

# HOW SAFE ARE CHILDREN IN GATESHEAD?

2015  
2016

## THE FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

40,100

Children live in Gateshead - that's 20% of Gateshead's population

were recorded as living in poverty (that's nearly enough to fill the seats at Gateshead International Stadium)

8,220

68.1/10,000

children are subject to Child Protection Plans

That's 273 children

of which 66 were unborn babies (down by 5 on last year)

### REASONS WHY CHILDREN ARE ON CHILD PROTECTION PLANS:

NEGLECT .....	169 (down by 5 on last year)	↓
EMOTIONAL ABUSE.....	83 (up by 29 on last year)	↑
SEXUAL ABUSE.....	6 (down by 6 on last year)	↓
PHYSICAL ABUSE.....	17 (up by 3 on last year)	↑

young people were reported missing on

928 occasions

71% of them were 'in care'

85.8/10,000

children in Gateshead are 'looked after' by Gateshead Council

8,943

calls were received from people worried about a child in Gateshead

Under 18 conceptions

DOWN  
by 40%  
since 1998

1,101

children who witnessed domestic abuse were supported via 'Operation Encompass'

## THE LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD (LSCB)

AROUND  
17

organisations work together on the LSCB to protect children

Gateshead LSCB makes sure that people like the Council, police, local hospitals, schools and GPs work together to keep children and young people safe. When things go wrong, we investigate, learn the lessons and publish what we have found

In 2015-16

- Over 700 taxi drivers received training to keep vulnerable passengers safe
- 1,551 practitioners attended an LSCB training event

23,848 CHILDREN ATTEND SCHOOLS IN GATESHEAD

- 8.62% are from an ethnic minority
- 6.2% don't speak English as their first language

87.8% of our schools are judged to be 'good' or 'outstanding' (up 1.8% on last year)

## WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD?

IF IT'S YOU or someone you know who needs help or you have any concerns about a child. PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE NUMBERS BELOW

- IF IT'S AN EMERGENCY phone the police on 999 or 101
- Contact a social worker on 0191 433 2653 (9am-5pm), 0191 477 0844 (evenings/weekends)

### DON'T WANT TO SPEAK TO THE POLICE OR A SOCIAL WORKER?

- Call Childline on 0800 1111 (free)
- OR TALK to your schools 'designated teacher' who has responsibilities for keeping children safe.

For more information on Gateshead LSCB or to see our full annual report: [www.gateshead.gov.uk/lscb](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/lscb)

All statistics relate to year 2015-16