

Annual Report

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Foreword

This report records, celebrates, and provides commentary in rich and accessible detail on the wealth of partnership-based and service-by-service safeguarding across North Yorkshire throughout 2018-19. In its pages you will find examples of good multi-agency practice within the county with partners who have a duty to keep children and young people safe, happy, achieving, and well.

From the county and district councils, through public health and NHS services to the police service, there is a strong reflection here on the fact that none of these bodies do what they do for and with children and young people in isolation. North Yorkshire's Safeguarding Children Board (NYSCB) coordinates the work, holds every organisation to account and audits how well the work is going, helps celebrate when things are going well and children are supported to be citizens – and holds everybody to account when things need attention or are in danger of falling short of what children expect adults to do to keep them safe.

I have been Chair of the NYSCB for a year. This is my first annual report, which I am pleased and proud to present on behalf of a strong partnership of services and organisations working with children and young people – along with some contributions from children and young people themselves, given this work is primarily about them. This is the NYSCB's final annual report given the law has changed and Boards like ours, across England, stand down by the end of September 2019. The work of safeguarding children and young people will of course go on. Coordination will be undertaken by all organisations whose work features in this report, holding each other to account through an Executive and a constant learning approach, rather than a Board. North Yorkshire's many partners will continue to hold training and exploration events, publish helpful materials so staff and others can learn from both successes and challenges, and meet with each other to strengthen partnership working.

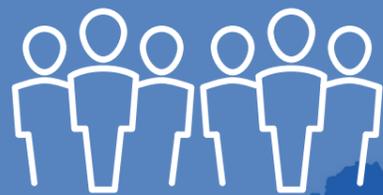
The County Council, Clinical Commissioning Groups and Police will be at the core of the work to be done. All other agencies, from district councils and schools to youth groups, voluntary bodies to faith communities, will retain Relevant Agency roles in safeguarding. This annual report therefore looks forward to 2019-20 and beyond, as well as back through 2018-19. It is the foundation stone for ever more successful and partnership-driven work, and for my continued role as an Independent Scrutineer of how well the new arrangements work.

North Yorkshire can be proud of the work its Safeguarding Children Board has done since its creation. Those who come to its table are under no illusion. They firmly believe there is always something new to learn, something new to share and improvements to make to practice so children and young people, regardless of their background or circumstances, are kept as safe as possible. The changes yet to come should further strengthen the approach, and that determination to go on improving, preventing difficulties in children's lives becoming crises and always learning from each other. I commend this report to all readers with that high aim in mind.



Dr Maggie Atkinson, Chair of the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board

Demographic of North Yorkshire



North Yorkshire is the biggest geographical county in England at 803,761 hectares (approximately 3,100 square miles). Although the county is large, it is sparsely populated with approximately 604,900 residents (ONS population estimate) based in a variety of urban and rural communities. North Yorkshire stretches across the country from the North Sea coast to within 12 miles of Morecambe Bay, and from south of the M62 to the edge of Teesside.

Most of the children resident in North Yorkshire have a rural upbringing with farming being the main industry. Children growing up in the county enjoy the beautiful countryside although many children and young people also grow up in the many market towns and smaller communities within the county. Due to the sparse nature of most of the county, children and young people can feel isolated due to the long distances they have to travel to meet friends or use amenities.

Schools



	Community	Foundation	Free	Voluntary Aided	Voluntary Controlled	Total	Converter Academy	Sponsored Academy	Total Academy	Grand Total
Infant	3				2	5	2		2	7
Junior	4				1	5	1		1	6
Nursery	3					3			0	3
						22				29
Primary	97	1		36	92	6	55	10	65	1
PRU	4					4	1		1	5
Secondary	17		1	5	1	24	13	6	19	43
Special	9					9	1		1	10
Grand Total	137	1	1	41	96	276	73	16	89	365

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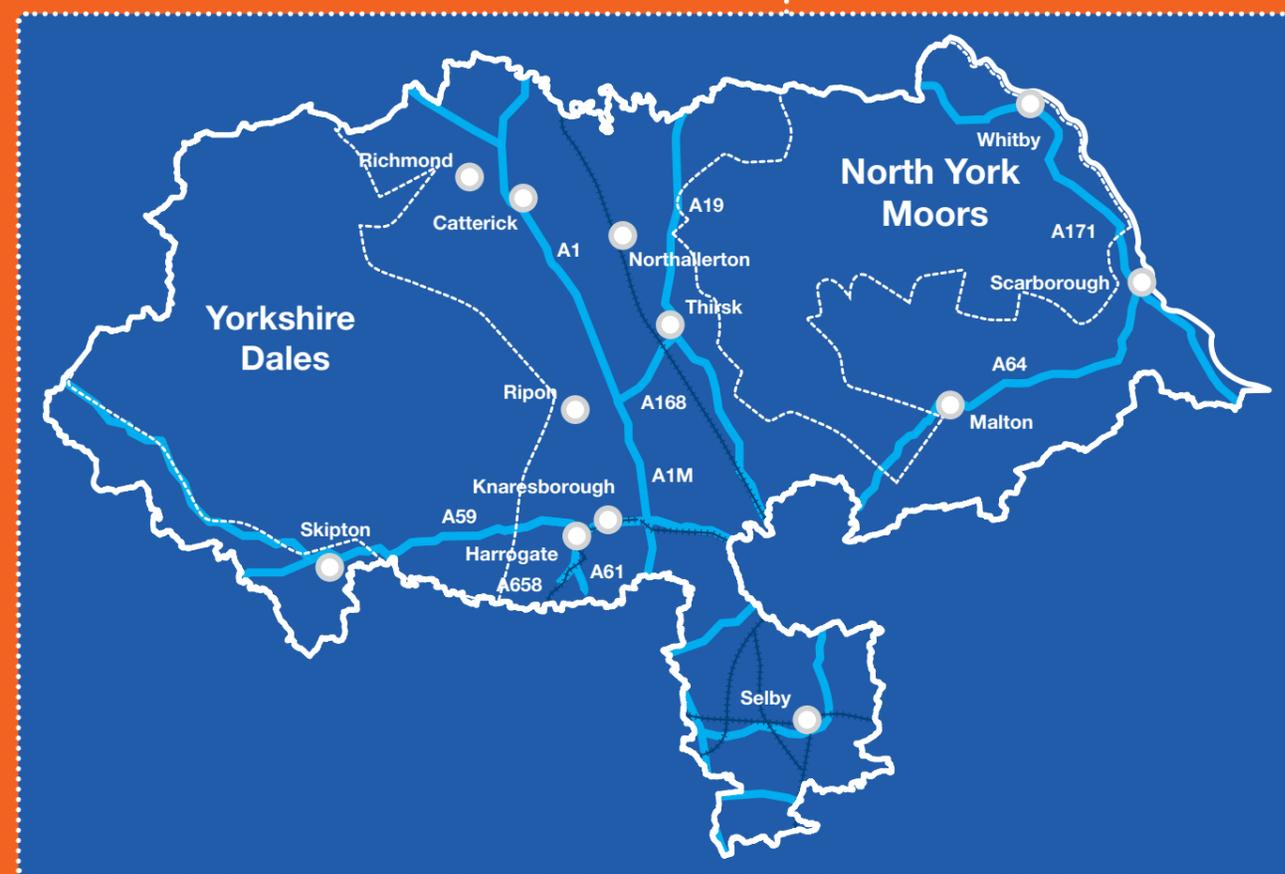
604,900
Residents

3,103²
Miles



6 Clinical Commissioning Group

7 District Council



- A countywide multi-agency Youth Justice Service
- North Yorkshire Police
- The Learning and Skills Council

- 9 special schools
- 1 special needs academy for 2 - 19

Chapter 1: Strategic Vision/Board/Executive



The NYSCB Executive and Board meet on a quarterly basis to collectively ensure that the vision and priorities set out below are achieved and that NYSCB Members are fulfilling their statutory functions and holding each other to account to ensure Children and Young People are safeguarded in North Yorkshire. Additionally, the NYSCB have subgroups to deliver

and monitor local activities and priorities. Work plans for the NYSCB are overseen by the NYSCB Business Unit with support by NYSCB Members.

The NYSCB Annual Report provided an overview of the collective work undertaken by NYSCB Members during 2018/19.

Vision

“We will listen to the views of children and young people and work together to ensure they feel safe and North Yorkshire is a happy place to live.”

Priority One:

To coordinate what is done by each person or body represented on the Board for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area.

Priority Two:

To ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for those purposes.

Our Principles:

- Ensure our partners share information to improve multi-agency practice to safeguard children
- Maintain an environment of continuous learning and improvement
- Increase staff morale and confidence, enabling good practice
- Be responsive to the changing environment of safeguarding both at a national and local level
- Actively monitor, promote, coordinate and evaluate the work of the statutory partners that help, protect and care for children in the local area



Chapter 2: NYSCB Subgroups

Learning & Improvement Subgroup

The Learning and Improvement Subgroup seeks to identify, report and act upon any appropriate examples of local, regional and national learning through the Learning and Improvement Framework.

During 2018/19 the Learning and Improvement Subgroup has:

- Continued to develop and audit programme which identifies the themes and types of safeguarding audits the NYSCB undertakes each year.
- Received and considered information from single agency audits to monitor for themes and identify multi-agency learning to be shared across the partnership.
- Undertake case file, Learning Lessons Reviews and practitioner based audits on a number of themes including:
 - The Voice of the Child in Their Service Planning
 - School Safeguarding Audit 2018/19
 - Section 11 Audit 2018/19 of multi-agency safeguarding arrangements
 - Domestic Abuse Multi-Agency Audit
 - Mental Health Multi-Agency Audit
 - Child C Learning Lessons Review
 - Serious Case Review
- These audits and reviews are used to identify areas for development of new policies, procedures and practice guidance.
- To inform the NYSCB's training offer to improve practice and to provide the Board with assurance that agencies are taking appropriate actions to safeguard and promote the wellbeing of children.
- Continued to develop the NYSCB multi-agency dataset, including new indicators and ways of reporting information. This information is used across partners to show multi-agency performance, identify emerging trends and potential emerging issues, as well as help inform local multi-agency activities.
- Introduced a new multi-agency training offer. The new training arrangements significantly extended the reach of NYSCB training by making better use of technology and introducing 39 new e-learning courses, making training more accessible for staff across all agencies.

Section 11 Audit Learning Summary

What has happened since?

- Feedback has been provided to the NYSCB Learning & Improvement Subgroup and is scheduled to be shared with all agencies
- An action plan has been agreed to address thematic and individual agency recommendations of the audit
- It has been agreed that the next Section 11 audit will continue to be conducted on a biennial basis, with the next audit commencing in November 2020

Good practice

- Strong inter-agency working between partners and arrangements are in place to ensure the safeguarding of children and young people
- Senior Managers have expressed a strong commitment to safeguarding through their strategic plans, policies and procedures
- Continued improvement in relation to inter-agency information sharing
- Generally all agencies have arrangements in place to listen to and act upon the views of children, young people and their families

Areas of development

- Reintroduce peer cross examination of agencies safeguarding arrangements
- Some agencies required further development of policies and procedures to meet all requirements
- Improvement is needed in some agencies to ensure the voice of the child and family is considered and acted upon more effectively
- Some agencies need to develop proportionate and consistent information sharing with other agencies

Issues and/or Actions for Practitioners

- Absence of Multi-Agency Challenge Events resulted in a lack of peer cross examination of agencies safeguarding arrangements
- Professionals need to be aware of their own internal policies and procedures for recognising and reporting safeguarding concerns
- Professionals also need to be mindful of multi-agency procedures and the need to ensure safeguarding concerns are addressed as soon as possible and not delayed due to the absence of managers or safeguarding leads

Domestic Abuse Multi-Agency Learning Summary

What has happened since?

- Feedback is scheduled to be presented to NYSCB Learning & Improvement Subgroup
- An action plan will be agreed to address thematic and individual agency recommendations of the audit
- The next multi-agency audit has been identified as Child Exploitation and is scheduled for July 2019

Good practice

- Where a young person's engagement was challenging in terms of delivering support, the professional tenacity demonstrated, mitigated periods of transience to ensure young people were in receipt of support in a time of need and readiness to engage
- A wide range of tools were utilised in assessment, which were adapted to meet the young person's needs in order to their capture wishes and feelings
- Robust safety plans in place for young people to reduce risks, in the event of a crisis.

Areas of development

- Information sharing between agencies and CAMHS needs to more proportionate and consistent
- All agencies need to how they are able to demonstrate more clearly how a young person's mental health needs can be met over a sustained period of time
- Some agencies need to ensure appropriate safeguarding procedures are followed when a contact has been initiated in relation to a young person's safety and well-being
- All agencies need to explore alternative measures in meeting a young person's mental health needs when there is a challenge in engagement with a specific mental health provision

Issues and/or Actions for Practitioners

- Professional awareness and understanding of the stepped approach in mental health provision (universal through to acute specialist support) in North Yorkshire seems limited
- Opportunities to deliver intervention at an earlier stage to address a young person's mental health needs were missed in instances
- Long term outcomes in improving a young person's overall mental health needs through an action plan was deficient on occasions and unclear
- Professional challenge and curiosity should always be upheld in order to validate information, particularly when there are multiple agencies involved within a case

Domestic Abuse Multi-Agency Learning Summary

What has happened since?

- Specific examples of good practice to be fed back to those practitioners involved in the case files
- The NYSCB created a composite chronology template to use in future multi-agency audits
- Recommendations have been taken to the Learning & Improvement Subgroup for an action plan to be developed
- Health services were aware when a DASH risk assessment was submitted by North Yorkshire Police and was recorded accurately

Good practice

- Joint working between partners was generally excellent and the level of commitment from frontline staff was commendable
- The use of the 'Ask for Angela' campaign was highlighted in one case and demonstrated how useful this provision is in initiating an urgent response to an incident
- Where perpetrators remained part of the family unit, a good understanding in assessing and managing the risk of this was evidenced
- Health services were aware when a DASH risk assessment was submitted by North Yorkshire Police and was recorded accurately

Areas of development

- Throughout longer term pieces of work where engagement had been consistent it became more sporadic from families when services focussed on additional issues, once the issue of domestic abuse had been addressed
- Multi-agency meetings and action plans were not dynamic in capturing a family's needs as they evolved over a period of time, once the initial issue of domestic abuse had been addressed

Issues and/or Actions for Practitioners

- Referrals to additional services were appropriately submitted but the length of time it took for those families to receive support was too long in instances, resulting in non-engagement
- Challenges were experienced in terms of understanding the timeline of cases from the point of view of multi-agency involvement

Education Focus Group

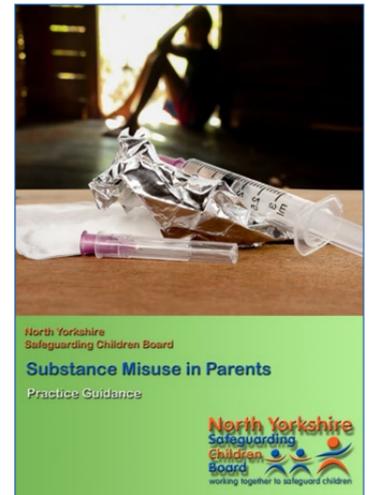
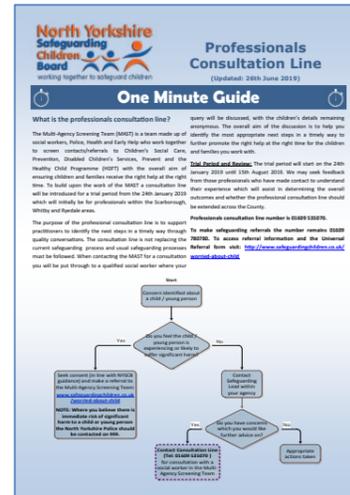
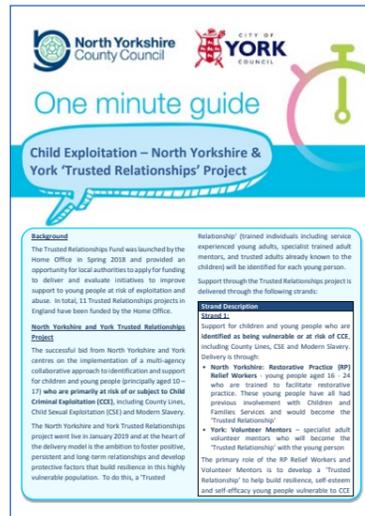
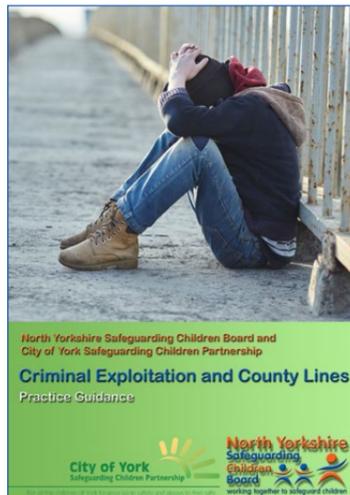
The Education Focus Group was formed in June 2018 and has established more effective links within the education sector in North Yorkshire in relation to safeguarding

During 2018/19 the Education Focus Group has:

- Secured closer working partnership with 26 schools and colleges
- Shared good safeguarding practice amongst the education sector
- Consulted on the School Safeguarding Audit 2018/19 and the School Sample Child Protection Policy
- Explored ways in which communication can be more effective between the NYSCB and the education sector through the development of the NYSCB e-Bulletin
- Gathered anecdotal feedback on school's experiences of Operation Encompass and fed this back through to the Practice Development Subgroup
- Invited guest speakers and agencies such as North Yorkshire Police to provide schools with information on support they can access



Practice Development Subgroup (PDS)



The Practice Development subgroup seeks to assure and contribute to the development of child safeguarding practice in line with National and the current NYSCB business plan priorities. This is achieved by providing healthy challenge and holding professionals to account with respect to safeguarding children practice.

During 2018/19 the subgroup has: Created and published NYSCB One Minute Guides (NYSCB OMG's) on:

- Information sharing practitioners
<http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/admin/uploads/one-minute-guide/information-sharing-for-professionals-omg.pdf>
- Professionals Consultation Line (East Coast only)
<http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/admin/uploads/resources/professionals-consultation-line-one-minute-guide.pdf>
- Trusted Relationships Project
<http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/admin/uploads/resources/omg-trusted-relationships.pdf>

Created and published Practice Guidance on:

- Criminal Exploitation and County Lines
<http://safeguardingchildren.co.uk/admin/uploads/resources/north-yorkshire-criminal-exploitation-county-lines-practice-guidance.pdf>
- Safer Recruitment Practice Guidance
<http://safeguardingchildren.co.uk/admin/uploads/practice-guidance/saferrecruitment.pdf>
- Substance Misuse in Parents
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The practice group have also had inputs this year around Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and Children in Need Emergency Essentials Fund to explore how we can embed both across the work of our partners.

Vulnerable, Exploited, Missing and Trafficking (VEMT)



The purpose of the VEMT Practitioner Group (VPG) meetings are to share information in a professional manner in order to consider suspected risk and vulnerability related to the VEMT risk categories (Vulnerable, Exploited, Missing and Trafficked). The meetings operate on a monthly basis across the seven District areas of North Yorkshire (Scarborough, Ryedale, Craven, Harrogate, Selby, Hambleton and Richmondshire). They focus on contextual safeguarding and the links between children and young people reported missing, those assessed as at risk of Child Exploitation (both sexual and/or criminal) or trafficking and those who may be at risk of Exploitation,

but who are not currently open to any services. They focus on the links between young people and the adults around them who may present a risk of harm through exploitation and/or how they are linked to locations that may be a concern. By bringing together partners to discuss risk and vulnerability in this way, it enables partners to put in place coordinated actions that aid early identification of risk and safeguarding and robust disruption tactics for the perpetrators of exploitation. They are attended by a range of multi-agency partners including Children Social Care, Police, Early Help, Health, Youth Justice Services, Education, Drug and Alcohol Services, Housing and Third

sector partners. Cases open to Children and Families Service are not discussed directly and there is a fluid transfer of information between cases discussed in VEMT and individual case workers responsible for the risk management plan for individual children. However there is a focus on the environments in which exploitation may be taking place. For example, there may be a concern around an address where intelligence indicates groups of young people are being drawn to and being given drugs/alcohol. Through early identification of a location of concern, the VEMT group can co-ordinate multi-agency work to target and disrupt this activity e.g. through the issuing of Child Abduction Warning Notices (CAWN), working with housing to enforce tenancy regulations, increasing partnership intelligence submissions to the police and ensuring the safeguarding of those young people identified as being involved etc.

“ VEMT is like having a web of networking across an area and allows connections to be made and often small pieces of information shared that can make hugely important links which can be pivotal for agreeing actions to further safeguard children and young people. VEMT is hugely valuable, well organised and rigorous and holds all agencies to account to deliver agreed actions”
Senior Education Manager, NYCC

Over the last 12 months there have been a number of areas that VEMT developed. Firstly in ensuring effective transitional safeguarding for young people aged 16 – 17 and locality meetings have strengthened links with

leaving care teams and adult services to ensure that when a young person turns 18 they continue to have the services and support in place that they need. There have also been a number of successful multi-agency mapping exercises that have pooled together professionals and identified links between children, perpetrators and locations of concern, not just across North Yorkshire, but also identified where children are being trafficked across county areas. This has led the identification of a number of networks and perpetrators that otherwise may not have been identified. Other areas have commented that

“The VEMT model we observed was very impressive, with the local knowledge of all partners being considered in decision making ensuring both preventative and pro-active actions to ensure young people were protected. In particular the extensive local knowledge of young people held by secondary schools, the patterns of behaviour they observe, is essential and invaluable”

CSE Nurse, West Yorkshire

Vulnerability and Exploitation remains a high priority for NYSCB and the VEMT process will continue to be reviewed and developed to ensure that across North Yorkshire we have the most effective processes in place to assess risk and vulnerability and identify perpetrators of exploitation. Our aim is to continue to create spaces of safety for children and young people and make North Yorkshire an unattractive location for perpetrators to exploit them.

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking



Considerable work has been undertaken by NYSCB in relation to Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking for children over the last year. Much of the work and development has been led by the Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Partnership group.

'The York and North Yorkshire Modern Slavery Partnership brings together a wide range of agencies in both statutory and voluntary sectors working together to combat slavery in both children and adults'

Professor Gary Craig
Deputy Chair of the York and North Yorkshire Modern Slavery Partnership

The partnership recognises that modern slavery doesn't just happen in large urban areas and that is also found in towns, villages, rural and isolated communities across North Yorkshire and the City of York and can often involve young children. The aim of the group is to equip partners within private, public and voluntary organisations to recognise the signs of modern slavery, help them understand their roles in preventing this type of crime within their communities, as well as provide support victims who are identified.

The National Referral Mechanism (NRM) is the framework through which potential victims of trafficking in the UK are identified, so that they can be supported and protected. It is a particular process to be followed when it is suspected that an adult or a child might be a victim of trafficking. During the period 01/04/2018 – 31/03/2019, 62 National Referral Mechanism (NRM) referral forms and 8 Duty to Notify forms were submitted across North Yorkshire. Professionals have a duty to submit a National Referral Mechanism where they suspect a child or young person under the age of 18 may be subject of modern day slavery or human trafficking. Of those 62

NRM referrals, 50 related to children where professionals suspected that a child was being exploited through modern slavery and/or being trafficked. Of these 50 child referrals, 20 were submitted by North Yorkshire County Council Children and Families Services.

In total, 45 of the 62 NRM referrals submitted resulted in an initial positive reasonable grounds decision from the Modern Slavery Unit within the Home Office. This indicates that from the information available, there is reasonable suspicion at that stage that the child is a victim of trafficking. This resulted in most cases requiring North Yorkshire Police to record a crime and investigate under the Modern Slavery Act 2015. NYSCB are currently developing best practice guidance for partners regarding submitting NRM referrals for children to ensure we submit the highest quality referrals for the children professionals believe are at risk. The links between young people who are believed to be at risk, links to harmful adults and locations of concern are also regularly shared within the VEMT monthly locality meetings, which has resulted in a number of positive pieces of joined up partnership work to take action to disrupt the activity and ensure that children at risk are safeguarded.

In terms of training and awareness rising, NYSCB held a series of Safeguarding Managers masterclasses across the county in December 2018 and included training in child criminal exploitation, county lines, modern slavery and human trafficking. The training was presented to partners from children and families service, police, education professionals, health workers, housing providers, third sector organisations and a range of other front line professionals. This included raising awareness of the indicators that practitioners may see within children who are at risk, as well as what they should do if they suspect a child is subject to exploitation, slavery or trafficking. The feedback from partners was extremely positive and it has led to the development of further learning and development within locality teams across the partnership.

There are also plans to continually develop this training and awareness across the partnership, so that front-line professionals are equipped with the knowledge and skills to identify those children at risk of modern slavery and human trafficking at the earliest opportunity and take appropriate action to safeguard those children.

The NYSCB also produced new practice guidance around criminal exploitation and county lines to support professionals (<http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/admin/uploads/resources/north-yorkshire-criminal-exploitation-county-lines-practice-guidance.pdf>) as well as a joint protocol for those children who reside out of North Yorkshire, but who are arrested within the county and suspected to be at risk of county lines (<http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/admin/uploads/resources/out-of-area-young-people-arrested-who-appear-to-be-at-risk-of-criminal-exploitation-protocol.pdf>). The main focus on both documents is around early identification and professionals' taking appropriate measures to ensure the safety of those children.

Across the County, relentless pursuit of the perpetrators of this crime has continued and North Yorkshire Police and helped secure a Slavery and Trafficking Risk Order in Norfolk in November 2018 following the suspected exploitation of migrant sex workers in Harrogate. They are also actively seeking their own Slavery and Trafficking Risk Order in relation to the exploitation of migrant workers at a restaurant within the County. If successful, this Slavery and Trafficking Risk Order will serve as a blue print as to how we as a partnership deal with suspected exploitation at vulnerable locations across the County.

Trusted Relationships (Home Office Funded Multi-Agency Project)

In 2018 the Home Office launched an £11 million Trusted Relationships Fund which provided the opportunity for local authorities to apply for funding to deliver and evaluate initiatives to improve support to young people at risk of exploitation and abuse. The fund focussed on fostering positive and protective relationships between frontline staff or other trusted adults and at-risk children and young people.

A review carried out by the Early Intervention Foundation, commissioned by the Home Office in 2017, also found that a trusted relationship with an adult is a significant protective factor and an essential part of programmes to support vulnerable children. It found that this kind of social support can help children avoid risky situations, as well as help them overcome adverse circumstances in their lives.



North Yorkshire and York Project Summary

A successful bid which was developed by a North Yorkshire and York partnership group centred on the implementation of a multi-agency collaborative approach to identification and support for children and young people (principally aged 10 – 17) who are primarily at risk of or subject to Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE), including County Lines, Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Modern Slavery. County Councillor Janet Sanderson said: “North Yorkshire and York councils welcome this funding as it will enable us to extend our already established innovative, multi-agency work in supporting children at risk of exploitation.”

The exploitation of young people due to County Lines criminal networks is a growing issue in North Yorkshire and York. There is evidence of active networks operating in Scarborough, York and in the rest of the county. Networks from Liverpool, Birmingham, Leeds, Sheffield and Manchester continue to feature. Intelligence shows that children are being trafficked to different parts of the country in order to supply drugs. Violence and threats are associated with most County Lines networks within North Yorkshire and York, and the carrying of weapons, such as knives and machetes is a feature. Central to the North Yorkshire and York project is the ambition to disrupt the County Lines network by diverting the most vulnerable young people away from risk through effective support networks.

Minister for Crime, Safeguarding and Vulnerability, Victoria Atkins, said: “Early intervention is so important to steer vulnerable young people away from abuse and harms. I am delighted that the Trusted Relationships fund will provide vital support to children in the North Yorkshire and York areas.”

North Yorkshire and York Project

At the heart of the delivery model for the North Yorkshire and York project is the ambition to foster positive, persistent and long-term relationships and develop protective factors that build resilience in this highly vulnerable population. The funding is being used to

further develop the multi-agency panels which are currently in place to allow them to receive referrals, complete multi-agency screening, identify a lead professional and develop a multi-agency support plan for children and young people who are at risk of or already subject to CCE/CSE/modern slavery.

Furthermore, a ‘Trusted Relationship’ (trained individuals including service experienced young adults, specialist trained adult mentors, and trusted adults already known to the children) are identified for each young person help to build resilience, self-esteem and self-efficacy in the young people subject to or vulnerable to CCE and exploitation generally. Funding is also being used to enhance the shared understanding of the issues associated with CCE and exploitation across agencies and facilitate improved integrated working arrangements.

The first cohort of cases have been accepted onto the Trusted Relationships project and as of 27/03/19 North Yorkshire had received a total of 21 requests for a Trusted Relationship and a further 7 cases have been identified as potentially being suitable for the Trusted Relationships programme. The positive impact has already begun to be evidenced.

“There is already a developing relationship between the youth worker and the young person, and a development of trust, to the extent that the young person is being proactive with her Mum in dealing with some of her vulnerabilities and sharing information with the youth worker and asking for the youth worker’s involvement. With this case we have already ascertained new intelligence around groups of youths and peer pressures, and the youth worker is supporting the young person with police interviews alongside the family”

Private Fostering

Private fostering is when children and young people up to the age of 16 (18 if disabled) are cared for by someone other than a parent or close relative for more than 28 days.

All private fostering arrangements have to be notified to the local authority to enable them to carry out their duty to promote the welfare of children privately fostered. Key to strengthening the notification system is improving the knowledge, awareness and readiness to act of all professionals who come into contact with children and families.

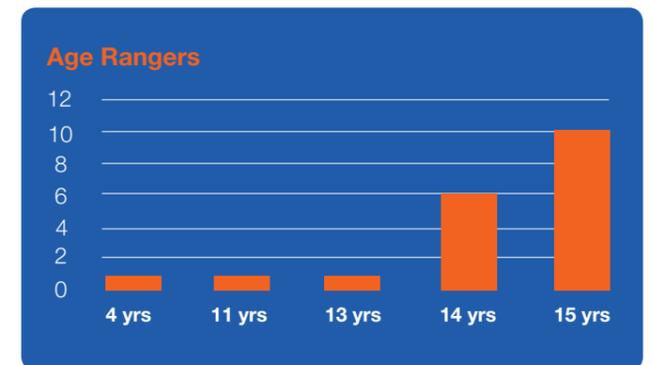
During 2018/2019 there has been a 41% increase in the number of notifications received by North Yorkshire Children & Families Service. This equates to 24 notifications to which 14 progressed to new Private Fostering arrangements.

The number of children subject to an active private fostering arrangement as at the end of reporting period in 2018/19 is the same as in 2017/2018 (nine). There were a further 19 arrangements that ended in 2018/19 (either because the child turned 16, or because they were no longer privately fostered for other reasons).

The referral source for private fostering notifications in 2018/2019, is primarily through Schools and the Police. Other sources of multiple referrals include family members, other Local Authorities and our own Local Authority.

82% of privately fostered children are White British. The remaining children in a private fostering arrangement in 2018/19 are from: Any Other White Background (9%); and Asian/Asian British (9%). In all cases ethnicity was recorded in the case file. It is pleasing that recording in this area has continued at 100%.

The age range of children and young people in private fostering arrangements over 2018/19 was between four and 15 years of age. The age group with the highest number of Privately Fostered children is aged 15 which is expected given the usual nature of Private Fostering arrangements. There were no known disabled children within a private fostering arrangement during the period.



Of the 9 current private fostering arrangements, 7 of those children are on Child in Need plans, and 2 are not subject to any plan, other than Private Fostering. None of the children and young people are currently subject to a Child Protection Plan. This figure is similar to previous years in terms of children on Child in Need plans but there were two children subject to a Child Protection Plan in the previous year.

The key indicators are that visits are undertaken within 7 working days of the notification, or of Children’s Social Care becoming aware of an arrangement; that assessments are completed within 42 days (or completion of Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks, whichever sooner) and that visits are carried out every 6 weeks within the first year and thereafter every 12 weeks.

An annual audit has taken place which looked at all children and young people with an open Private Fostering status, and a proportion of recently ended cases, which was 16 cases. The audit found that 13 out of 16 assessments were completed in timescale resulting in 73% of all Private Fostering assessments were completed in timescale which is comparable to the previous year. When exploring the delay it was found that the DBS can impact and also social workers are often completing a Children and Families Assessment prior to completion of the Private Fostering Assessment which impacts on timeliness.

Assessments were found to be robust, they identified need appropriately and the use of Signs of Safety was well evidenced.

There is evidence across 94% of the cases that the young person was seen alone and 75% of visits were completed in timescale which needs to be a priority action moving forward. It was identified that often that the initial visit was not completed in timescale but the remainder of the other visits were.

There was good evidence throughout the case file of the child's wishes and feelings being gathered in 88% of those arrangements. In two cases the auditor did not answer the question. In all bar one case there was evidence that any other young people in the household were appropriately considered in the assessment.

The local authority has a range of powers and duties in relation to private fostering, including the power to place requirements on a private foster carer, maintaining a limit of 3 children, the power to prevent someone unsuitable from caring for someone else's child, and taking action about unsatisfactory care. There have been no requirements or prohibitions in North Yorkshire during the past 12 months. There have been no examples of people who are disqualified (Disqualification from Caring for Children (England) Regulations 2004) being involved in private fostering.

The Private Fostering Steering Group has been established since February 2012. The Steering Group is made up from Children's Social Care, Early Help and NYSCB. Meetings take place on a quarterly basis. There is also a newly formed working group chaired by the Group Manager for Access and Vulnerabilities and will be attended by the three locality Specialist Social Workers and the fostering service. The function of the working group is to have oversight of private fostering cases, performance data and drive awareness across each locality.

North Yorkshire has a communication plan which is kept under review in the working group. The purpose of the plan is to ensure that information about private fostering is made available to professionals and the wider public. The Private Fostering Steering and Working Groups will have oversight of the plan and work to drive this forward.



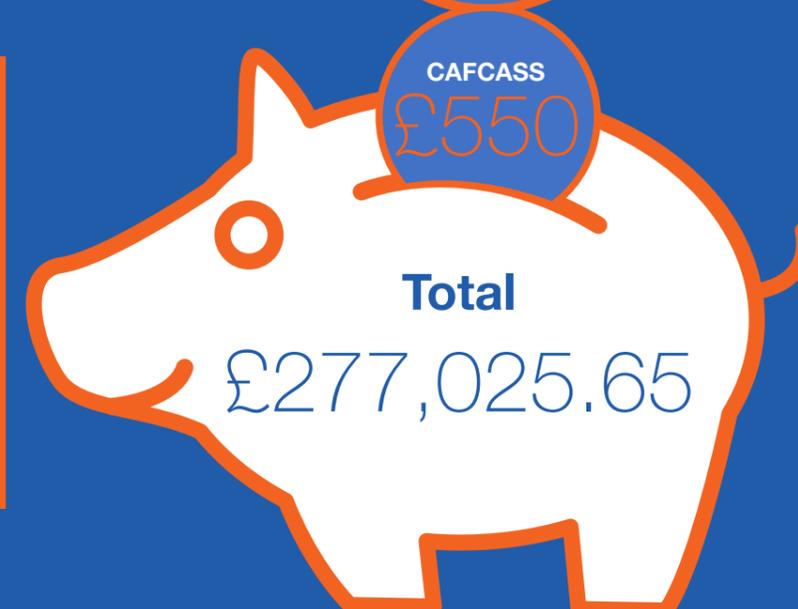
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Chapter 3: Funding

The NYSCB budget is derived from contributions from a number of partners. As well as direct funding the NYSCB is also provided with services in kind by a number of agencies.



Expend Types	Budget	Total
		101,868.72
Income	-126,684.96	
Independent Chair	14,931.86	
IT	6.57	
Staffing	204,274.17	
Supplies and services	9,341.08	

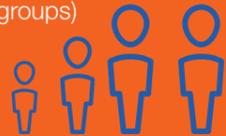


Chapter 4: NYSCB Data

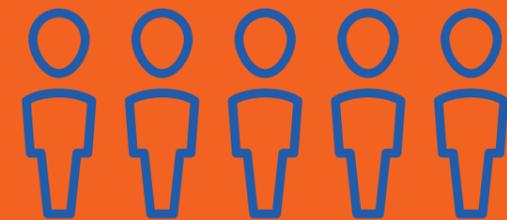


School population (all year groups)

83211



Exclusions:



White British Ethnicity 89.1%

Academic Year	Fixed term	Permanent
	2015/16	2015/16
2016/17	3316	68
2018/19	4657	89
2018/19	6067 (to May 2018)	112 (to end of Spring Term)*

Total number of children and young people (under 18) not in education, employment or training (NEET) over the last 3 years (At end of 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18 financial year, in Year 12 to 13):



Total number of accidental and or deliberate injuries in North Yorkshire for over the last 3 years:

		2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Inpatient admissions (No Data from Craven)	Intentional	316*	392*	419
	Unintentional	937*	1116*	1069
Emergency Department attendance	Intentional	16984	24042	22661
	Unintentional	12660	12031	12022

- Early years settings graded good or outstanding**
NY 97.0% — National 96.0%
- Childminders graded good or outstanding**
NY 97.0% — National 95.0%
- Primary schools graded good or outstanding**
NY 84.6% — National 81.1%
- Secondary schools graded good or outstanding**
NY 79.1% — National 73.2%
- Special schools graded good or outstanding**
NY 90.9% — National 89.7%
- Pupil Referral Service graded good or outstanding**
NY 100% — National 81.1%

Second or Subsequent Child Protection Plans

16.6% in 2018/19, 1.3% lower than in 2017/18 and below national (20.2%) and statistical neighbour (20.4%) averages

Key Themes

- Adoption - 398 days from coming into care to moving in with an adoptive family in North Yorkshire compared to 486 days nationally
- CPP - Reported violent and sexual offences against children have increased for the third successive year
- 1657 violent offences reported in 2018/19, 21% higher than in 2017/18 and 36% higher than in 2016/17
- 868 sexual offences reported in 2018/19, 30% higher than in 2017/18 and 45% higher than in 2016/17
- Demand for child protection services remains high, although there are some signs of demand reaching a plateau
- 4164 referrals to Children's Social Care in 2018/19, compared to 4492 in 2017/18
- Significant reduction in the number of children subject to a child protection plan, from 520 at the end of 2017/18 to 369 at the end of 2018/19, a reduction of 29%
- Although the rate of repeat referrals has climbed for 15.8% in 2017/18 to 18.2% in 2018/19, it remains lower in North Yorkshire than across England (21.9%) and the statistical neighbour average (22.2%)
- Mirroring national trends, school exclusions remain a concern.

Chapter 5: Safeguarding Practice Review Group



The Local Safeguarding Practice Review Group (SPRG) has been established in accordance with Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018) and the Children & Social Work Act 2017. The SPRG is the arrangement by which local safeguarding partners will:

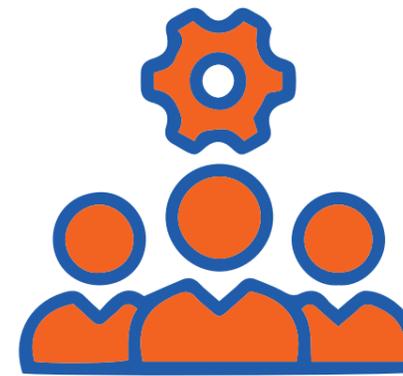
- (a) *Identify serious safeguarding cases which raise issues of importance in relation to the area and;*
- (b) *For those cases to be reviewed under the supervision of the safeguarding partners, where they consider it appropriate to identify any improvements that should be made by persons in the area to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.*

The purpose of the SPRG is to identify and oversee the reviews of serious safeguarding cases which raise issues of importance in relation to North Yorkshire. The SPRG make recommendations to the Independent Chair of the NYSCB on cases that meet the criteria for a local review with a view to commissioning reviews of multi-agency practice. The SPRG will work with the National Panel to have a shared aim in identifying improvements to practice and protecting children

from harm, this will include: recognising commonly-recurring areas that may need investigation, to share learning including learning from good practice that could lead to improvements in other areas. The SPRG meet on a quarterly basis and consider cases where some of the following outcomes maybe identified:

- Multi-agency learning review.
 - Single-agency learning review.
 - Multi-agency case file audit.
 - Multi-agency practitioner audit.
 - Good Practice reviews.
 - No further action.

The SPRG consists of multi-agency partners including: Police, Health and Local Authority and is currently chaired by the Designated Doctor Safeguarding/Looked after Children.



Highlights:

- The Terms of Reference have been reviewed following the publication of the Children and Social Work Act, 2017.
- Work has commenced on developing a template for the Rapid Review of cases notified to the National Panel
- During 2018/2019 no notifications to Ofsted were made.
- The SPRG have considered a number of cases. Resulting in two practitioner reviews being undertaken of cases which did not meet the threshold for a serious case review but in which practitioners felt there may be multi-agency learning. Following the reviews it is envisaged that actions plan will be developed by the Learning & Improvement subgroup.
- Multi-agency action plans from learning have been developed and are managed in the multi-agency NYSCB Learning & Improvement subgroup which has ensured that actions are taken forward resulting in positive impact on practice and on outcomes for children. Learning generated as a result of audit and review has been disseminated by the NYSCB into:
 - Improved training delivery.
 - Developments in Safeguarding: Managers Masterclasses continue to be delivered and learning shared to multi-agency professionals.
 - Published new and updated one minute guides.
 - Seven Point Briefings published to help share learning.

Serious Case Review (SCR)

A case was considered by the SPRG where it met the threshold for a notification to be submitted to Ofsted by the Local Authority. The SPRG made a recommendation to the NYSCB Independent Chair as it was agreed that the criteria for an SCR had been met. The NYSCB Independent Chair made a recommendation to the National Panel who agreed with the decision for the NYSCB to undertake an SCR.

The NYSCB set up a multi-agency Panel which was chaired by the NYSCB Board Manager and subsequently by the Designated Nurse, Safeguarding/Looked After Children. The draft SCR has been presented to the NYSCB Executive for approval along with the Executive Summary. It is anticipated that the final report and Executive Summary will be published in November 2019 following the Inquest.



Chapter 6: Partnerships and Network



Safeguarding are Everybody's Business and one that can't be done in isolation. Partners working in North Yorkshire is vital to ensure our communities are safe for children, young people and their families and as such we continue to develop strong working arrangements with other boards across North Yorkshire and the City of York.

The Inter-Board Network (North Yorkshire) and The Systems Leadership Group (North Yorkshire and York)

The Inter-board network is a forum for key professionals who have responsibility to manage safeguarding in North Yorkshire. The Inter-board network meet, discuss and progress opportunities whilst strengthening and co-ordinating existing arrangements.

The primary purpose of the network is to support the System Leadership which operates across North Yorkshire and the City of York. The group aims to identify, implement and deliver cross boundary collaborative initiatives.

Membership of the Inter-board Network includes:

North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnerships (NYCSP)

Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) are under a statutory responsibility for partners to work together to reduce reoffending, to tackle crime and disorder, to tackle anti-social behaviour to tackle alcohol and substance misuse and to tackle any other behaviour which has a negative effect on the local environment. When the criteria is met, it is the statutory function of CSPs, to undertake Domestic Homicide Reviews, ensuring effective learning is identified and embedded across partners.

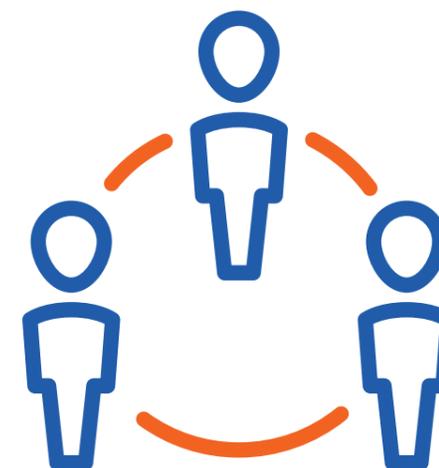
Integrated Community Safety Hubs have been introduced in each of the districts to enhance the services of all partners and to provide better community safety support for all communities across North Yorkshire.

North Yorkshire and York Domestic Abuse Joint Commissioning Group (DAJCG)

The DAJCG includes representation from key agencies and sectors, who through this group deliver their commitments to continuing to reduce the impact of Domestic

Abuse and the effects on families, across North Yorkshire and York. In order to do this we need to ensure that services are improving people's lives, with an emphasis on early intervention and providing secure provision and consistent services across the county.

To support this delivery two multi-agency sub groups have been established, both reporting to the DAJCG, one focusing on the commissioning of Domestic Abuse services and the other group is focusing on operational matters.



North Yorkshire and City of York Strategic Prevent Board

The Prevent element of the Counter Terrorism Strategy, CONTEST, aims to stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. It contains three key objectives; Ideology- challenging the ideology that supports terrorism and those who promote it Individuals- protecting people from being drawn into terrorism and ensuring that they are given appropriate advice and support; and Institutions- supporting sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation. The Prevent Strategic Board for North Yorkshire and York develops the multiagency strategic approach to Prevent.

Agrees the North Yorkshire and York Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP) and action plan and ensures the effective strategic coordination of partners. For local delivery each of the districts has a local Prevent delivery group. Aside from the local implementation of action plans the groups gather local intelligence and information regarding community tensions and hate crime incidents that can influence the Prevent agenda. North Yorkshire has a multi-agency Channel Panel that meets on a monthly basis and is chaired by the Head of Safer Communities. Channel is a programme which focuses on providing support at an early stage to people who are identified as being vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism. The programme uses a multi-agency approach to protect vulnerable people from radicalisation and extremism, by; Identifying individuals at risk Assessing the nature and extent of that risk, and Developing the most appropriate support plan for the individuals concerned.

Chapter 7: Children Strategy and Safeguarding Groups



Craven CSSG

"Once again I would like to pay tribute to and commend the professionalism of all the staff who work in Safeguarding in North Yorkshire. The Craven CSSG gives me such confidence that our authorities do an excellent job in difficult times. I would like to acknowledge the contribution of all members of this group over the past year and to those staff that work with them also".

Chair of the Craven CSSG,
Cllr Andy Solloway

Achievements

Notable achievements over that past year have included: Safeguarding Week, the theme being 'Safeguarding is Everybody's Business', held in venues in Skipton, Grassington and Settle, with the Police, and the Prevention Service being involved. Great success was reported with some great work with some difficult to reach groups. In addition, there has also been a focus on alcohol awareness, with some good cross agency work, particularly in certain localities in Craven where alcohol misuse is a problem. A big event in Craven for many agencies was the opening of the new Carers Resource in Skipton. This actually provides a superb location for all kinds of services, and many safeguarding officers have commented about how good it is to have a resource like this that provides not only support to carers and their families, but also provides a staffed contact point that can feed into our work too. Craven District Council is also proactive in taking enforcement action in respect to safeguarding such investigating certain premises, focus on taxi drivers, licensing and training as well as child labour.

Safeguarding Week 2019

The CSSG has tasked a working group who will plan local activity in Craven as part of Safeguarding Week 2019. The focus is to raise awareness amongst the wider public of the vulnerability and risk indicators of county lines to protect young people.



Hambleton and Richmondshire CSSG

Achievements

Hambleton and Richmondshire's focus for Safeguarding Week 2018 was loneliness and isolation. In Hambleton, Husthwaite Sports and Activity Group and activity group hosted a variety of groups and invited local partners which was well engaged with by the wider public. A number of competitions took place and the event was replicated in the Colborn area. From a public health front, there has been a focus on reducing unintentional injuries amongst under 5's within Richmondshire through establishing a local action group. This has been a continuing theme with the CSSG and it is positive development.

Safeguarding Week 2019

Hambleton & Richmondshire are looking to hold two events, one in Northallerton and one in Catterick. The events will look to use a mobile unit to raise awareness about emerging safeguarding themes amongst the general public, especially around exploitation and modern slavery.



Selby CSSG

The Selby CSSG continues to be an active group, with a core group of committed members, including the Police, District Council and Health, who attend the group on a regular basis..

Achievements

Following on from the success of last year's Safeguarding Week in Selby, the theme of E-Safety continues to be a priority for the group and work around this is ongoing, aimed at both professionals and families.

The multi-agency Teenage Pregnancy Task and Finish Group has been re-established and work is ongoing, including improved access to Emergency Contraception, via the Healthy Child Teams. Latest conception data is now showing a reduction in Selby.



Harrogate CSSG

There is a lot of energy and enthusiasm for this locality networking group, and the Harrogate CSSG has delivered some excellent pieces of work in recent years. Members are still ready and willing to be galvanised collectively, to work together for the benefit of children, young people and families. The Group looks forward to the next stage in development.

Achievements

The current Harrogate work plan is mostly completed. One last area of work identified within the plan has been the development, of a Youth Project to reduce the social isolation of young people with autism. This has been led by Helen Prince from Carers Resource, with support from Vicki Lever from North Yorkshire Youth. This has been targeted at the new Year 7 intake with information leaflets going out to families informing them of possible support that will be available. Some training of Year 11's/12's to act as 'buddies' to work in the club is being undertaken. Harrogate National Autistic Society are supporting with training. Stronger Communities have facilitated a grant of £950 from the 'Inspire Fund' for financial support towards training. Further expansion through contact with the SENCO at King James High School is currently being explored.

The Group have also received informative awareness raising presentations and discussed these within the local context. In particular group members found the presentation by North Yorkshire Police on Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking especially informative as many members were unaware of it and recent trends (for example the expansion of County Lines). Presentations have also been made updating the group on the developing strategy around young peoples' Voice, Influence & Participation.

Scarborough & Ryedale CSSG

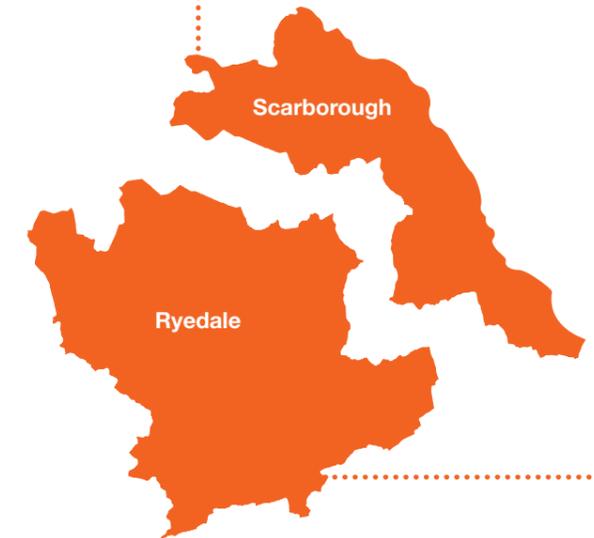
The group is now well established with a broad membership across the locality, including:

- A nominated chair: Councillor Janet Jefferson
- Children's Trust Lead: Elizabeth White-Acting Divisional Manager, East, Children & Families Service
- Safeguarding Lead: Victoria Barber - Team Manager, Children & Families Service.
- Safer Communities
- Police
- Early Help Service
- MAST

Achievements

Scarborough Borough Council with the Police continue to raise awareness to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults through briefings, these include Modern Slavery, CCE and CSE, to Scarborough Hospitality Association, Local Hotels, Police and Community Support Officers, Holiday theme parks, Taxi and private hire vehicles, other main businesses with on-going delivery to new Taxi drivers in the Borough. The work has seen some positive reporting by businesses and outcomes in relation to keeping people safe in the Borough.

Scarborough Borough Council commissioned 'Hope for Justice' who delivered 2 x sessions to multi-agency audience at Coventry University on Modern Slavery in 2018. A further 2 x sessions are planned in March 2019.



Safeguarding Week

In Ryedale, a community event promoting 'Safeguarding is everybody's business' was held on 25th June as part of Safeguarding Week 2018, which included a mobile phone unit in Malton and multi-agency partners engaged with members of the public handing out literature.

Challenges

- Emerging concerns regarding the number of children on limited education packages leading to increasing number of children not actively in education. Most of these young people are known to one or more local services (Police, Youth Justice, Prevention, Children and Family Services, CAMHS, private residential homes etc.) Progress to date has included, monthly meetings established in September with a review of meeting in April.
- Growing concern with regard to children home educated and number of Exclusions, especially within Primary Schools
- Emphasis on Ladder of Interventions and opportunities funding to enable engagement with schools

Chapter 8: NYSCB Training



Following a further training review in 2018/19, the NYSCB ceased to adopt the Virtual College Safeguarding Training. Although, this has seen an overall reduction in the amount of courses, NYSCB signposts agencies to, the stability of the training systems now in place are enhanced.

The NYSCB is currently signposting professionals to 17 training packages of which as follows:

- NYCC Safeguarding Children Basic Awareness – Online Learning
- Home Office E-Learning Training on Prevent
- NYCC Comprehensive Child Protection Pathways (CCPP)
- NYCC Comprehensive Child Protection Pathways (CCPP) Refresher
- NYCC Safeguarding Children
- NYCC Young People and Risky Behaviour
- NYCC Child Sexual Exploitation: Working with those directly at risk of CSE
- NYCC Toxic Trio

- NYSCB Developments in Safeguarding Manager's Masterclasses
- NYSCB Managing Allegations against Staff
- Child Death Reviews: Advanced Training for Rapid Response Teams
- Forced Marriage
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Domestic Abuse Awareness Training
- Hate Crime Signposting in North Yorkshire
- Zero Suicide Alliance e-training
- Health Education England Suicide Prevention e-learning

The NYSCB is continuing to develop the above training offer for professionals and hopes to be able to offer more in 2019/20.



NYSCB Developments in Safeguarding Manager's Masterclasses

Of particular note, it was pleasing to see the growth of the NYSCB Developments in Safeguarding Manager's Masterclasses within the past year. A total of 322 frontline managers / safeguarding leads attended the events in June and December which were ran across North Yorkshire in 5 localities.

Originally established in 2016, Managers' Masterclasses aim to ensure that safeguarding managers are regularly provided with an opportunity to establish an overview of new developments both locally and Nationally, including research, new legislation, learning from Serious Case Review's (SCR's) and other key themes. Additionally the briefing is to improve understanding of the multiagency work to safeguard children and young people in North Yorkshire.

Masterclasses are aimed at managers who have responsibility for staff who so that they can disseminate learning within their teams an agencies. The training is facilitated by members of the NYSCB Business Unit in conjunction with safeguarding partners who have sought to ensure that managers are empowered to challenge and support staff when reflecting on safeguarding issues.

Topics included in the agenda for Managers' Masterclasses have been identified in response to issues arising from; new legislation, findings from local and national audits and case reviews, and hot topics arising from multi-agency discussion in subgroups relating to partners.

Last year saw a diverse range of topics covered including:

- The Dark Web
- Learning from Auditing Exercises & Reviews
- Fabrication and Induction of Illness of Children
- Social and Emotional Mental Health
- New Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements
- Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
- Vulnerable, Exploited, Missing, Trafficked Agenda



Chapter 9: Voice of Children and Young People

The NYSCB Business Unit was pleased to attend the Youth Voice Conference at the Pavilions, Harrogate on the 22nd March 2018. This is a key conference to seek the views of young people and as part of this the NYSCB ran a workshop to seek young people views on a range of safeguarding themes which were identified within the Growing Up in North Yorkshire Survey 2018 and how services could better support young people who experience these issues.



The topics generated a wide variety of discussion by young people sharing their thoughts and insights on whether they agreed or disagreed with the statements and how services can better support those who encounter a safeguarding matter. The feedback provided by young people will be circulated to wider partners through the NYSCB sub-groups. Moreover, this work will inform further consultation the NYSCB Business Unit is wanting to carry out with young people through local forums such as the Youth Voice Executive and the North Yorkshire & York Youth Commission as it looks to develop ways in which the board can communicate more effectively and reach out directly to young people.



Hosted by North Yorkshire County Council, the event offers young people the opportunity to meet and learn how they can influence decision-makers from the police, education services, local authorities and other organisations. The conference is aimed at secondary schools, youth councils and youth groups.

A total of thirty children and young people engaged with the workshop where we asked a series of questions based on a number of statements about:

- Social and emotional mental health
- Carrying weapons for protection
- Bullying
- Friendships & relationships
- Exposed to harmful content online
- Substance misuse

Chapter 10: Campaigns/Social Media/E-Bulletin

Campaigns

CSE Awareness Day 2019

Monday 18th March, 2019 marked National Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Awareness Day and the National Working Group (NWG) published a range of key messages that NYSCB promoted amongst partners and organisations. For more information about the national awareness day go to www.nwgnetwork.org

As part of the day NYSCB has put together a range of images that were used by partners across North Yorkshire to raise awareness locally and through social media. We were extremely pleased with the volume of social media activity around this campaign.



North Yorkshire Safeguarding week 25–29 June 2018

Safeguarding Week 2018

'Safeguarding is everybody's business' – that was the message coming from organisations across North Yorkshire as they supported Safeguarding Week 2018 (25-29 June).

Safeguarding Week campaign is supported by the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board (NYSCB), North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adult Board (NYSAB), the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, and the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership, working with North Yorkshire Police and local partners.

For us in North Yorkshire Safeguarding means working together to stop abuse and prevent it happening in the future – everyone has a right to live a life that is free from abuse and neglect. One of the aims of the week is to emphasise that everyone has a role to play in spotting the signs of abuse, and to encourage the public and professionals in all walks of life to be aware of the many forms abuse can take.

Detective Superintendent Allan Harder, Head of Safeguarding at North Yorkshire Police, said:

“Keeping children and adults safe from harm remains a priority for North Yorkshire Police. There are many, many vulnerable people in our communities, people of all ages and different backgrounds.

“This week is important to help to raise awareness of the positive work being done by many agencies across the county in order to support those people who need us the most. It is also an opportune time to educate communities about issues such as Domestic Abuse, Harassment and Stalking, Child Neglect and Child Abuse, and point them in the direction of how and where to report concerns.

“We want everyone to be able to recognise the different behaviours of offenders and victims and to be confident to report abuse and seek the necessary help and support.”

Throughout the county there were a variety of local activities taking place across North Yorkshire and a vast amount of social media activity happening post, during and pre safeguarding week.

Anti-Slavery Day 2018

Nearly 200 years after the abolition of slavery, vulnerable men, women and children are still being exploited. This can, and does, happen right here in North Yorkshire. Over the past three years the number of potential victims of modern slavery and human trafficking identified in North Yorkshire has risen significantly, this follows the national trend, which is believed to be due to the rise in awareness.

Thursday, 18th October marked anti-slavery day which was another opportunity to raise awareness and highlight the ongoing efforts by many agencies and charities to eradicate such an abhorrent crime. This gave an opportunity to continue to promote the North Yorkshire Modern Slavery Toolkit developed by our partners North Yorkshire Police <http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/admin/uploads/resources/nyp-modern-slavery-toolkit.pdf>



Dangers and consequences of carrying knives and weapons

Across the country, 7 out of 10 young people who end up in A&E with a knife injury have been stabbed with their own knife. By carrying a blade, people are putting themselves at risk.

A person found with a knife or weapon could be prosecuted and end up in prison, it can also affect future employment and travel prospects.

We do not have a massive knife crime problem in North Yorkshire, but some young people still make the decision to carry a knife or blade. Young people may feel carrying a knife gives them street cred, makes them feel big or earns them respect, but the truth is none of these are good enough reasons for carrying a knife.

Knives can be surrendered at local police stations. See <http://www.northyorkshire.police.uk/> for more information.

During 17th to 24th September we participated in the national week of action to raise awareness around the dangers and consequences of carrying knives and weapons. This campaign covered all ages and there is information available from a number of organisations.

Useful websites and social media include:

- <https://www.knifefree.co.uk>
- <https://noknivesbetterlives.com/practitioners/resources>
- <https://www.pshe-association.org.uk/curriculum-and-resources/resources/home-office-knifefree-lesson-plans-ks34>
- <https://www.fearless.org/en>

Social Media

Social Media has significantly increased the NYSCB's reach to professionals and members of the public. The NYSCB's Twitter account has over 1000 followers which includes professionals, schools, businesses, other safeguarding children boards and members of the public. The NYSCB's Twitter feed is used to provide important information such as changes to policies and procedures as well as links to information and resources. It is also used by the NYSCB to promote campaigns and the activities of partners.

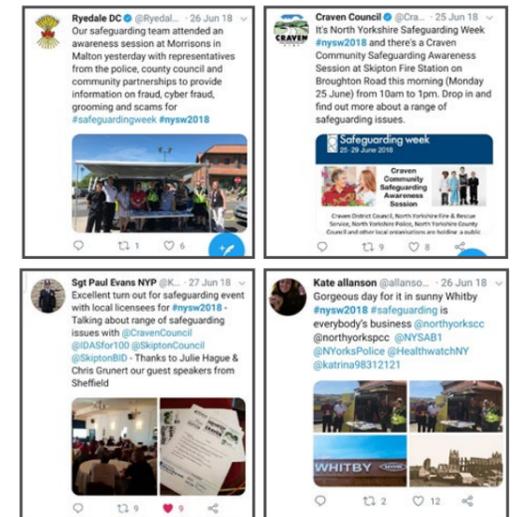
Are you following us on Twitter?

www.twitter.com/nyscb

During 2019/20 and as a result of direct feedback from young people we will be seeking to introduce an Instagram account to directly target messages to young people.

You Said: The best way to get safeguarding messages to young people is through Instagram.

We will Create an Instagram account to increase our engagement with young people.



NYSCB E-bulletin

The NYSCB Business Unit are pleased to announce that from March 2019 the launch of a free e-Bulletin to improve our communication and engagement with all of our partners across North Yorkshire. To keep up to date with the latest developments in safeguarding children and young people in North Yorkshire, simply sign up to our new NYSCB e-Bulletin by clicking <https://mailchi.mp/71fd749434d5/nyscbe-bulletin>

Chapter 11: CDOP

A summary from the Child Death Overview Panel – Annual Report 2018-19

The NYSCB are committed to learning from the circumstances and factors present in each death, and to

- Identify any change that can be made or actions which can be taken that might help to prevent similar deaths in the future
- Share learning with colleagues locally, regionally and nationally so that the findings will have a greater impact Analyse trends and targeted interventions that can be delivered in response to findings, for example promoting safe sleep practice through awareness raising.

In 2018/19 there were a total of 30 child deaths in North Yorkshire. Of the 30 deaths, 19 were expected and 11 Unexpected. Between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019 there have been more male deaths than female which is in line with the Office of National Statistics.

From the children that died 30 were classified as “White British”, 1 as “Pakistani” and 1 as “Any other white ethnic background”. Out of the 30 child deaths 2 children who died were known to have a disability

When an unexpected child death occurs the lead agency i.e. Police or Consultant Paediatrician will ensure a ‘joint agency response meeting’ takes place within 72 hours of the death. The aim of the joint agency response meeting is to have an initial multi-agency information sharing and planning meeting. Of the 11 unexpected child deaths all the joint agency response meeting took place within the required 72 hours with attendance from all key agencies.

The Child Death Overview Panel

The information presented to the CDOP to consider is anonymised, enabling strategic leads who are representing various agencies including the Local Authority, Health and the Police consider any learning or factors that could be used by agencies to prevent future deaths of children. It takes an average of six months for a child death reach panel for review, but each case is different and there may be a number of reasons which mean that a case cannot be progressed by CDOP. The CDOP cannot review a case where: There is an on-going investigation by the Police or Coroner, or Information has not been received from all agencies in relation to the death.



Modifiable factors

Modifiable factors are defined as ‘those, where, if actions could be taken through national or local interventions, the risk of future child deaths could be reduced’

When the CDOP has reviewed the death of a child they will then identify and agree any modifiable factors that may have prevented the death. Out of the 20 North Yorkshire child deaths reviewed by panel in 2018/2019, there were 8 cases 40% where modifiable factors were identified.

Where modifiable factors are identified the Panel has taken appropriate action to address these where appropriate. For example we continue to re-enforce safe sleep messages and the risk of alcohol misuse and smoking during pregnancy.

What we have achieved in 2018/2019:

- CDOP developed its relationship with the Major Incident Response Team (MIRT) which has strengthened the understanding of the services both CDOP and MIRT deliver. MIRT contributed to the NYSCB Managers Masterclasses which assisted in raising awareness to services across North Yorkshire and York for their work including post-vention suicide support.
- The Designated Dr for Child Death and Child Death Review Coordinator have developed the new Child Death Review Training for Professionals. The training incorporates the new guidance and how it is implemented locally.
- CDOP continue to contribute to the Paediatric Mortality Review Meetings with each of the Sudden and Unexpected Death in Infancy and Childhood (SUDIC) leads to review child death that have occurred at hospitals across the county to establish effective working relationships and information sharing.

- CDOP actively engages with the Yorkshire and Humber Regional CDOP Coordinator Meetings and Sub Regional CDOP meetings sharing information to develop our understanding of child deaths across the region, share best practice and understand the challenges faced.
- The Designated Dr for Child Death has been appointed as the CDOP representative on the National Network for Designated Health Professionals.
- CDOP, along with NYSCB Business Unit have been a key supporter of the Suicide Prevention work within the county and are actively contributing to the development of the North Yorkshire Self Harm Pathway that will be published in summer 2019.
- CDOP has undertaken joint work with the 0-5 Health Child Service to promote Safe Sleep

CDOP Priorities for 2019/2020

- Reduce the mortality rate of children and young people in North Yorkshire through a coordinated response with actions to prevent recurrence.
- To seek assurance that partners are working collectively on the Suicide Prevention agenda
- Launch the Self-Harm and Suicide Prevention pathway.
- CDOP to attend and engage with Paediatric Mortality Meetings to gathering further information in relation to neonatal deaths across the county.
- To raise the profile of the Child Death Review Process by delivering multi-agency training across the county.
- Reintegrated the letter to parent’s and booklet informing them of the Child Death Review Process to sure better parental involvement in the Child Death Review Process
- To identify and share bereavement support services that are available to Children, Young People, Families and Communities.

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