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Our Vision and Strategic Goals

The DARD vision is for a thriving and sustainable rural community and environment. The Department has 5 strategic goals, these are:

- To improve performance in the market place
- To improve the lives of rural dwellers
- To enhance animal, fish and plant health and welfare
- To develop a more sustainable environment
- To deliver effective services to all our customers



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DARDs draft PfG commitments

	2012/13 Milestone/stage	2013/14 Milestone/stage	2014/15 Milestone/stage
<p>PRIORITY 1 – GROWING A SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY AND INVESTING IN THE FUTURE</p> <p>DARD Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •We will eradicate Brucellosis in the cattle by March 2014. •We will develop a strategic plan for the Agri-Food Sector (DARD/DETI) 	<p>0.07% (confirmed annual herd incidence expressed as a percentage.)</p> <p>New Food Strategy Board in place and operational; a strategic vision will be completed and agreed; funding options will be explored and identified.</p>	<p>0.03%</p> <p>Strategic vision implemented via the Food Strategy Board and performance against targets reviewed.</p>	<p>0%</p> <p>Strategic vision implemented via the Food Strategy Board and performance against targets reviewed.</p>

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<p>PRIORITY 2 – CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AND TACKLING DISADVANTAGE DARD Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •We will bring forward a £13m package to tackle rural poverty and isolation in the next 3 years. •We will advance the relocation of the Headquarters of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development to a rural area by 2015. 	<p>Finalisation of programme to tackle poverty and isolation. Completion of necessary financial work and agreement with other Departments as necessary. Implementation of various programmes. Spend of £4m</p> <p>Carry out the necessary appraisal processes to decide on the most suitable accommodation for the DARD HQ in the future</p>	<p>Implementation of programmes. Spend of £4m</p> <p>Implement a programme for securing required accommodation for the future DARD HQ.</p>	<p>Implementation of various programmes. Spend of £5m</p> <p>Continue to implement a programme for securing required accommodation for the future of DARD HQ</p>

Impact on Children and Young People

Subject to the final Programme for Government -

- We do not see any major impact on our C&YP Action Plan
- Still be a significant investment in CAFRE
- Continue to implement the recreation and leisure strategy within Forest Service
- We will bring forward a £13m package to tackle rural poverty and isolation over the next 3 years.



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How can you respond?

You can get copies of the draft Programme for Government, and details of how you can respond, at the link below:

[Featured consultations \(government, citizens and rights section\)](#)

On the NI Direct website

The consultation closes on 22 February 2012.



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Children and Young People – Our Work

- DARD Children's Champion from 2009
- On-going engagement with organisations, groups and young people
- Development of a DARD C&YP Action Plan (2011-2013)
- Youth friendly and easy to access information
- NICCY Participation Awards – Commendation 2011



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Impact on Children and Young People

Our Action Plan sets out what we will do under these headings -

- Participation and involvement
- Developing young people
- Reducing poverty and exclusion
- Improving access to transport
- Leisure play and culture
- Easy to use services and clear information
- Improving health protection and welfare
- Child and family friendly strategies and policies



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Children and Young People – What next

- Input to NI C&YP Action Plan
- Progressing Actions in our C &YP Action Plan
- Working with disability organisations – possible work placements
- Continued working with the Participation Network
- Development of a DARD Participation and Engagement Strategy
- Further Engagement and Consultation with groups and with young people
- Children's Research Network Ireland and N Ireland (CRNINI)

Need more info?

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