



PEOPLE GROUP

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Dear candidate,

We are delighted you have chosen to consider the role of **Assistant Director for Children's Services** and for your interest in becoming part of the senior leadership team at Darlington Borough Council.

Darlington is a market town in the North East of England, with a population nearing 110,000. A town with a rich industrial heritage, in 1825 Darlington gave the world the passenger steam trains, and today we are a town that marries that heritage with a modern, vibrant and growing economy.

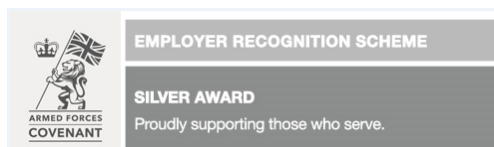
A proud and innovative town, Darlington is consistently ranked as one of the best places to live and work.

Our vision for the borough is for Darlington to be a place where people want to live and businesses want to locate, where the economy continues to grow, where people are happy and proud of the borough and where everyone has the opportunity to maximise their potential.

A significant element of our plans to deliver our vision focusses around our children and young people and ensuring that they get the best start in life, are able achieve the best that they can and are safe. Our priority actions have been developed with this in mind and the Assistant Director for Children's Services will be responsible for delivering some key results aimed at improving the lives of our children and young people – such as:

- (1) implementing the Darlington Strengthening Families programme to achieve the best outcomes for children and young people
- (2) supporting the continued development of our in-house fostering provision and other alternatives to residential support
- (3) work with partners to reduce youth and long-term unemployment through increased access to retraining and apprenticeship opportunities
- (4) support disadvantaged children to access and participate in Arts, Leisure and Culture activities to maximise their potential

The role is exciting and challenging in equal measure and will provide an opportunity to really make a difference to our town and people, supported by a strong and cohesive



corporate leadership team and Elected Members who are passionate to deliver success for Darlington.

This is a great opportunity for a talented and confident leader to enhance our existing team and develop as a senior leader for the present and the future! If that is you, please get in touch.

Wishing you the very best of luck with your application!



Councillor Jon Clarke
Cabinet Member – Children and Young People Portfolio



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Group Director of People