

## EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL 14 October 2015

### Performance Information

1. As of end September 2015:

Current Children Looked After figures are: 364 - 14.6 per 10,000

Current Child Protection figures are: 213 - 66.98 per 10,000

Current Children in Need figures are: 1345 - 422.94 per 10,000

### South Tees Youth Offending Service

2. Since the South Tees Youth Offending Service commenced The Princes Trust 'XL' programme in October 2014, nine members of staff have been trained to deliver the programme and 45 young people have undertaken qualifications. This has resulted in the achievement of 18 completed qualifications with a further eight units submitted.
3. Each year the Princes Trust 'XL' hold regional 'Celebrate Success Awards'. This year's event will be held at the Sage in Gateshead on 26 November 2015 and one of our young people has been nominated as a regional finalist in the Educational Achiever category.
4. John (not his real name) was regularly in trouble, spent time in foster care before moving into supported accommodation in Middlesbrough. Whilst working with the YOS he was introduced to the XL programme and really enjoyed this work, he shared his desire to join the army but felt his criminal convictions would prevent this. John has worked extremely hard and demonstrated his abilities to work in a team. His attitude has been excellent which resulted in him being invited to attend an army day to show him an insight to what the army has to offer. John's application to join the army is now submitted, with the help and support of the army recruitment team, and he continues to work towards his goal, keeping fit and out of trouble.
5. Across Middlesbrough other young people are repairing the harm to their communities through reparation projects. These include weeding and tidying at Hemlington Library, edging paths at Westbourne Park and Albert Park, thinning woodland at the garden of remembrance in the crematorium and painting fences and railings at Pallister Park. All of these projects are identified through wider council departments or Elected Members as being of benefit to the local community.

## Middlesbrough Children's Homes

6. Work has commenced with regard to updating the buildings and environment of the Middlesbrough children's homes. Some urgent work has been undertaken and all are now looking much improved – in particular Holly Lodge has benefitted from a new driveway and decoration to the outside of the building which means that it now looks more in keeping with other houses in the area. There are plans to install a new bathroom later this month. Work is also taking place at Fir Tree and Rosecroft. The appointment of a Deputy Manager at Rosecroft means that all homes now have a permanent Manager and Deputy in place.

## Teenage Abortions 2014

7. The 2014 repeat abortion figure for girls aged under 19 year in the South Tees area has fallen by almost half, from 14.9% to 7.6%.
8. This means that the repeat abortion rate is now below the national and regional averages (see table below).

Repeat abortions to women aged under 19, by CCG of residence, England & Wales 2014				
	No previous abortions	One or more previous abortions	Total abortions under 19	Repeat abortions %
England and Wales	16,650	1,792	18,442	9.7
England	15,740	1,736	17,476	9.9
North of England	4,846	500	5,346	9.4
<b>NHS South Tees</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>7.6</b>

**Councillor Michael Carr**  
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