



Gateshead
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Appendix 2: Related strategies and agreements

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Introduction to appendix 2

There are many strategies that are related to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment but space precludes detailed descriptions of all of them. Some of the main ones are outlined below. Others to which reference might be made include Financial Strategies and Transport Strategies.

1 GENERAL POLICY

1.1 Equality

Linked very much with the inequalities focus in the JSNA, the [equality strategy](#) focuses on the six key equality strands: disability, gender, transgender, race, faith and religion, and sexual orientation. The equality framework considers ten dimensions of equality:

- Longevity;
- Physical security;
- Health;
- Education;
- Standard of living;
- Productive and valued activities;
- Individual, family and social life;
- Participation, influence and voice;
- Identity, expression and self-respect;
- Legal security.

Such issues are also a focus of the [corporate equalities priorities](#), around the theme of developing well-being and equality of opportunity as part of the Vision 2030 approach (see below).

1.2 PSA targets and national indicators

There exist many [Relevant Public Service Agreements and National Indicators](#) that can affect the choice of priority areas and actions.

1.3 Financial Inclusion strategy

The [Financial Inclusion strategy](#), aiming to prevent people from suffering financial hardship, has four themes: worklessness and skills; debt and credit; benefit advice and financial access; and housing.

1.4 Vision 2030

[Vision 2030, the Sustainable Community Strategy](#), contains a strand known as 'active and healthy Gateshead'. The actions needed to meet its aims are being agreed by a multi-agency group of people and links are being made to the JSNA's aims. Arising from this strand, a health strategy was developed, known as '[The Big Shift](#)'. This has four priority areas for action:

- Health checks – the quickest win
- Smoking – the biggest single impact on health inequalities
- Physical activity – the biggest health gain across the population
- Emotional health and well-being – the foundation stone for overall quality of life.

2 HOUSING

The links between housing and health have been long recognized. Poor housing can contribute particularly to falls, respiratory conditions and conditions associated with cold. The housing strategies mentioned below can be viewed on the council website <http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/Housing/Strategy/strategic.aspx>

2.1 Gateshead Homelessness Strategy 2008-13

This emphasises prevention and eradication of homelessness, reducing the use of temporary accommodation and enhancing partnership working to support vulnerable households to sustain long-term accommodation.

2.2 Gateshead Housing Strategy 2007-12

This strategy sets out the vision for housing in Gateshead and the objectives of improving health, providing choice, supporting economic growth and meeting housing needs and demands.

2.3 Older People's Housing Strategy 2007-12

This aims to re-balance the older people's housing market, to ensure independence and social inclusion and to ensure that older people have active and fulfilling lives within sustainable communities. It is based on extensive consultation.

2.4 Gateshead Private Sector Housing Renewal Strategy 2009-2012

This strategy responds to the 2007 Private Sector Stock Condition Survey. It has the following aims: to promote safe and healthy homes that meet 'decent homes' standards; to support a flexible and thriving private rented sector; to increase rented housing supply; and to improve warmth and energy efficiency.

2.5 Gateshead Vulnerable Persons' Housing Strategy

The [Gateshead Vulnerable Persons Housing Strategy Group](#), set up in 2009, aims to ensure that the housing needs of vulnerable individuals and families are met and to support housing providers and partners to ensure appropriate housing solutions are available.

3 COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT

3.1 Spatial Planning

It is recognized that the spatial development and design of development has a key role to play in improving the health of Gateshead's population by encouraging walking, cycling and outdoor pursuits and ensuring development occurs in sustainable locations. The [Local Development Framework \(LDF\)](#) encompasses all Council Plans and Strategies with spatial outcomes within a Core Strategy backed up with more detailed local development documents and area action plans.

3.2 Open Spaces Strategy

The [Open Spaces Strategy](#) draws in all relevant departments within the Council to manage and improve open space to ensure that it best meets the needs of local people and visitors.

3.3 Green Action Plan

The [Green Infrastructure Study, Strategy and Action Plan](#) identifies the strategic network of green sites and links throughout the area which is needed to maximise the quality of life.

3.4 Transport

3.4.1 Tyne and Wear Local Transport Plan (LTP)

This sets the overall framework for the management and improvement of the transport system in Tyne and Wear. A draft plan for the period 2011-2021 was issued for consultation in October 2010. The vision for this includes contributing to healthier and safer communities, with higher levels of physical activity and personal security.

<http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/Transport%20and%20Streets/planning/localtransport.aspx>

3.4.2 Gateshead Cycling Strategy

This provides the basis for increasing levels of cycling within Gateshead. It sets out proposals for development of the network, provision of cycle parking and seeks to promote cycling as a realistic healthy alternative mode of transport. The current Strategy was approved in 2003, and a review is planned for the near future.

<http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/Transport%20and%20Streets/Cycling/CyclingStrategy.aspx>

3.4.3 Speed Management Plan

Approved in 2007, this provides an approach towards the setting of speed limits throughout Gateshead. It recognises the benefits lower speeds can have, not only in terms of immediate safety but also in encouraging more attractive local environments which promote increased levels of healthy travel. A programme is now underway to increase the coverage of 20mph zones across Gateshead.

4 COMMUNITY SAFETY and SAFEGUARDING

4.1 *Safer Gateshead – annual Strategic Assessment and Partnership plan*

[Safer Gateshead](#) is a Community Safety Partnership dedicated to reducing crime and improving community safety in Gateshead. The Partnership is led by six Responsible Authorities:

- Northumbria Police
- Northumbria Police Authority
- Gateshead Primary Care Trust
- Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
- National Probation Service, Northumbria
- Gateshead Council

Safer Gateshead has a statutory requirement to produce an annual Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan. The Strategic Assessment provides knowledge and understanding of the key community safety issues in Gateshead in order to help:

- Understand the patterns and trends relating to crime, disorder and substance misuse;
- Set clear and robust priorities for the Partnership;
- Develop interventions/activities that are driven by reliable intelligence-led evidence;
- Deploy resources effectively to accurately meet the needs of the local community

The analysis of community safety issues has been structured using a problem-orientated approach, in that it considers aspects of offending behaviour, victimisation and vulnerability of victims and place-based considerations to provide a cross-cutting assessment of the strategic issues in Gateshead.

By examining crime, disorder and substance misuse issues in this format, it provides a more holistic understanding of community safety problems and adds value by helping to focus specifically on key areas/issues to target.

It is multi-agency in content using data and information obtained from statutory and non-statutory partner agencies including: the Local Authority, Probation Service, Northumbria Police, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service, Tyne and Wear Research Institute, Nexus and The Gateshead Housing Company.

4.2 *Strategy against Hate Crime and Harassment*

The aim of this strategy is to provide a more coordinated approach to hate crime issues and to enable everyone in Gateshead to feel safe and secure. It will benefit all

residents of Gateshead, not only those directly affected by hate crime and harassment.

4.3 Safeguarding children

Gateshead's Local Children Safeguarding Board (LCSB) is a statutory multi-agency partnership charged with safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in Gateshead. Its vision is that every child should grow up in a loving and secure environment, which is free from abuse, neglect and crime, enabling them to enjoy good health and fulfil their social and educational potential.

See LCSB [Safeguarding Children Annual Report 2009-10 and business plan 2010-11](#).

5 HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

5.1 *Vision for Adult Social Care*

The aims of the vision, as developed following an extensive consultation [Your Life, Your Way](#), include supporting individuals, groups and communities to have more control and influence over their health and well-being. A central focus is the prevention of ill-health.

5.2 *Gateshead health and social care partnership*

The Health and Social Care Partnership is a strategic forum for the key agencies with responsibility for improving health, well-being and social care in Gateshead. It oversees a range of sub-groups which cover all the principal social care client groups and major health issues. It monitors the participating agencies' progress against the priorities identified in the JSNA.

5.3 *“Being Healthy in Gateshead”*

This is a locally developed [strategy](#), supported by the “Being Healthy” group, a local group of people with a learning disability. It addresses health issues for people in Gateshead with a learning disability.

Comment [J1]: Link to council website?

5.4 *Gateshead Strategy for Older People 2011-2014*

[Gateshead Older People's Strategy](#), 'Our Today, Our Tomorrow', aims to improve the quality of life and health of older people in Gateshead. Addressing the challenges of an increasingly older population and potential dependence and isolation, it helps to ensure that older people are able to live independent, active, healthy lives and that their knowledge, skills and experiences contribute to a diverse and vibrant Gateshead. The strategy has been influenced by a number of factors, including the JSNA and the views of older people in the district.

5.5 *GP practice commissioning*

GatNet, a Gateshead GP practice commissioning consortium prepares commissioning plans for primary care. Its objectives in 2009/10 included cardiovascular disease, reducing financial pressures, respiratory disease, unscheduled care, musculoskeletal services, diabetes, sexual health, mental health, dermatology and prescribing. Its first priority is to improve patient care and it engages with partners to reform its objectives and ensure alignment of strategic priorities.

5.6 NHS SoTW strategic plan

The [strategic plan](#) for South of Tyne and Wear is summarised in a 'vision map', showing context, vision, strategy and objectives, along with outcome aspirations and the initiatives and programmes that will help those outcomes to be reached. Its vision is to make South of Tyne and Wear healthy, with better health, excellent patient experience and wise use of money.

5.7 Gateshead PCT Integrated Strategic and Operational Plan 2011-2015

The vision of the strategic plan, which will shortly become available on the PCT website, includes

- better health – longer lives, with better quality of life and fair access to services
- excellent patient experience – safe care, effective treatment and quality services
- wise use of money

The priorities agreed by GatNet, the Gateshead Network Commissioning Consortium, match the priorities of the integrated strategic and operational plan.

5.8 SoTW improving health and tackling inequalities through commissioning

Priorities for NHS South of Tyne and Wear (Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland) include services relating to: health checks; circulatory disease (heart disease and stroke/TIA); COPD; diabetes; cancer early awareness and detection. Partners involved in the delivery of improvements include hospitals, community services, GPs, dentists and pharmacists.

5.9 Forthcoming national changes in commissioning arrangements

Within the next two years, there are to be major changes in the way services are commissioned and the way public health will be addressed. Inevitably, these changes will affect council and health service provision. The legislative framework is still being developed. More up to date information will be available on the [Department of Health](#) website.

5.10 Other health strategies

Many other specifically designed health improvement strategies form a key part of the JSNA, There are too many to outline here but links are provided in the JSNA documents. (Examples include the obesity and oral health care strategies and strategies relating to drugs and alcohol.)

6 COMMISSIONING SERVICES FOR SPECIFIC GROUPS

6.1 Strategic Commissioning for Independence and Choice

[Strategic Commissioning for independence, well-being and choice](#) is Gateshead's Adult Social Care Commissioning strategy. Its focus is adults, particularly the following service user groups: physical disabilities; sensory impairment; learning disabilities; older people; people with mental health problems; and carers.

6.2 Advance care planning

This NHS South of Tyne and Wear plan deals with patients with life-limiting illnesses and focuses on the need for a patient-led approach. The document is to be used in all care settings across SoTW.

Comment [J2]: New link.
Should be on PCT website?

6.3 National Dementia Strategy: joint commissioning strategies for Sunderland, South Tyneside and Gateshead

The [commissioning strategies](#) aim to raise awareness and understanding of dementia, to provide early diagnosis and support and to ensure high quality care throughout the journey. One of the objectives is development of a local joint commissioning strategy, through which all the other objectives would be addressed.

6.4 Carers' Strategy

The [Carers' Strategy 2011-2014](#) aims to identify issues and challenges faced by carers, to improve assessment processes and to ensure partnership working to develop quality services. A key element is consultation with carers themselves.

6.5 Looked after children commissioning strategy

The purpose of this [strategy](#) is to understand and plan for the current and future needs of Looked After Children and Care Leavers. It is supported by an annual Looked After Children Commissioning Action Plan.