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WORKING TOGETHER FOR
CHILDREN'S HEALTH

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Where are we now?

- Poverty
- Obesity
- Smoking / Drugs / Alcohol
- Sexual Health
- Inequalities
- Education



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Key Issues

Poverty : 3.8 million children living in poverty.
(Less than £50 per day/family of 4)

Inequalities : 74% Bangladeshi children in UK living in poverty
60% Pakistani children in UK living in poverty
56% Black African children in UK living in poverty
(j.r.f.)

UNICEF Report : UK bottom of UNICEF league table for child wellbeing



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Key Issues

Education

: 27% reaching NVQ3
(same as 1996 / 1997)

12% no GCSE
(same as 1998 / 1999)

Unemployment of young people rising

Obesity

: 1 in 6 2-10 year olds obese

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: 14/30 Wards in bottom 20%
(Index of Deprivation)



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Where do we want to be ?

Every Child Matters – No Child Left Behind (Stockton-on-Tees)

- Be Healthy
- Stay Safe
- Enjoy & Achieve
- Make a Positive Contribution
- Achieve Economic Wellbeing



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Are Children a Priority ?

Risks

- Rising Population of older people
- Key priorities for health are not around children
- Priority on acute based / medical services
- End of Specific Funding Regimes :
 - Surestart
 - Children's Fund
 - Teenage Pregnancy
- Short-term funding for long-term issues :
 - Neighbourhood Renewal Funds
- High cost / low volume pressures



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Developments

- Children's Trust Arrangements
- Children & Young People's Plan
- Local Area Agreements
- Parenting Strategy
- Play Strategy
- Local Government White Paper
- Early Intervention



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Developments

Integration / Joint Working

- Director of Children's Service
(Director of Children, Education & Social Care Stockton-on-Tees)
- Joint Commissioning
- Joint Director of Public Health
- Integrated Delivery
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment



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Joint Director of Public Health

- Role**
- **Expert**
 - **Operations**
 - **Commissioner**

Expert **Children's Health Agenda**

- Health
- Social Care
- Early Intervention
- Environment
- Regeneration



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Operations

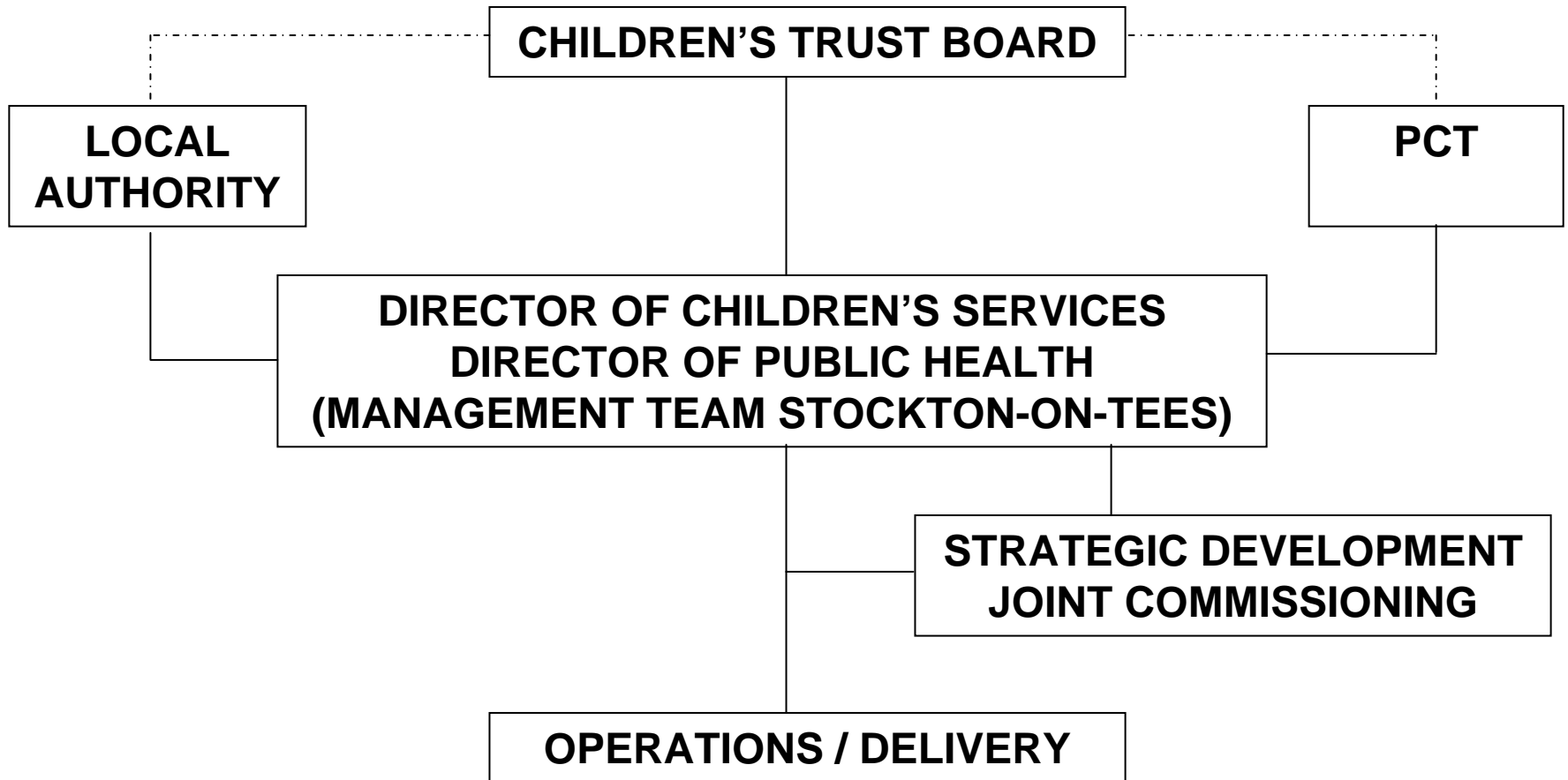
- Public Health
- Health Promotion
- Training

Commissioner

- Strategic Development
- The Commissioning Cycle
- Procurement / Contract Compliance



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Jointly Funded Arrangements

- Strategy / Commissioning
- Operations
- DPH (Stockton-on-Tees)



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Negatives (!)

- Lack of Independence
- Lack of Evidence Base
- More Change

Benefits

- Joint Accountability
- Integrated Process
- Perception of Integration
- Focus on Joint Outcomes
- Improved Outcomes



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UN Convention on the rights of the child

Article 24

“Parties recognise the right of the child to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health . . .”

