ever at the end of reception and currently doing better than the national average in relation to achieving Attainment 8. We are at both the expected level and higher greater depth standard for KS1.	Established a route for EH support for families referred into CAMHS – 98% of families supported by Early Help did not need a further CAMHS intervention	Established a graduated response through the work of the Emotional Wellbeing Strategy which is developing new pathways, enabling families to access support through schools and their community.	Established a bespoke Early Help offer for young carers.	We have co-produced and launched our Early Years Inclusion Service, focussed on identifying all C&YP who have or may have SEND under 5 years of age.	Enhanced our response from MASH with all police notifications through early help.	Increased offer to support domestic abuse through commissioned services.	Produced an attendance policy and piloted a new joint approach to low attendance, which we are continuing to develop.	Enhanced our offer with Housing Services through dedicated DA workers.
--	--	---	--	--	--	---	--	---	--

The strategic context

The Our North Tyneside Council Plan outlines a vision of building a better North Tyneside looking to the future; and listening to and working better for residents. The plan features five themes that reflect your priorities aimed at creating a North Tyneside that is **thriving, family-friendly, caring, secure** and **green**.

The following documents align to the family-friendly theme of the Our North Tyneside Council Plan and provide a strategic framework for Early Help services in the borough:

- North Tyneside Children and Young People’s Plan
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Inclusion Strategy
- Children and Young People’s Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Strategy
- Equally Well: A healthier, fairer future for North Tyneside
- North Tyneside Alcohol Strategy
- North Tyneside Autism Strategy
- North Tyneside Domestic Abuse Strategy
- Joint Forward Plan
- North Tyneside Youth Justice Plan
- Connecting Communities A Strategy for Community Hubs and Libraries 2023 – 2028

Our agreed strategic vision

Make North Tyneside an even greater place for children and young people to thrive; where all, including those who are vulnerable, disadvantaged, or disabled, are ready for school, ready for work and life, cared for and supported.

Our pledges

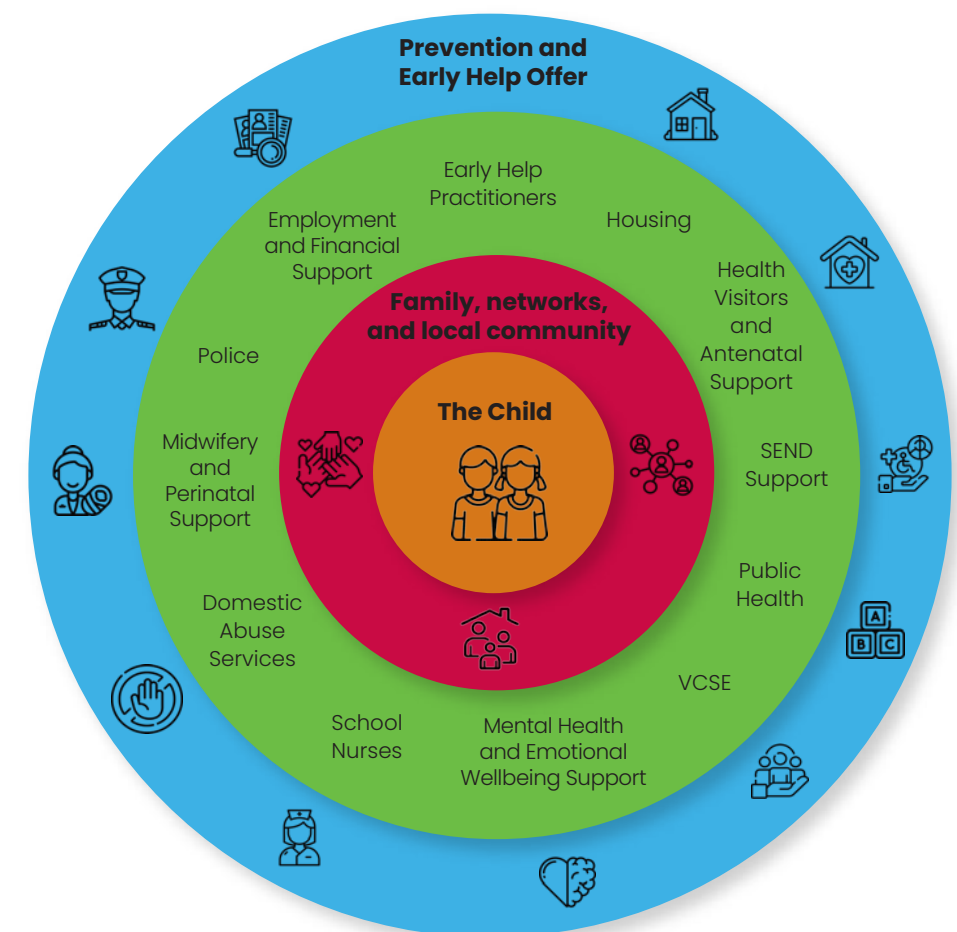
- We **intervene early** with evidence based, family focused services.
- We work in partnership to **keep children in school**.
- We **keep children and young people safe at home**, healthy and connected to their networks and local communities.

Priority outcomes

- A **Safe** Life
- A **Healthy** Life
- A **Happy** Life
- **Achieving** in Life

Our model

Our model within Prevention and Early Help is based on the belief that building trusting relationships, providing the right support at the right time and in the right place, will help keep children and young people safe within their families, networks and communities.



Between 2024 – 2028 based on the strategies above we will...

Deliver the Best Start in Life priorities, focused on the first 1001 critical days	Develop and embed the new Early Years Inclusion Service	Reduce inequalities affecting families across the borough	Working together to improve school attendance and attainment, as part of the Ambition for Education Strategy	Delivery of the partnership's Neurodiversity Transformation Programme, creating a needs-led approach with the right support available at the right time, across education, health, and care	Work in partnership to deliver the longer term vision of the wellbeing strategy, to further improve children and young people's emotional health and wellbeing, where those who are neurodivergent live in neuro-comfortable, inclusive communities	Work in partnership so children and young people are protected from the effects of domestic abuse	Increase parent and carer awareness of guidance around alcohol consumption during childhood and adolescence, to minimise negative impact including the reduction of alcohol-specific admissions for under 18s	Embed the Graduated SEND Approach
--	---	---	--	---	---	---	---	-----------------------------------