

Child poverty facts and stats

Approx. 1 in 3 children live in poverty. CPAG recently put the wider societal costs of this at £39bn

Latest figures show 23.8% pupils attending state funded schools are eligible for free school meals, a record high

The profile of child poverty has changed over time, larger families are now most affected rather than single parent or carer households

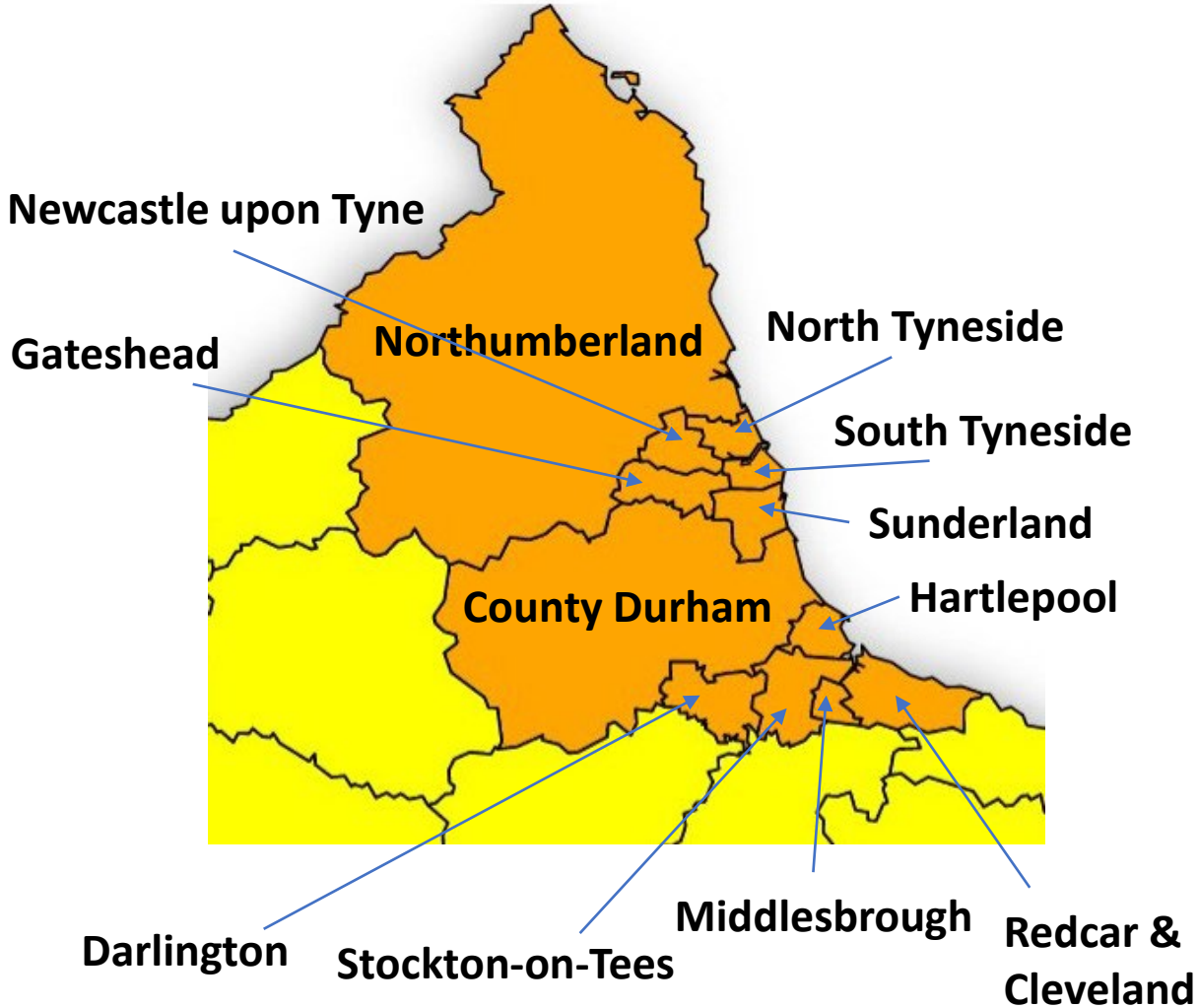
In another reversal of trends, children living in poverty today are much more likely to live in a household with at least one working adult than not

The 2-child limit was introduced in 2017, CPAG estimate 1.5m children have been affected so far, with 1m+ growing up in poverty

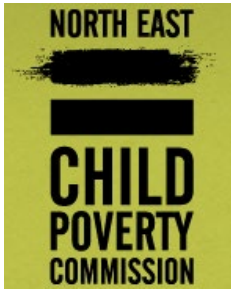
Recent LSE research showed the benefit cap failed to meet its objective of boosting employment leaving 000s of households in poverty or deeper poverty

A £20 uplift to Universal Credit was introduced in March 2020. On removal in September 2021, JRF estimate 500,000 people, including 200,000, children fell into poverty overnight.

North East region

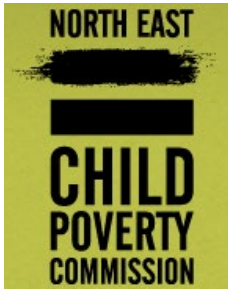


- 12 unitary local authorities
- Population: 2.66m (smallest in England)
- Differing geographies: very rural/sparsely populated, former coalfields, cities, towns, coastal
- Complex political landscape: 2 Mayoral Combined Authorities; 1 non-Mayoral Combined Authority; 2 LEPs



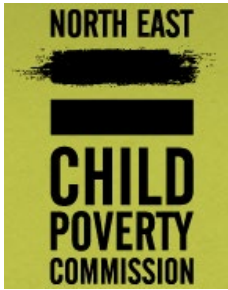
North East Child Poverty Commission (NECPC)

- Est. 2011 as regional, cross-sector network – a ‘coalition of the willing’
- Local authorities, children’s and youth charities, wider VCS sector, housing organisations, schools/education, public health, academics, social work, faith community – and ADCS!
- Hosted by – but independent of – Newcastle University
- Primarily funded by the Millfield House Foundation



North East Child Poverty Commission (NECPC)

- ‘Child poverty in the North East is not inevitable and ending it is worth working for, together’
- Two overarching themes/policy objectives for our work:
 - Giving every child in the North East the best start in life, by addressing inequalities associated with poverty
 - Preventing and reducing child poverty through Good Work and a strong, effective and accessible social security system
- Ambitious for **every** baby, child and young person in the North East



North East Child Poverty Commission (NECPC)

- Gathering and communicating data, intelligence and evidence
- Regional platform for collaboration / network building
- Promoting best practice within and beyond the North East
- Influencing / engaging with policymakers (local, regional & national)
- Engaging closely with national anti-poverty campaigns

Devolution in the North East

- ‘North East’ devo deal – to be in place across seven local authorities from May 2024

“38% of North East children live in relative poverty, with over half of those in working households. Recognising the significant human and economic cost, the North East Mayoral Combined Authority commit to the continuation and expansion of the North of Tyne Combined Authority’s Child Poverty Prevention pilot, based on interventions to support poverty prevention in school, workplace and family settings. It will undertake this work with a wider coalition of partners and consider how best to capitalise on national activity and government programmes...”

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