



### **Clarification regarding movement into and out of Tier 4 areas and grassroots sport**

Following confirmation that the North-East will be placed in Tier 4 from 31 December 2020, Northumberland FA and Durham FA must provide all participants with clarity on defined tier areas. The North-East now has three clearly defined tier areas, as follows;

- North East Combined Authority (this area includes the local authorities of County Durham, Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland) (will be moving to Tier 4 from Thursday 31 December)
- North of Tyne Combined Authority (this area includes the local authorities of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, North Tyneside and Northumberland) (will be moving to Tier 4 from Thursday 31 December)
- Tees Valley Combined Authority (this area includes the local authorities of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland, and Stockton-on-Tees) (will be moving to Tier 4 from Thursday 31 December)

Taken from: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/full-list-of-local-restriction-tiers-by-area>

Travel into and out of tier 4 areas is not permitted, this applies in youth and disability football. Each bullet point listed above is defined as a tier area. You must not travel from one tier 4 area into another tier 4 area. All other non-elite football is currently suspended as per FA guidance issued on 30 December 2020 -

<https://www.thefa.com/news/2020/dec/30/covid-19-tier-4-update-301220>.

Therefore, for example, a team or participant would not be able to travel from Gateshead to play or train in Newcastle upon Tyne and vice versa.

These defined tier areas have been confirmed by The FA via the Department for Digital, Media, Culture and Sport (DCMS) and must be adhered to.