

North East Child Poverty Commission (NECPC)

 Cross-sector network of organisations from across the North East, established 2011.

- Hosted by but independent of Newcastle University.
- Aim to influence policy and practice locally, regionally and nationally.
- 'Child poverty in the North East is not inevitable and ending it is worth working for, together'.





No time to wait - overview

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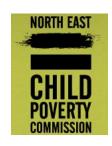
- Makes the case for using devolution to take a 'public health approach' to tackling the structural drivers and impacts of child poverty in our region convened by our combined authorities, but a collective effort in which organisations across all sectors and particularly our anchor institutions (NHS included) must play their part.
- Sets out a blueprint for what an ambitious, solutions-focussed programme of co-ordinated, cross-sector, regional action to tackle child poverty could look like.



Some key new findings

- Around 1/5 North East children are in 'deep poverty', including the 1/10
 North East children that are in 'very deep poverty'.
- Around 1/5 North East children are living in households that are 'food insecure'.
- 7/10 children in our region are living in families with zero or little savings to protect them from economic shocks or unexpected bills.

 Around 63% of children living in poverty across the North East are in 'work-constrained families'.



Key themes from our conversations

- The **vast amount of time, energy, capacity and resources** now focussed on dealing with the impacts of poverty.
- The extent to which parents and carers affected by poverty are supporting their communities.
- The way in which low income families can be **treated** 'by the system', and the lack of understanding for people's circumstances.

 A collective agreement that tackling child poverty must be a regional priority.



Our four strategic priorities

Priority 1: Maximising family incomes now

e.g. through regional take-up campaigns, and ramping up investment in welfare rights/advice (£1.33bn annual unclaimed benefits/social tariffs - https://tinyurl.com/ycxpbfh9)

Priority 2: Making work a route out of poverty

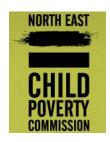
e.g. by making the North East and Tees Valley CA areas Living Wage Places

Priority 3: The best start in life for the next generation

e.g. by expanding FSMs to all on UC, Baby Boxes and creating 'Youth Guarantees'

Overarching priority: Securing a region-wide anti-poverty commitment

e.g. through Socioeconomic Duty, social value, Poverty Proofing & national advocacy



Thank you



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