

Annual Report

2017-18



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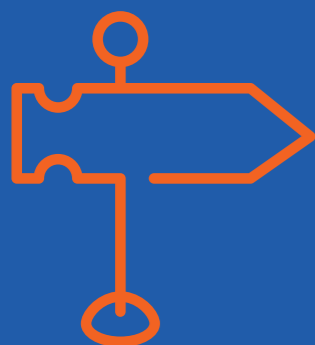
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Foreword

This is my final foreword as the Independent Chair of the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board (NYSCB). I have been very proud to undertake this role and to oversee the high quality work undertaken within North Yorkshire. My main reflection on my four years in this role is how strong, well-informed and coherent partnership working in the county is.

I depart at a period of great change. During 2017, the Government passed legislation which abolished Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs). The duty to have a LSCB is replaced with a duty to plan and deliver a partnership between three 'safeguarding partners' – the local authority, the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and the Police. Planning for this has begun in North Yorkshire and will be overseen by my successor who will undertake the 'independent scrutiny' role required by the new version of 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' (2018). I wish the partnership all the best in undertaking this complex change process.

As usual 2017-18 has been a busy time for the NYSCB. The detail of this work is outlined in the Chapters that follow. In addition, much of the work is invisible – in particular the complex partnership work with independent organisations situated within the county. There have been many challenges in this work – an area where again the quality of partnership work has shone through.

I would commend the NYSCB website (www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk) to any reader wanting to know more – or wanting to learn about the wide-range of safeguarding issues covered by the One Minute Guides.

In closing, I wish to thank the hard working staff of the NYSCB Business Unit and the partners for their total commitment to supporting and safeguarding children and young people in the county.



Professor Nick Frost
Independent Chair
NYSCB (2014-18).


Demographic of North Yorkshire





North Yorkshire Overview

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.

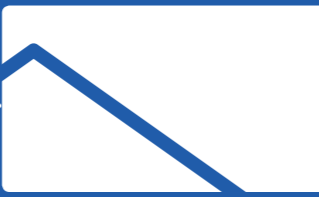
Most of the children and young people resident in North Yorkshire have a rural upbringing with farming being the main industry. Children growing up in the county enjoy the beautiful countryside although many children and young people also grow up in the many market towns and smaller communities within 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.

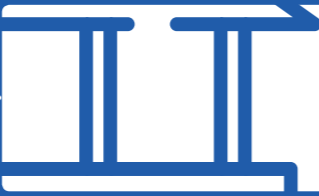
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301 maintained primary schools
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34 maintained secondary schools
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4 pupil referral service maintained secondary schools

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27 primary academies
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13 secondary academies
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1 pupil referral service academy

England's Largest County

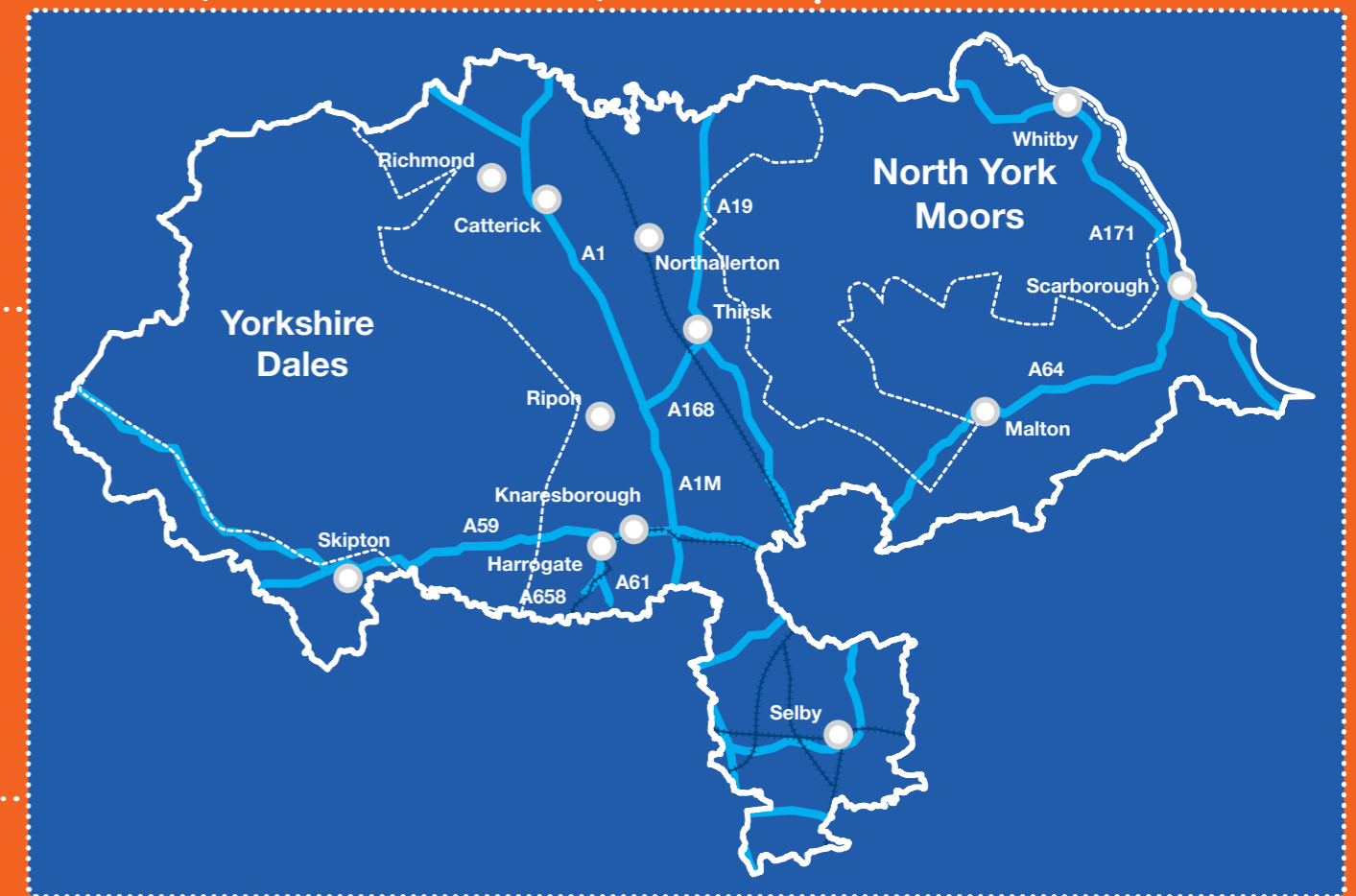
803,761
Hectares

604,900
Residents

3,103²
Miles



- 6** Clinical Commissioning Groups
- 9** main NHS providers of acute hospital services, community services and mental health services



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, Transformation Project, Subgroups



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

- 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



NYSCB Strategic Boards



North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board Executive

The NYSCB Executive, Board and subgroups meet once per quarter. It provides strategic direction to the Board, with representation from North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) Children and Young People's Service, North Yorkshire Police, Clinical Commissioning Groups, the NYSCB Business Unit and the Probation Service.

The NYSCB Board and subgroup meetings have multi-agency representation by key partners providing services to children, young people and their families, this includes:

- Children and Families Service, Children and Young People's Service (CYPS), NYCC
- Lead Executive Member for Children's Services
- Health and Adult Services
- North Yorkshire Police
- Yorkshire Ambulance Service
- Tees, Esk and Wear Valley
- NHS Foundation Trust
- Scarborough & Ryedale Clinical Commissioning Group
- NHS England
- Harrogate and District
- NHS Foundation Trust
- Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven, Bradford City and Bradford District Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)
- Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven CCG, NHS Bradford City and NHS Bradford Districts CCG
- York Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (CAFCASS)
- National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
- National Probation Service and Community Rehabilitation Companies
- Ministry of Defence Welfare Service
- District Councils
- Community First Yorkshire

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 2017/2018 the Learning and Improvement Subgroup has:

- 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 2016/2017
 - Strategy Meeting Audit
 - Contacts Audit
 - Undertaken an audit of the awareness and use of the Vulnerability Checklist
 - Section 11 audit of multi-agency safeguarding arrangements
 - Child F Learning Lessons Review
 - Audit of the Child Safeguarding Arrangements of Early Years Providers
 - Child C Learning Lessons Review
 - Serious Case Review
 - Review of national Serious Case Reviews
- Continued to develop an audit programme which identifies the themes and types of safeguarding audits NYSCB undertakes each year.
- Received and considered information from single agency audit to monitor for themes and identify multi-agency learning to be shared across the partnership.
- 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.
- Implemented a new Learning Management System from 1 April 2017.

Practice Development Subgroup

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. An important aspect of this is to ensure that there is a consistent understanding of the

vulnerabilities and risks faced by children and young people as well as clear pathways to ensure that children received the same level of service and care. In order to achieve this the NYSCB produces the Vulnerability Checklist which is the North Yorkshire threshold document as required under Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015). In addition the NYSCB co-ordinates safeguarding practice

through the provision of multi-agency procedures and practice guidance which provides more in depth information for professionals on key issues. To support the practice guidance the NYSCB also produces a series of One Minute Guides or OMGs which are used to provide professionals who need to be aware of key issues but do not need in depth knowledge to fulfil their roles.

During 2017/18 the subgroup has:

- Created and published 4 One minute Guides (OMG's)
- <http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/admin/uploads/one-minute-guide/leaving-a-child-one-minuteguide.pdf>
- <http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/admin/uploads/one-minute-guide/leaving-a-child-one-minute-guide.pdf>
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- Published / reviewed 8 Practice Guidance
- <http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/admin/uploads/resources/fabricated-induced-illness-pg.pdf>
- <http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/admin/uploads/practice-guidance/young-people-who-sexually-harm.pdf>
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- <http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/professionals/neglect>
- <http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/professionals/private-fostering>
- <http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/professionals/missing>
- Coordinated a number of safeguarding campaigns.
- Received regular updates and provided multi agency challenge around Domestic Abuse, Prevent and Operation Encompass.



Licensing

Following an audit of the safeguarding arrangements surrounding licenced taxi drivers in 2016, the NYSCB found that there were a variety of different arrangements in place amongst the District Councils. In light of varying arrangements, the NYSCB attended the North Yorkshire and York Licencing Officers Network to facilitate a discussion and seek views to develop a consistent package that can be delivered locally and embedded in to local licencing arrangements.

In conjunction with partners, the NYSCB have created a standardised Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Safeguarding training package which was approved via the Learning and Improvement Subgroup.

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). While the meetings consider risk related to Child Sexual Exploitation, they also consider other risks to children such as Criminal Exploitation and Trafficking. This involves partners from Children's Social Care, Police, Health, Prevention, Housing, Education and Third Sector agencies etc. sharing information in order to identify VEMT risks and inform the multi-agency action plans to disrupt those perpetrators causing harm in the locality.

- The VEMT Practitioner Group Tier 1 meeting focuses on specific children not open to Children and Families exploring community responses to reduce risk and disrupt.
- The VPG Tier 2 meeting focusing on possible perpetrators of exploitation, locations of concern and current themes/patterns in the locality.

Cases open to Children and Families Service are not discussed directly in these meetings and any concerns in relation to these cases are discussed with the current case holder. VPG meetings are not however a pathway to make a safeguarding referral; but through the discussion may identify an action to do so. The VEMT meeting provides a platform for information sharing between partners to identify concerns that can be fed into a referral if it considered that a child could be at risk of harm.

Over 2017/2018 there have been a number of developments in relation to VEMT. There have been strong links developed between the VEMT arrangements and the Children and Families Multi agency Screening Team (MAST) who review all the risk assessments for open cases for CSE and CCE, as well as provide a front door for any agency submitting referrals where they believe there is a child at risk exploitation. This has resulted in potential perpetrators, hotspots and locations of concern being identified and transferred to the Tier 2 meeting whereas they may not have been identified previously. These strong links continue to be developed by the Chairs of both the VEMT and the MAST meetings having regularly case discussion meetings to ensure that information is shared in a timely and effective manner and potential risk is identified. Similarly, where a risk to a child has been identified through local discussion with partnership agencies in a VEMT meeting, there has been a quick time response to pull that information together and submit a referral for that child and send it into the MAST team where there is an indication that they could be a risk of significant harm.

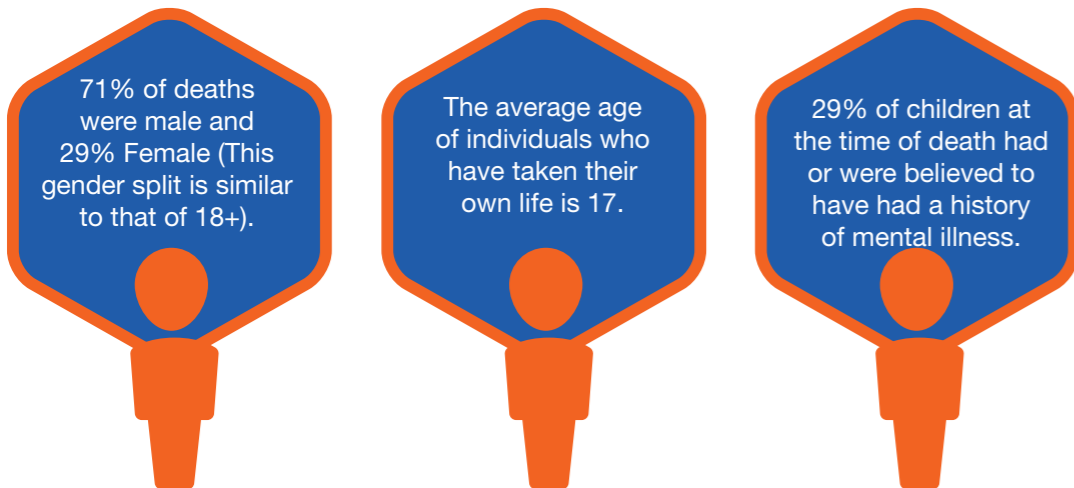
Over the last 18 months, VEMT has also seen regular partnership working in locality areas with good information sharing and effective community problem solving to tackle areas of concern including regular joint work between police, local authority, health, licencing, education and third sector. This has enabled the VEMT Tier 2 to be used as a platform to inform those discussions, identify risk as well as opportunities for disruption and detection.

Similarly, the coming together of partners to discuss the links between young people, locations and potential perpetrators of harm has led to some really good examples of locality risk mapping. Practitioners with good detailed knowledge of cases and locations of concern come together to share information which has identified the links and networks between young people both known to services and those potentially not known, as well as locations and themes between those young people. This has informed action plans and identified avenues for local disruption that would not previously have been clear without that mapping by well-informed local practitioners.

North Yorkshire and York Suicide Prevention Group

The Suicide Prevention group works across North Yorkshire and the City of York to address suicide and agree a joint strategy for suicide prevention. The NYSCB maintain a proactive member of this group highlighting the needs of children. Within North Yorkshire there has

been a rise in the number of suicides for individuals aged under 18 during 2017/18. The NYSCB are working with partners to explore this matter in more detail and increase awareness and action around suicide prevention.

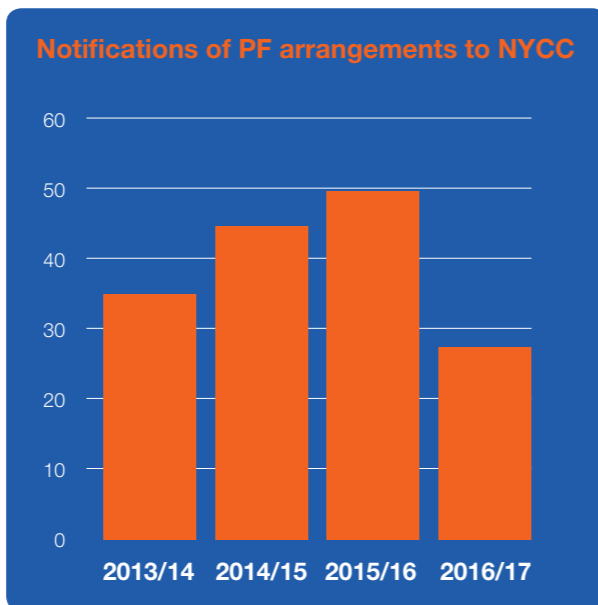


Private Fostering

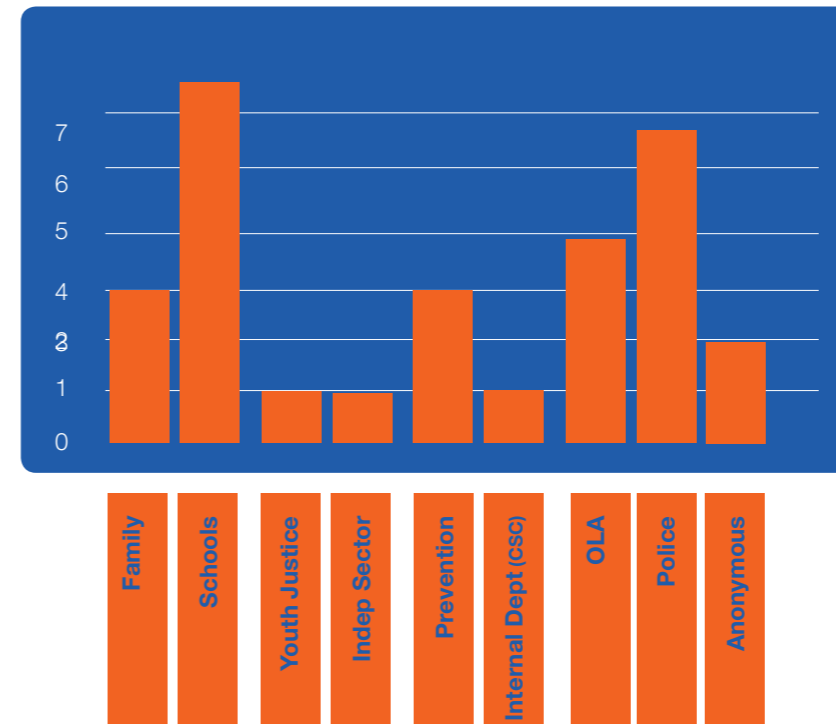
Private fostering is when children and young people up to the age of 16 (18 if disabled) are cared for by someone other than a parent or close relative for more than 28 days.

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 2016/2017, North Yorkshire Children & Families Service received 28 private fostering notifications, which equates to a 45% decrease in the number of notifications received in 2015/2016 (51). 23 of these 28 notifications progressed to Private Fostering arrangements.



The referral source for private fostering notifications in 2016/2017, is primarily through schools, closely followed by the Police. Other sources of referrals include family members, other Local Authorities and our own Prevention Service. Sources of occasional referrals are anonymous referrals, Children's Social Care, Youth Justice and an Independent Sector Provider.

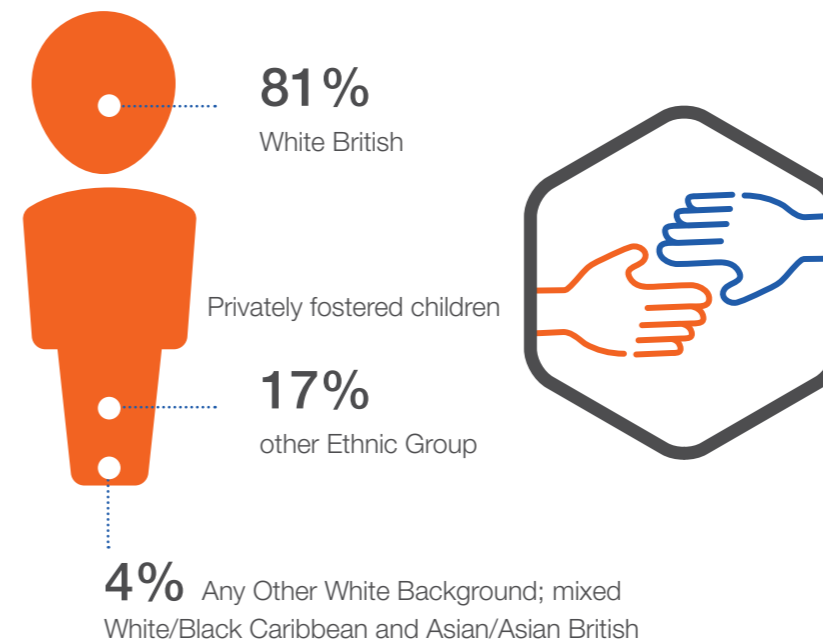


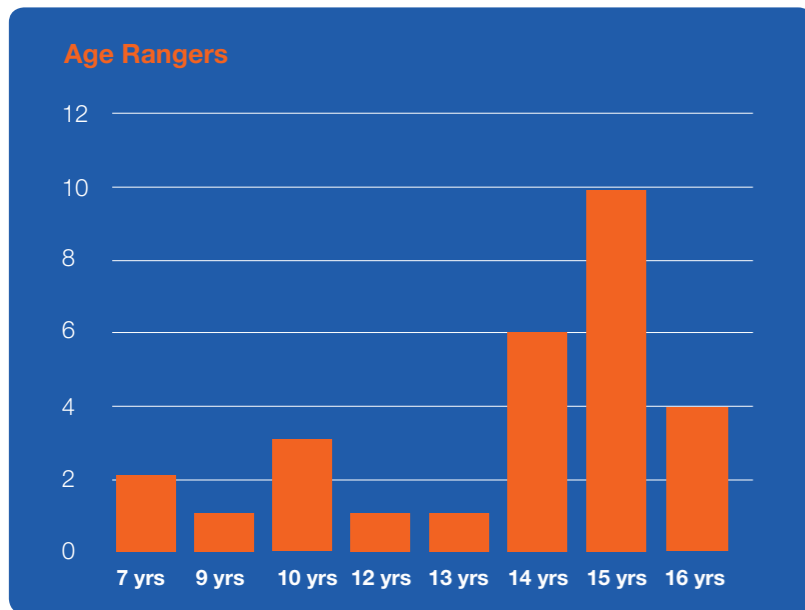
81% of privately fostered children are White British. The remaining children in a private fostering arrangement in 2016/17 are from:

- any other Ethnic Group (17%);
- any Other White Background (4%);
- mixed White/Black Caribbean (4%, and;
- Asian/Asian British (4%).

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 2016/17 was between 7 and 16 years of age (four arrangements ended in 2017 because the young person turned 16). The age group with the highest number of Privately Fostered children is aged 15. This finding 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 10 current private fostering arrangements, 6 of those children are on Child in Need (CiN) plans, 2 children are on Child Protection (CP) plans, and 2 are not subject to any plan. This figure is similar to previous years in terms of children on CiN plans (7 children in 2015/16, 5 in 2014/2015), but with no CP Plans in the two previous years. However there were more Private Fostering arrangements in previous years, so proportionately the number of privately fostered children also subject to a CiN or CP plan is higher in this reporting period, at 80%.

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.

The annual audit of all open cases, and a proportion of recently ended cases, indicates that 71% of assessments were completed within the 42 day timescale, with 29% being completed outside of the 42 days. In terms of the timeliness of visits, 82% were undertaken and recorded in timescales. This is broadly comparable to the previous year's figures.

The three audited cases (18%) that did not have timely visits recorded were due to the following reasons:

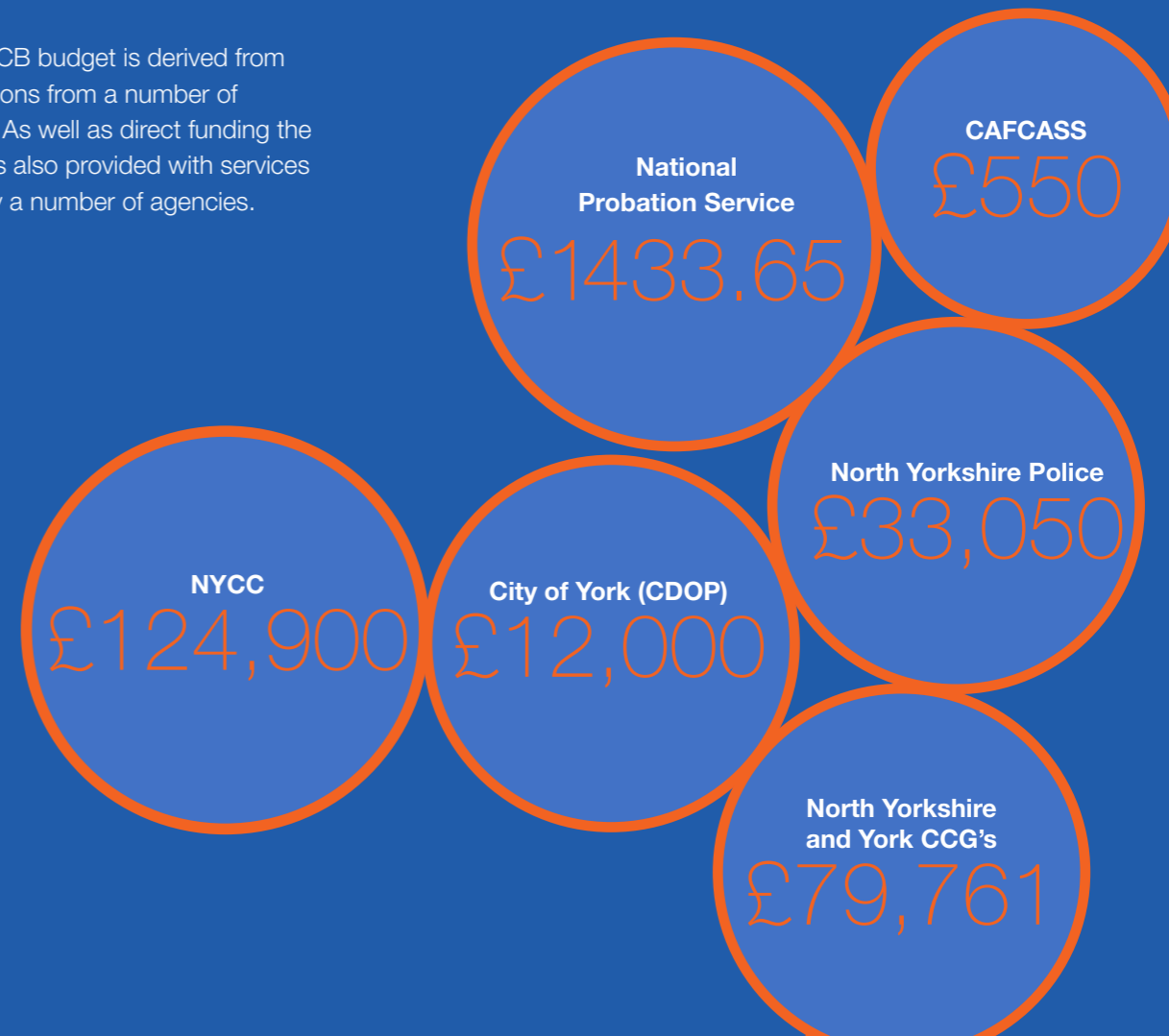
- No Visits were recorded in the Private Fostering hub (they may have been recorded in the case notes however)
- The initial visit was not carried out within 7 days, but all other visits were carried out in timescales.
- The child was also on a Child Protection plan and the visits were being recorded as CP Statutory visits, not Private Fostering.

In response to the School Safeguarding Audit for 2015/2016, the NYSCB identified the need to promote private fostering awareness within schools. As a result the NYSCB sought to raise the profile of private fostering by initiating a communication plan across all schools and other agencies, and by including private fostering in relevant training course as well as promoting the NYSCB practice guidance and one minute guides for Private Fostering. As a result of this the School Safeguarding Audit 2016/2017 reported that the number of schools reporting that they did not consider private fostering as being applicable had reduced by approximately 50%. However, despite working to raise the profile of Private Fostering across agencies, the overall number of reported cases has decreased from the previous year.

Chapter 2: 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
Independent Chair	£13,650	£293,460
IT	£890	
Staffing*	£204,284	
Supplies and services (inc Training)	£61,770	



Chapter 3: NYSCB Data



School Census Jan 18

School population

82694



% WBRI

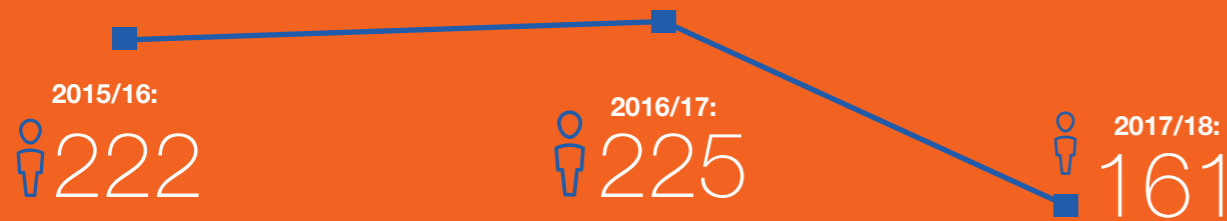
90.2% No update to ONS data – not published until June/July

Exclusions:



	Fixed term	Permanent
2015/16	3360	69
2016/17	4222	84
2018/19	4532 (to May 2018)	85 (to May 2018)

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 95.5% ————— National 95.1%



Childminders graded good or outstanding

NY 96.3% ————— National 93.3%



Primary schools graded good or outstanding

NY 84.9% ————— National 90%



Secondary schools graded good or outstanding

NY 80.4% ————— National 80%



Special schools graded good or outstanding

NY 90% ————— National 94%



Pupil Referral Service graded good or outstanding

NY 83.3% ————— National 87%



17.9% children who had a child protection plan were placed on a plan for a second or subsequent time

This represents a 0.7% improvement on performance in 2016/2017 and remains below the national and statistical neighbour averages (18.7% and 20.1% respectively).



471 days days from coming into care to moving in with an adoptive family in North Yorkshire compared to 558 days nationally

Key Themes from the Data

Violent and sexual offences have increased for the second successive year

- 1388 offences recorded in 2017/18, 18% higher than in 2016/17 and 27% higher than in 2015/16
- 655 sexual offences recorded in 2017/18, 4% higher than 2016/17 and 21% higher than in 2015/16
- 520 children subject to a child protection plan at the end of 2017/18, 20% higher than at the end of 2016/17
- Reassuringly, the rate of repeat referrals was 15.8% for 2017/18, indicating that Children's Social Care are only closing cases once a family has made meaningful, sustained progress and the risk of harm to a child has been eliminated

Demand for child protection services remains high:

- 4492 referrals to children's social care in 2017/18, 22% higher than in 2016/17 and 2017/18 – this represents an additional 800 referrals

- The number of victims being identified as at risk of CSE by the police is increasing throughout the year

The number of school exclusions continues to rise:

- 4657 fixed term exclusions in academic year 2016/17, 42% higher than in the previous academic year

Chapter 4: Performance and Quality Assurance

During 2017/18 a number of audits have been undertaken. As a way to cascade the learning from these audits NYSCB have created a learning summary which identify good practice, areas of improvement, issues for practitioners and what action happened since. The following are NYSCB overview summaries:



Schools Safeguarding Audit

The purpose of the audit is to provide assurance to the Board regarding the current safeguarding arrangements of all schools within North Yorkshire and identify themes and areas for development.



Section 11

The Section 11 Audit seeks to provide the NYSCB with assurance that all agencies have appropriate arrangements in place to fulfil their statutory duties to safeguard children and young people.



Strategy Meeting Audit

The audit sought to identify how effective is the multiagency response to children/young people suffering or likely to suffer significant harm.



Contact Audit

The purpose of the audit was to examine quality of the multi-agency information contained in contacts received by the local authority which are used to inform the quality of the multi-agency decision making.



Early Years Audit

The Early Years Audit seeks to provide the NYSCB with assurance that early years providers have appropriate arrangements in place to fulfil their statutory duties to safeguard children and young people.



Vulnerability Checklist Audit

The Vulnerability Checklist Audit sought to identify the level awareness and understanding of the document across agencies and identify how the document is accessed and used across partners.



Inclusion of Children and Young People in their Service Planning Audit

Why did we carry out the inclusion of Children and Young People in their Service Planning Audit?

In accordance with Working Together (2015), it is important that the views of children have been included into any service provision. However, it is of equal importance to recognise that whilst a child or young person may have a view, their wishes may not be appropriate to translate into tangible actions appropriate to ensure their wellbeing and that they are kept safe from harm. The provision of any services should reflect the unique circumstances of the child within their family and community. This audit examines how agencies record the views of children, how the views of children translate in to assessment and intervention, and in the development of services.



Areas of good practice

- Good liaison with other local authority services outside of the county
- Prompt assessment and meeting of child's health needs
- Use of different methods to ascertain the views of children and young people, e.g. use of three houses with strong assessment and picture exercises being completed, linking to safety planning
- Examples of good record keeping showing reporting of child's views, decision making and contact with the child

Areas for Development

- Varying practice for recording the views of children and young people between agencies
- Record keeping by agencies to ensure that information regarding referrals are maintained
- Where the views of children and young people are sought, this should be recorded and used as part of the assessment of services

What has happened since the audit?

- The results of the audit have been shared with all partners through the Learning and Improvement Subgroup
- The Early Years Service has circulated information regarding best practice to members
- Communicating with children and young people is being considered as part of the IRO Service review
- All agencies have been tasked to ensure that their staff are aware of the need to obtain, record and consider the views of children and young people in the delivery of services to them
- Awareness of the need to obtain the views of children and young people in their service planning is included in all relevant NYSCB courses

Issues for practitioners to consider:

How to obtain the views of children and young people who are pre-communicative or unable to provide their views directly

Ensure that the views of older children in the family do not overwhelm or disguise the needs of younger family members

Information from other family members about the child are not the views of the child, remember to speak to the child to obtain their views



Safeguarding Practice Review Panel

The Local Safeguarding Practice Review Group (SPRG) has been established in accordance with Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015) and the Children & Social Work Act 2017. The SPRG is the arrangement by which local safeguarding partners will:

- Identify serious safeguarding cases which raise issues of importance in relation to the area and;
- 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 SPRG consists of multi-agency partners including: Police, Health and Local Authority and is currently chaired by the Designated Doctor Safeguarding/ Looked after Children. The SPRG meet on a quarterly basis and consider cases where some of the following outcomes may be identified:

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

Highlights:

The Local Safeguarding Practice Review Group have:

- Reviewed the Terms of Reference following the publication of the Children & Social Work Act 2017.
- Made three notifications to Ofsted during 2017
- Considered a number of cases, resulting in one practitioner review being undertaken of a case which did not meet the threshold for a Serious Case Review but it was felt there may be multi-agency learning.
- Developed multi-agency action plans from learning. These are managed within the NYSCB Learning and Improvement Subgroup which has ensured that all actions are taken forward by partners resulting in positive impact on practice and on outcomes for children. Learning generated as a result of audits and reviews have been disseminated by the NYSCB to:
 - Improved training delivery.
 - Managers master classes.
 - One minute guides.
 - Briefings.
 - Published on the NYSCB website.
 - Tweeted to partners.

Serious Case Review

A case was considered by the SPRG where it met the threshold for a notification to be submitted to Ofsted. 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 subsequently made a recommendation to the SCR

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 identified an Independent Review Author. The SCR is currently underway and it is anticipated that the final report is due to be published in 2018/19.



Serious case review analysis report to NYSCB Learning and Improvement

Every year, serious case reviews (SCRs) are undertaken across the country to provide an understanding of how incidents occurred and how potential weaknesses in procedures could be addressed. An analysis of SCRs for the last twelve months was requested by the NYSCB Learning and Improvement subgroup to gain a better understanding of learning from other Boards and to identify any areas of best practice or development.

The audit identified a number of themes including:

- Professionals' understanding of the negative impact of professional biases and beliefs in safeguarding practice
- The need to ensure law around consent is explained clearly and ensure that a young person's concern about violent risks to them is taken seriously by agencies
- Responding to vulnerable children/young people, incorporates child sexual exploitation, identifying and minimising the risk from a non-familial source, building on factors that increase resilience, facilitates a multi-agency team around the child, and facilitates partnership with key people in the life of the young person
- Ensure professionals are aware of the vulnerabilities of babies and safeguarding of babies from domestic abuse
- Wider promotion and clarification for staff of neglect assessment and audit on how expected outcomes are recorded
- Ensuring relevant checks should be carried out and the need for a period of monitoring should be considered before a special guardianship order is finalised
- Strengthen the contribution of family members in looked after child reviews and child protection conferences
- Professionals need to be confident to raise questions about family or household members

who could pose a risk of harm to a child

- The need for a holistic 'Think family' approach to be embedded across multi-agency children's and adults' services
- Make training available to Children and Families staff regarding the effects of long term drug use on the brain and to consider the impacts on patient's ability to care for their family after a discharge from intensive care
- The need for multi-agency liaison regarding incidents and call-outs in relation to domestic violence.

The audit provided affirmation of the key themes the Learning and Improvement Subgroup expected to apply. It is clear that common issues remain nationally in relation to understanding the 'lived experience' of the child, working with in the multi-agency safeguarding arena/communication and links between adult and children's services.

As a result of the review of national audits, the Policy and Development Officers will provide a summary of recent cases in their quarterly reports for consideration by the NYSCB subgroups, which will then be used to identify new patterns, trends and themes and inform future audits, reviews and training.



Chapter 5: Partnerships and Networks



The Inter-Board Network

The Inter-board network is a forum for key professionals who have responsibility to manage safeguarding in North Yorkshire and the City of York. 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 Group in terms of work streams but also to identify, implement and deliver on agreed 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 multi-agency 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.

2017 North Yorkshire and York Safeguarding week

9-13 October

Safeguarding Week 2017, "Safeguarding is Everybody's Business"

A successful Safeguarding Week took place in October 2017, working in partnership with York and North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adult and Children Board and Community Safety Partnerships. The Conference took place at the Pavilions in Harrogate. A total of 343 staff attended the conference from across the 6 Boards. It provided professionals with the chance to hear two informative key note speakers, attend three workshops of varied subject matter, and a networking opportunity across agencies.

The keynote speakers were:

Jamie Bartlett - Direct of the Centre of the Analysis of Social Media whose principle areas of interest include social media monitoring, internet culture, the Dark Net and hidden internet subcultures. www.demos.co.uk/people/jamie-bartlett/



Lorin LaFave - Lorin's son, Breck, was groomed online and killed by his groomer. She founded the Breck Foundation www.breckfoundation.org which aims to build awareness of the dangers young people face online every day

and promoting prevention through education and empowerment. Lorin campaigns to promote awareness for keeping safe online and using the internet responsibly.

The workshops covered the following topics:

- Prevent;
- Modern Slavery;
- Suicide Prevention;
- Hate Crime;
- Financial Abuse Exploitation; and
- Safeguarding in Sport

The local groups to the collective boards identified areas that were of most relevant to them, and promoted awareness and understanding of how people can keep themselves safe, and how to recognise different types of abuse. There was a wide variety of public-facing events organised locally which included:

- Staff signing up to a "Safeguarding pledge" within Extra Care schemes
- Roadshows for the public organised by staff from across several agencies with videos, leaflets and quizzes on different topics;
- Keeping safe online workshop for key stage 2 children and their parents;
- Discussions with Youth clubs and Colleges on how young people can keep themselves safe;
- Scam awareness session with Ageing Well Group;
- Session on e-safety for businesses;
- Market stalls at local supermarket on scamming, cyber-crime and e-safety;

- Session on safeguarding in sport;
- Stall to raise awareness raising of domestic abuse within shopping centre;
- Workshops on e-safety organised by the Adult learning service;
- Sessions/coffee mornings with community groups.
- Stalls within York Hospital
- A variety of events in community locations

Across the two areas it is estimated that these events reached well over 1000 members of the public, ranging from school children and their parents, to people over 85.

- The day was fabulous, well organised and great to mix with both adult and children staff from North Yorkshire and York. Looking forward to next event.
- The presentation from Jamie was the highlight of the day. I expected to find the session boring but it was like a light being switched on showing us how easy it is for the young people we support to become involved in the dark net.



Chapter 6: Children Safeguarding Strategy Groups (CSSG's)



Craven CSSG

Background

Reporting back on the successful work of the Craven Safeguarding Strategy Group for this past year, Cllr Andy Solloway, Chair of the meeting commends the professionalism of staff who safeguard children and young people and that the meetings provide him with confidence of the good work during difficult times.

Achievements

The success of the Say Something If You See Something campaign has been excellent. All licensed premises have taken this up as an initiative and reports back of an enthusiastic response and that raising public awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation has been taken on by the public.

Partners across the CSSG were instrumental in arranging activities to support Safeguarding Week 2017. A number of events were delivered to the public and professionals around the core theme of safeguarding is everybody's business.

Challenges into 2018/2019

An initial issue that we have looked at is the problem of 'invisible children', i.e. those children who are taken out of mainstream education sometimes for legitimate reasons, but sometimes not. The Chair has taken up this issue with both MPs and with Ministers. Children can disappear from not only educational checks and simple things like vaccinations and health education, but also can disappear off medical records.

Ensuring appropriate representation at meeting from multi-agency partners poses problems due to the diverse nature of agencies represented in the area and cross border issues and can be challenging with accessing records quickly and accurately.

There continues to be a disparity of funding compared to urban areas. Staff in the area will continue to provide a professional service despite the disparity in funding while addressing increasing workloads and greater distances between casework.

Cllr Andy Solloway Craven District Council & Chair, Craven CSSG

Hambleton and Richmondshire CSSG

Improving quality and timeliness of reports to Child Protection Conferences

Hambleton and Richmondshire was the pilot area. This has now concluded, although no analysis available agencies found it useful in picking up themes with staff and valuable learning about options to take forward should this be pursued further.

Improving the emotional resilience of young people e.g. future in mind attended CSSG to share their work in order for partners to share such work and promote the work of futures in mind.

Reduction in the number of unintentional injuries

This has been an area of focus and continues to be so following data that has identified this as an issue. An audit of a month of notifications in Richmondshire will take place regarding this, as Hambleton and Richmondshire has been identified as an area of interest and North Yorkshire is higher generally on average re this issue.

Safeguarding week takes place on 25 – 29 June with a range of events examining loneliness and isolation. This will bring local partnerships together and engage children and young people in activities. Work is also taking place with partners talking to networks about local pledges via web and social media. Harrogate District NHS Foundation Trust are looking at topics of domestic Abuse and report writing, training and exploring joint training opportunities with South Tees NHS Foundation Trust.

James Lees, Children & Families Service, NYCC & Chair, Hambleton & Richmondshire CSSG



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.

Priorities for 2018

The CSSG is leading on the planning for the 2018 Safeguarding Week, in collaboration with partners across Adult and Children's services. The theme this year is 'Substance Misuse and its Impact on Safeguarding'.

Work is continuing to further develop and integrate teenage pregnancy services via the task group.

A Task Group has been established to focus on improving access to Emotional Health and Wellbeing services across Selby, including in relation to navigating through the complexity of cross-border provision that exists due to Selby's geographical location. The group will also help to roll out the new pathway document.

The CSSG is linking closely with the newly re-established Domestic Abuse Forum, to ensure we have an integrated approach to this issue across Selby.

Julie Hatifeld, Children & Families Service, NYCC & Chair, Selby CSSG



Harrogate CSSG

Background

The Harrogate CSSG is an active local group with good multi-agency representation and commitment to progressing local priorities to improve the outcomes for children and families in the district. The group has focused on making Harrogate an Autism friendly environment and delivering promoting Safeguarding Week opportunities.

Achievements: Improve agency's response and understanding of self-harming behaviours:

- Developed a plan to support the emotional resilience of children and young people in schools and support and promote the roll out of CompasBuzz
- Addressed issues of obesity by identifying resources for promoting a healthy lifestyle and body weight for children and young people to be used by partners
- Worked with the Community Safety Partnerships and Adult Services to support the roll out of Safeguarding Week 2017 and arrange local awareness events for Safeguarding

Next Steps for 2018

- Continue to reduce social isolationism for children and young people with Autism by producing a charter and practice guidance for adoption by businesses and services within Harrogate, and make Harrogate an Autism friendly place
- Support Safeguarding Week 2018 and deliver local public and professional awareness events and support county-wide safeguarding messages throughout the week

Justin Vaughan, Children & Families Service, NYCC & Chair, Harrogate CSSG



Scarborough & Ryedale CSSG

Background

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
- Restructured Prevention Team

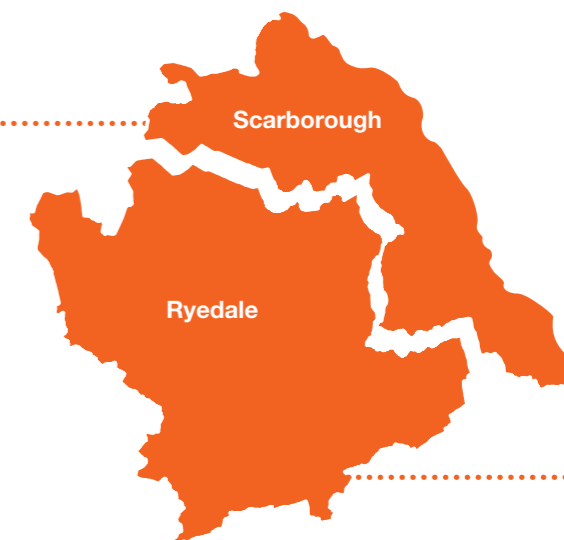
Achievements

Raise awareness of services and pathways for professionals:

- An awareness raising day was held as part of the safeguarding event in October 2016. Partner agencies presented their services through a market place event.
- Attendance to the event was over 100 participants. Although, the event was deemed very successful it was felt that locality awareness was lost. Planning is now in place for the 2017 event with a focus on local priorities.

Raise awareness of CSE with local businesses:

- 'Say Something if you See Something' campaign with aide memoir cards has been delivered by Safer Communities to Scarborough Hospitality Association, local hotels, NYP 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.



Improve information sharing in Child Protection Conferences:

Improve links with secondary schools:

- Area Prevention Managers offer all schools termly visits and attend the behavioural collaborative meetings; 100% of schools were offered visits last term and briefings on Operation Encompass and has been on the agenda's over this last year.

Challenges

Children Not in Education

- 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 –Monthly meetings established from September with review of meetings in April.

- Growing concern with regard to children home educated and number of Exclusions, especially within Primary Schools.

Emotional well-being of children:

- Embedding and awareness of new commissioned services through 'Future in mind'.
- Children's Voice

Next Steps for 2018

- School Readiness
- Opportunities Area funding: CSSG Representation on OAF Steering group

Cllr Janet Jefferson NYCC & Chair of the Scarborough & Ryedale CSSG

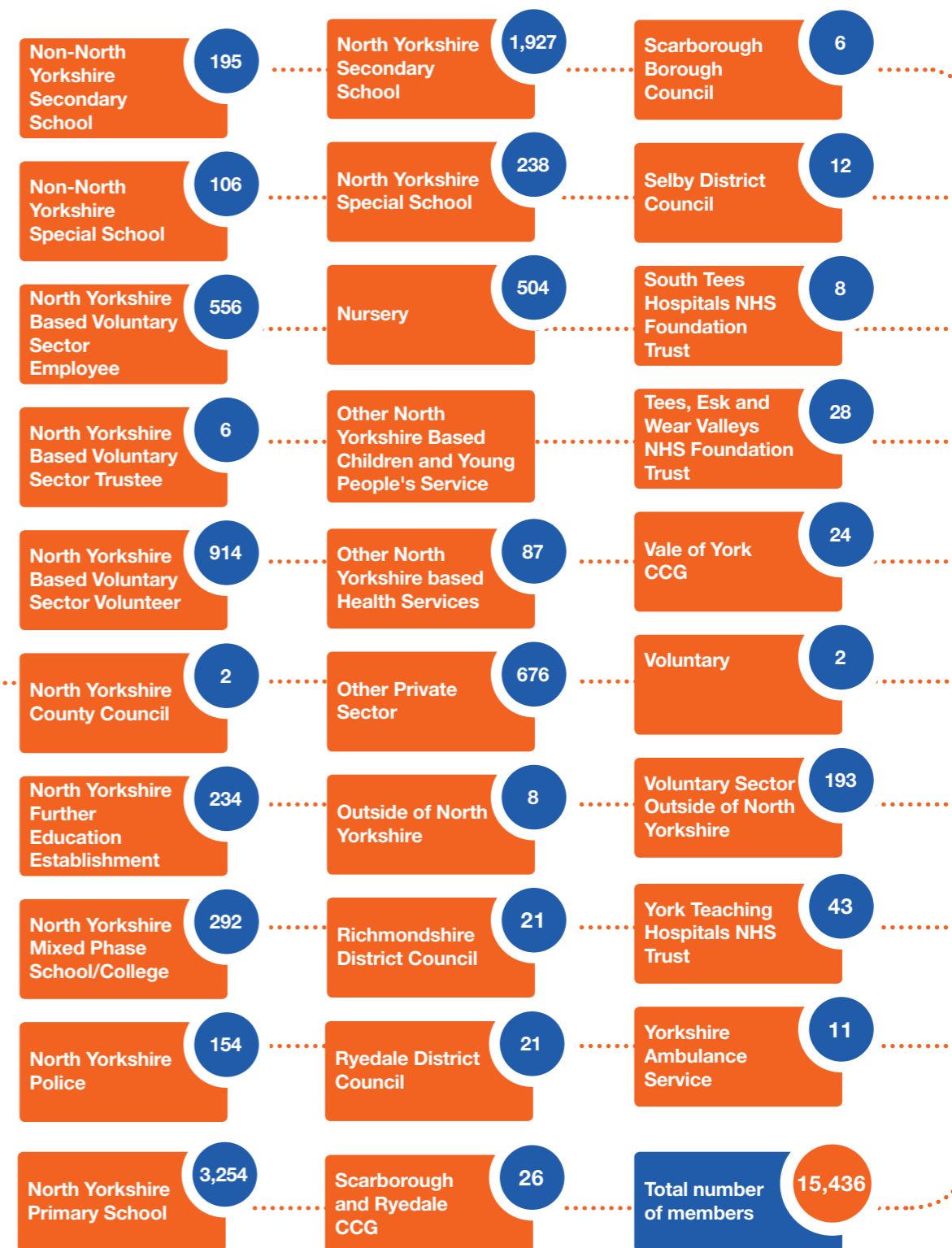
Chapter 7: Training



Training

Following a training review the NYSCB adopted the Virtual College Safeguarding Training courses and introduced a suite of 30 new e-learning courses. Courses were available to all public sector agencies, schools, the voluntary sector and military personnel providing services to children and young people in North Yorkshire.

Number of registered users by agency:



Completion of NYSCB E-Learning Courses by agency for 2017-2018

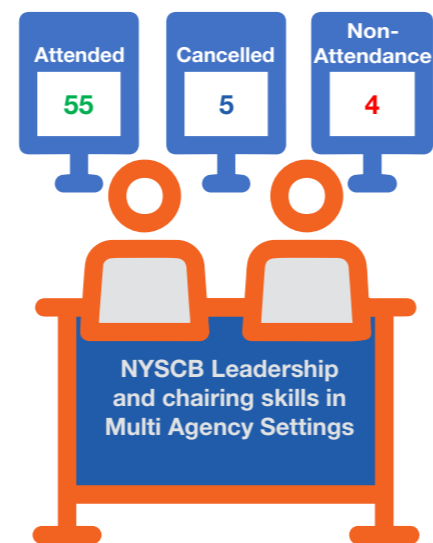
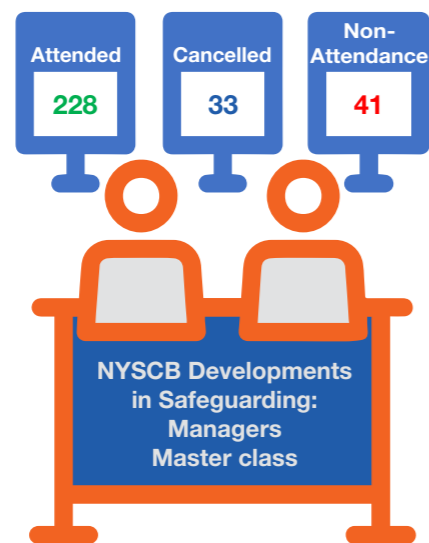
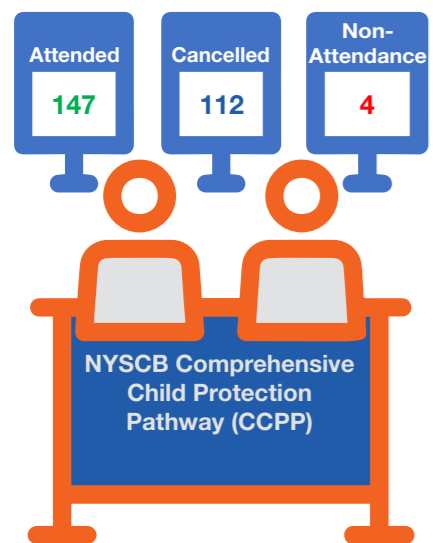
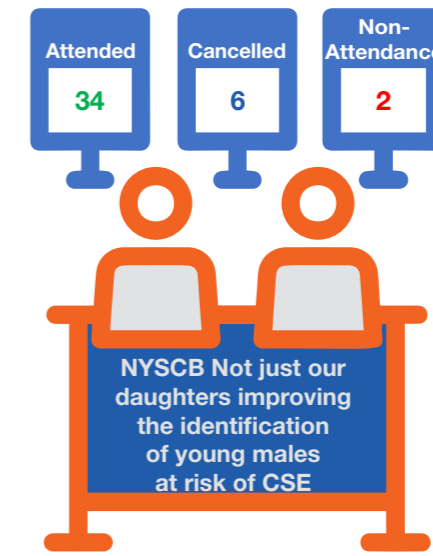
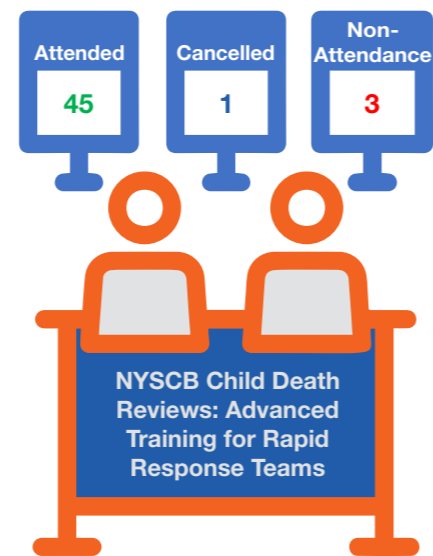
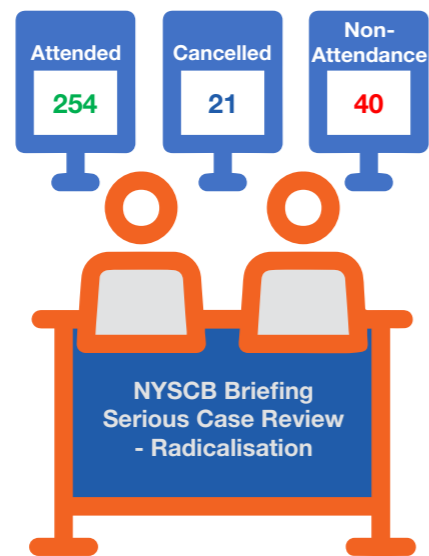
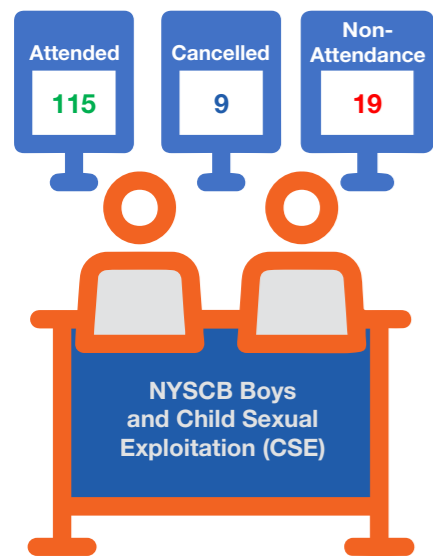
Department	Yet to complete by 1 April 2018	Completed by 1 April 2018	Total
Airedale NHS Foundation Trust		1	2
Bradford Airedale Wharfedale and Craven CCGs	0	4	4
Business and Environmental Services	0	2	2
CAFCASS	2	3	5
Central Services	14	27	41
Child Minder	9	41	50
Children and Young Peoples Service	240	1686	1926
Community Rehabilitation Company	0	3	3
Craven District Council	0	1	1
Dentist	1	10	11
Early Years Providers/Child-minders/Nurseries	99	437	536
Fire and Rescue	0	5	5
GP Surgery	6	34	40
Hambleton District Council	0	1	1
Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG	0	8	8
Harrogate and District CCG	2	4	6
Harrogate and District Foundation Trust	11	24	35
Harrogate Borough Council	6	25	31
Health and Adults Service	6	20	26
Humber NHS Foundation Trust	1	1	2
Military	87	419	506
Ministry of Defence	1	1	2
National Probation Service - North Yorkshire Area	1	1	2
NHS England North Yorkshire & Humber	2	4	6
Non-North Yorkshire Further Education	18	60	78
Non-North Yorkshire Mixed Phase School/College	21	104	125
Non-North Yorkshire Primary School	31	154	185
Non-North Yorkshire Secondary School	19	147	166
Non-North Yorkshire Special School	11	77	88

Department	Yet to complete by 1 April 2018	Completed by 1 April 2018	Total
North Yorkshire Based Voluntary Sector Employee	78	485	563
North Yorkshire Based Voluntary Sector Trustee	12	55	67
North Yorkshire Based Voluntary Sector Volunteer	85	693	778
North Yorkshire Further Education Establishment	21	170	191
North Yorkshire Mixed Phase School/College	24	216	240
North Yorkshire Police	1	29	30
North Yorkshire Primary School	323	2670	2993
North Yorkshire Secondary School	189	1788	1977
North Yorkshire Special School	38	170	208
Nursery	51	401	452
Other North Yorkshire Based Children and Young People's Service	136	702	838
Other North Yorkshire based Health Services	15	64	79
Other Private Sector	61	593	654
Outside of North Yorkshire	30	158	188
Richmondshire District Council	2	6	8
Ryedale District Council	4	17	21
Scarborough and Ryedale CCG	2	15	17
Scarborough Borough Council	0	2	2
Selby District Council	1	0	1
South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	0	1	1
Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust	1	1	2
Vale of York CCG	5	6	11
Voluntary Sector Outside of North Yorkshire	50	147	197
York Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust	2	12	14
Yorkshire Ambulance Service	0	1	1
Grand Total	1720	11706	13426

The take-up of North Yorkshire based schools has been particularly successful and accounted for 42% of all courses accessed on the system. Organisations which attracted charging for accessing e-learning courses accounted for 17% of all courses accessed while the Children and Young People's Service accounted for 14%.

It is of note that key partners such as North Yorkshire Police only accounted for 0.2% of all courses accessed while Health Services (including dentists, GP, Foundation Trusts, NHS England and Clinical Commissioning Groups) only accounting for 1.1% of course. Although these agencies do provide their own comprehensive training programmes.

The NYSCB Serious Case Review Briefings and Manager's Master Classes have both proven popular courses over the last twelve months. The high number of cancellations of the Comprehensive Child Protection Pathway was due to a review in the provision of the course during which time all courses were suspended.



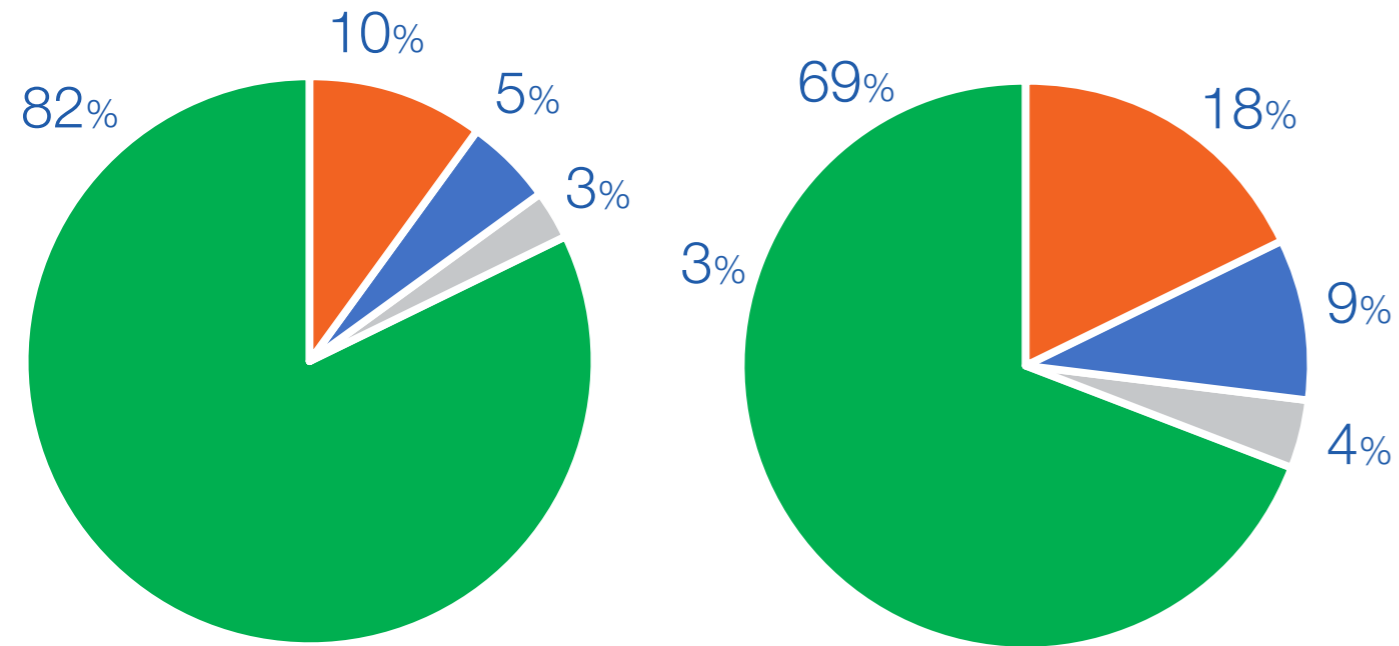
Virtual College Evaluation of E-learning

The Virtual College conducted a survey of learners who had completed at least one e-learning course. It was identified that:

- 441 learners responded to the survey
- 65% worked in frontline roles

■ Strongly agree or Agree
 ■ Neutral
 ■ Disagree or Strongly disagree
 ■ Skipped question

The training has provided me with more confidence in my job

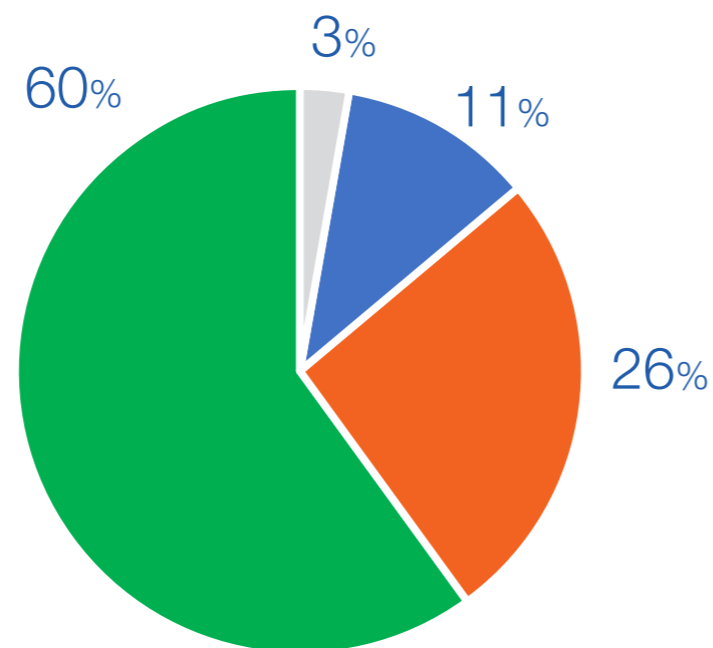


- The vast majority of learners found the training to be very useful for their jobs

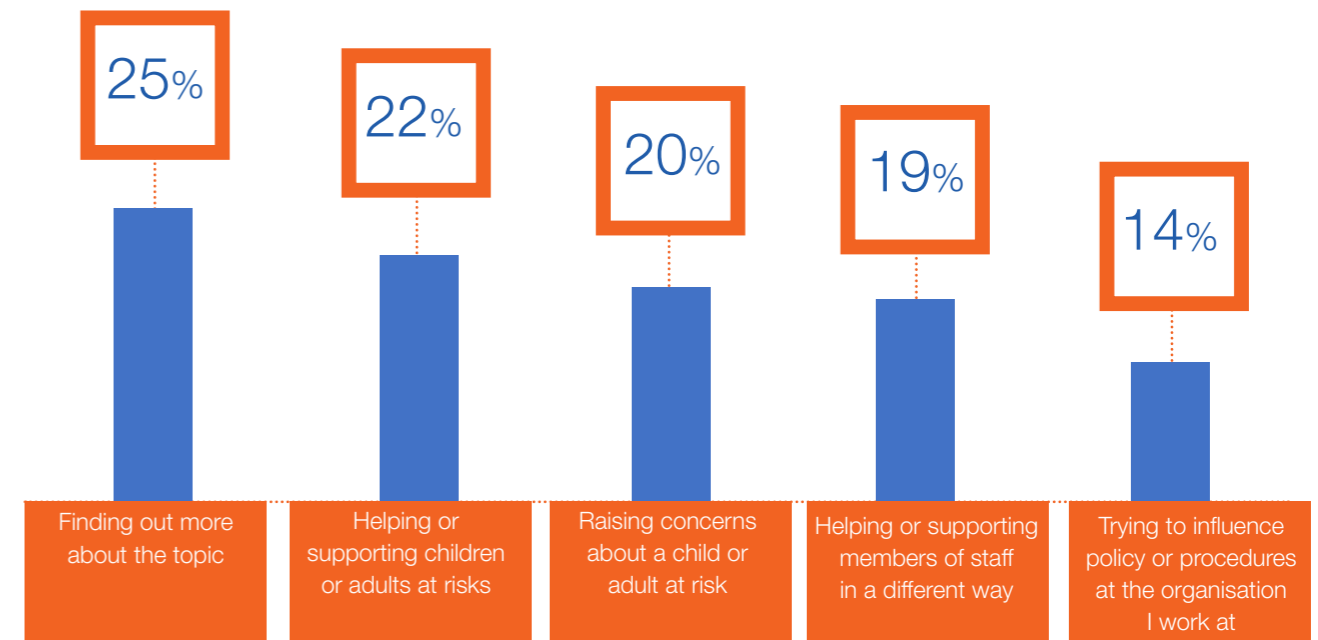
- Frontline employees responded more positively to this question than non-frontline employees.
- 69% learners felt that they had learned something new

Following taking the course, I have changed my working behaviour

- 60% of learners felt more confident in their jobs after taking a course, as awareness for issues was raised or they felt reinforced in their practice

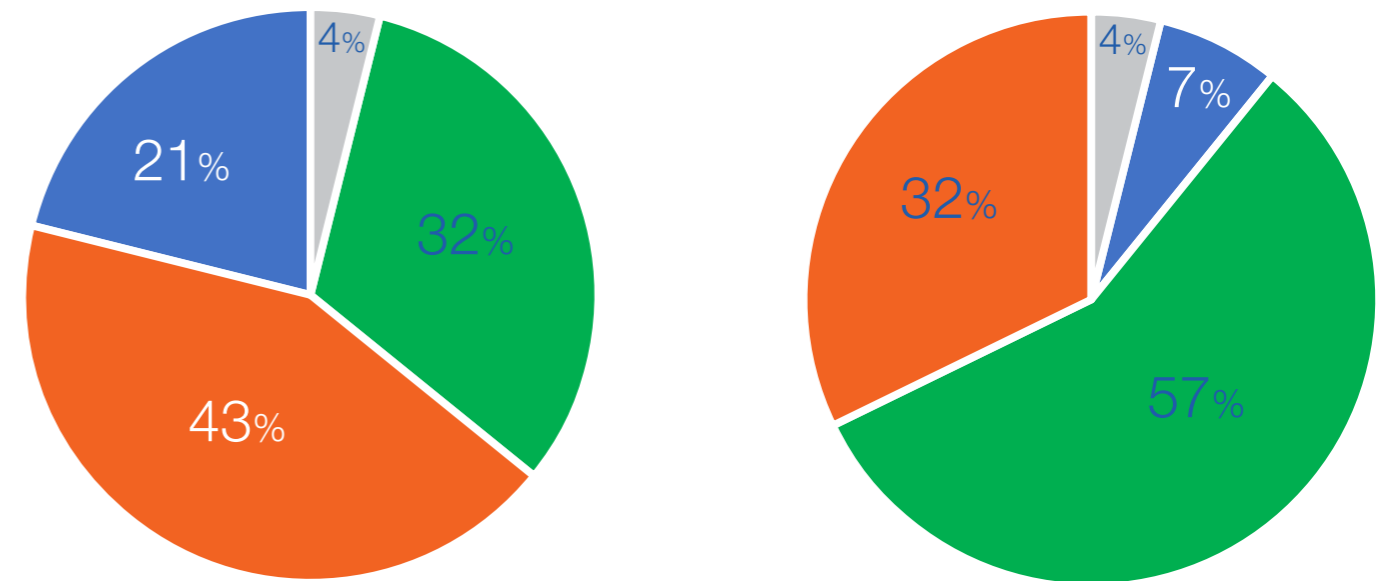


Ways of Changing behaviour



- 43% felt that they did not need to change their behaviour, but still felt more confident after completing their training - this was due to the courses raising awareness or refreshing previous knowledge.
- Frontline employees responded more positively to this question than non-frontline employees
- Most frontline employees felt enabled to help or support children or adults at risk, whilst most non-frontline employees tried to find out more about the topic

Following taking the course. I have changed my working behaviour



- Due to the use of refresher training, some respondents felt that the courses mainly reinforced what they already knew
- Frontline employees responded more positively to this question than non-frontline employees
- 32% of learners were encouraged to change their working behaviour after taking the course

- Over half of learners perceived Virtual College courses to have a positive impact on their organisation

Safeguarding Developments: Managers' Masterclass

Aims and objectives of Managers Masterclasses

- An update of current issues within child safeguarding and an overview of the current work taking place with North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board team.
- Be aware of relevant changes which impacts on safeguarding practice
- To understand any changes in relevant legislation, procedures and consultations in place that impact upon the work of practitioners and managers.

Topics have included:

- Online Safety
- Multi-Agency Thresholds
- Vulnerable, Exploited, Missing and Trafficked children and young people
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender
- Supporting Victims Service
- Statutory Legislation and Guidance
- Publications and Campaigns

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 course is to improve understanding of the multi-agency 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 and 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.

CSE and Boys Briefings

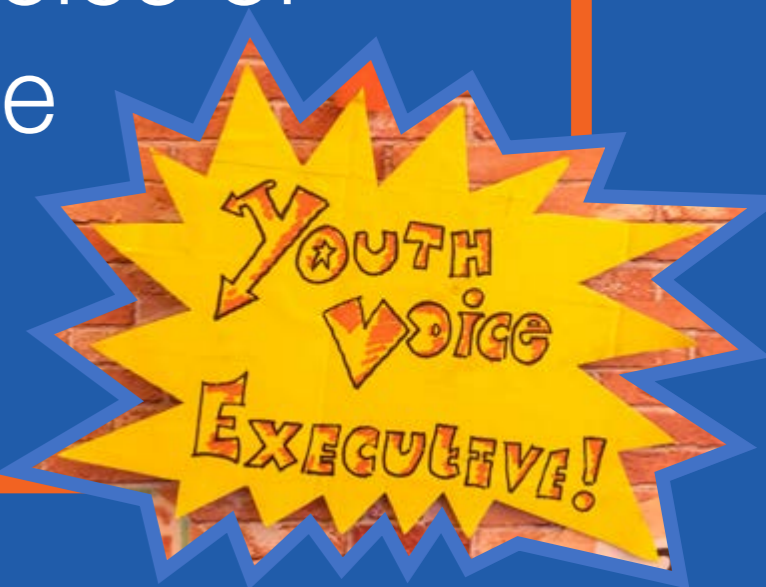
During Safeguarding Week in October 2017 five one hour briefings were delivered by the NYSCB business unit across different geographical areas in North Yorkshire. A total of 87 professionals attended these briefings. The briefings covered the learning that was taken from Bradford's Safeguarding Children Board's, Serious Case Review 'Jack'. The CSE and Boys briefing presentation can be found here: <http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/admin/uploads/resources/boys-cse-presentation-briefing.pdf>

"A very helpful masterclass, excellent forum for keeping professionals as up-to-date as possible"

"A completely worthwhile training session and a good addition to the packages offered. Would thoroughly recommend it to other Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) in schools"

Chapter 8: Voice of Young People

Conference



Youth Voice Conference

The NYSCB Business Unit was pleased to attend the Youth Voice Conference at the Pavilions, Harrogate on 16 March 2018. This is a key conference to seek the views of young people and as part of the NYSCB "market stall" the NYSCB raised awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation, the Web of Lies Graphic Novel, and canvassed the views of children and young people regarding what made them feel safe and unsafe.

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 completed a questionnaire at our market stall where they were asked what made them feel safe or unsafe. A wide variety of responses were provided by children and young people regarding what makes them feel safe, with young people providing multiple answers to the question. Most children identified that family, friends and people they knew made them feel safe with home or secure environments being second.

When asked what makes you feel unsafe, strangers and people they didn't know was reported by most young people. The dark and being alone was also a concern for 20% of young people, with going outside or being somewhere they did not know was reported by 17% of responses. Being followed was also a concern for 13% of young people, with guns, bombs and weapons was reported as a concern by 10% of the young people.

Independent Chair attends the Youth Voice Executive

The North Yorkshire Youth Voice Executive brings together representatives from all the Youth Voice groups across North Yorkshire to discuss their most important issues with key decision makers in North Yorkshire. NYSCB Independent Chair Nick Frost attends these meetings to hear directly from young people and ensures the voice of Children and Young People impact on the work of the board.

Youth Voice
Executive

Chapter 9: New Procedure/Practice Guidance/Campaigns and Social Media



Campaigns

Department for Education Stop Child Abuse Campaign

The NYSCB has supported the Department for Education's national communications campaign to encourage members of the public to report child abuse.

The campaign was aimed at parents and addressed all forms of abuse and neglect. It encouraged parents and members of the public to report any children they believed to be at risk to the police on 999, alternatively call the police on 101 or if they thought a child was being to contact the Children and Families Service within North Yorkshire County Council on 01609 780780. More information on what to do if you are worried about a child is available from our website at:

<http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/worried-about-child>



Say Something if you see something

The NYSCB continued to seek to raise awareness of the dangers of child sexual exploitation and the trafficking of children & young people with local businesses, and let them know what they should do if they identify concerns.

Child Sexual Exploitation (also known as CSE) is the sexual exploitation of children and young people under 18 and can involve exploitative situations, contexts and relationships where young people (or a third person or persons) receive 'something' (e.g. food, accommodation, drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, affection, gifts, money) as a result of them performing, and/or another or others performing on them, sexual activities. CSE is not limited to a particular geographical area. Addressing CSE and trafficking of children requires not only statutory agencies but everyone, including local businesses.

Some businesses provide an ideal environment for the grooming and sexual exploitation of children and young people. A business could be misused to help exploit children and young people by the people who are socialising or working there, for example:

- Adult venues (such as night clubs/sexual entertainment venues) or small shops may attract groomers if the premise is frequented by children or young people.
- Where underage drinking takes place, children and young people are at risk as their judgement is impaired.
- Premises providing goods or services that can be offered to children as gifts in exchange for sexual favours (for example, free food, drinks or cigarettes; free transport; free access to a venue in exchange for sexual favours) present risk if a groomer is employed there (or works voluntarily) and has regular or private contact with children.
- Children and young people are vulnerable in areas of premises that are not supervised or security checked (for example toilets, beer gardens, play zones).
- Risk may be present at premises where information technology equipment is used (for example, internet access, and mobile phones) as social media can be used to groom vulnerable young people; cameras may be used to record or distribute indecent images of children.
- Premises providing facilities for private parties, private dancing/entertainment booths or overnight accommodation, may be vulnerable to the risk of child sexual exploitation.

More information is available from: <http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/say-see-something>

Say Something Campaign

The Say Something Campaign linked very strongly with the Say Something if you See Something Campaign. The focus on this campaign was raising awareness of child sexual exploitation with young people and to make them aware that it is not ok for someone to expect children and young people or their friends to do things they don't want to. It encouraged children and young people to listen to your instinct and if it doesn't feel right - tell someone.



STOPCSE

AWARENESS DAY 18TH MARCH

CSE Awareness Week

The North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board's partners supported the National Working Group (NWG) National Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day and extending it during the week of 18th - 25th March 2018. NYSCB partners joined forces to highlight the issues surrounding CSE; encouraging everyone to think, spot and speak out against abuse and adopt a zero tolerance to adults developing inappropriate relationships with children or children developing inappropriate relationships with other children.

Within North Yorkshire there has been an increase in the use of the internet in cases where CSE have been a feature. During this year's campaign the NYSCB developed a quiz aimed at parents and carers to gain their knowledge of CSE and online safety. This quiz will also sign post parents and carers to useful resources and organisations to find out more information or if need report concerns.

Sunday March 18 was national Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Awareness Day. The aim of the day was to highlight the issues surrounding CSE in Britain today by encouraging everyone to think about, spot and speak out against abuse. Throughout the week the NYSCB promoted "CSE Week" and developed an online quiz for parents, carers and the public to test their own knowledge about online safety for young people and resulted in a total of 361 people responded to the survey.

The survey told us that:

- Slightly over half of people who completed the survey thought their children were either safe or very safe online
- Many parents were able to state the apps that children were using
- It has been a long held belief by some professionals that children and young people moved away from Facebook some time ago; however the survey indicated that this is not the case and Facebook was significantly more popular than platforms more associated to be followed by children and young people including Ask.fm, music.ly and live.ly
- When asked whether parents knew who their children talked to online the vast majority of people reported family and real life friend

- The majority of people reported that they would take appropriate action to address any concerns if they believed their child was sharing inappropriate images online
- It was encouraging to note that most parents were aware that it would be up to them to spot any signs that would be worrying such as changes in behaviour, secrecy and increased internet use
- Parents were generally aware of different ways in which children can be groomed online
- A significantly high number of people report that they were either confident or very confident to talk to children about CSE and keeping safe online
- The majority of people would speak to a parent or teacher if they saw something about someone else's child online which concerned them

The survey did highlight some areas of concern which have been highlighted to the Board:

- There was a significantly large proportion of parent's were unsure whether their children were safe online.
- While the survey did show gaming platforms such as Roblox and Minecraft were popular amongst their children, it did not include emerging gaming forums such as Fortnite which has grown significantly in popularity over the last few months
- There is a concern regarding parents being aware of who their children are interacting with online, specifically in online gaming platforms
- Parent's awareness of gaming platforms may indicate that parents are not as aware of the dangers from online interactions within games; any online gaming platforms allow easy communication with people who are not necessarily classified as "friends" and the NYSCB recognises that it may be difficult for parents to know when a child is interacting with someone they do not know in the real world
- A small number of parents focused responsibility for online safety to their children with some stating either that this would not happen to their child or believed they would tell them, a friend or teacher of any concerns

While the survey indicated a general knowledge of e-safety issues and that many parents would respond positively, online safety is still a key concern for ensuring the safety and wellbeing of children. The increased prevalence of online abuse in child protection cases indicates the need for a continued multi-agency approach to online safety and to ensure that professionals and parents alike have access to, and are aware of online risks and how these should be addressed.

Findings from the survey will be included in a report to the Practice Development Subgroup and the Learning and Improvement Subgroup for further consideration by the NYSCB and the identification of any additional actions. To help spread the message, agencies and professionals were asked to share a link through face to face contact with parents and carers and through their social media channels to help promote awareness of CSE and Online Safety. When promoting the campaign in social media, the NYSCB and its partners used the hashtags #cseday18 to coincide with the promotion of the national even.

A toolkit was developed for professionals and agencies were asked to promote CSE awareness week by incorporating a CSE Awareness Week banner on their website and email signatures.

We received some good media coverage from our local outlets, examples below:

<https://www.yorkshirecoastradio.com/news/local-news/2530059/unite-against-child-sexual-exploitation/>

<https://www.strayfm.com/news/local-news/2529538/how-parents-can-help-prevent-child-sexual-exploitation/>

There was also local coverage at the same time of the Durham police 'trust and tell', Police Scotland and the NWG campaigns, so hopefully a good combined effect: <http://www.cravenherald.co.uk/news/national/16115414. Online-child-sexual-abusers-targeted-in-new-campaign/>

In terms of getting a view of public rather than professional interaction on twitter, activities were tweeted to NYSCB followers.

#SaferSleepWeek
Thank you for your support!



Safer Sleep Week

We know that greater awareness of safer sleep leads to a decrease in the numbers of babies dying. Unfortunately approximately 4 babies die in England each week from Sudden Unexpected Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). We believe that if all parents were aware of safer sleep advice, many lives could be saved.

Safer Sleep Week the Lullaby Trust's national awareness campaign targeting anyone looking after a young baby. The campaign seeks to raise awareness of SIDS and how parents can reduce the risk of SIDS. The Child Death Overview Panel Steering Group and the Board supported Safer Sleep Week by raising awareness of the SIDS advice and guidance through twitter reaching over 530 people

Safer Internet Day

The NYSCB supported Safer Internet Day on 6 February 2018 by promoting resources for schools for key stages 1 to 4 through social media and direct messages to partners.

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 700 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.



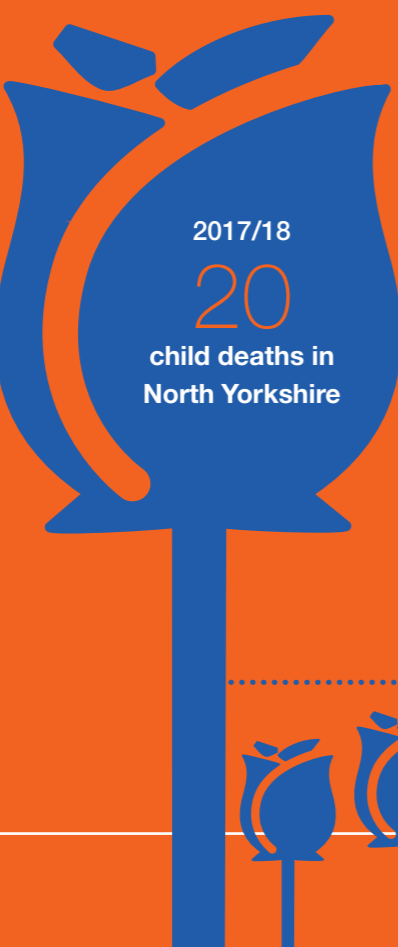
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- The NYSCB are committed to learning from the circumstances and factors present in each death, and to;
- Identify any change that can be made or actions which can be taken that might help to prevent similar deaths in the future
- Share learning with 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 2017/18 there were a total of 20 child deaths in North Yorkshire. Of the 20 deaths, 11 were expected and 9 Unexpected. Between 1 April 2017 and 31 March 2018 there have been more male deaths than female which is in line with the Office of National Statistics. All of the children that died were white British. Less than 10 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 9 unexpected child deaths the joint agency response took place for all within 72 hours with attendance from all key agencies.

The Child Death Overview Panel

The information presented to panel 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

Between April 2017 and March 2018, modifiable factors were identified including smoking in pregnancy, lack of supervision and education to parents.

What we have achieved in 2017/2018

- The CDOP has provided feedback nationally regarding the Wood Review of LSCBs and the proposals for future arrangements regarding the monitoring of child deaths.
- We continue to engage in the Regional CDOP Coordinator Meetings to develop our understanding of child deaths across the region, share best practice and to undertake horizon planning
- We have continued to contribute to the Paediatric Mortality Review Meetings with each of the Sudden and Unexpected Death in Infancy and Childhood (SUDIC) leads across the county to review child deaths that have occurred in hospitals across the county to establish effective working relationships and information sharing
- We have set up and contributed to the Neonatal Mortality Review Meeting alongside the Heads of Midwifery and Designated Dr for Child Death to review all North Yorkshire and City of York neonatal deaths for emerging themes, patterns and trends, sharing of information and the development of new practice where required
- The CDOP Coordinator has attended a number of CDOP events to obtain a greater knowledge and understanding, including the Yorkshire and Humber Children's Palliative Care Network (YHPCPN) Annual Conference, the Child Death Review Training delivered by Warwick University and continues to actively engage with the National Network of CDOPs.

- The CDOP Coordinator has started delivering a Regulation 28 Report to CDOP which includes all national recommendations made by Coroners for consideration of any learning that may be transferable learning and or actions that may be relevant to our area

Our priorities for 2018/2019

- The CDOP will develop its relationship with the Major Incident Response Team to raise awareness of the CDOP process and improve information sharing
- Develop bereavement leaflets to help inform families of services and the CDOP process
- Develop new working arrangements to comply with changes to CDOP processes being introduced as part of the new Working Together to Safeguard Children statutory guidance, being introduced in the first quarter of 2018/2019
- Work with other CDOP Co-ordinators in the local area to collate data at a regional level to improve the identification of any patterns, trends and themes
- Review and update the Child Death Rapid Response Training following the release of the new Working Together to Safeguard Children and provide multi-agency training

To read the full CDOP Annual Report visit:
www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/aboutus/annual-reports

Chapter 11: Conclusion



Thank you for taking the time to explore our 2017/18 Annual Report, hopefully you will agree that the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board have had another busy but successful year. For me the annual report provides an opportunity to reflect on the work of the partnership which in the words of our Independent Chair, Nick Frost is "strong, well informed and coherent." I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the partners for their time, professional challenge, cooperation and enthusiasm in working together to ensure we meet our collective 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.”

On behalf of all the partners I would like to thank our Independent Chair, Professor Nick Frost. Nick who has been an influential leader at the helm of the Board, ensuring that the NYSCB have maintained a ‘Good’ Ofsted status and has overseen the successful transformation of the Board during his time in office. Nick has been very passionate and proactive whilst working in North Yorkshire and has championed our Board partners to work effectively and collaboratively in ensuring that the children and young people in our area are as safe as possible.

I would also like to acknowledge the contribution of Dallas Frank who served as NYSCB board manager from 2013 until earlier this year. Dallas’ passion for safeguarding children and her able management of the NYSCB Business Unit has been instrumental in what has been achieved so far.

We look forward to working with Dr Maggie Atkinson who takes the position of Independent Chair from July 2018 as we work together with our partners to navigate the changes set out in Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018). We will use this significant transformation in the history of local Safeguarding Children Boards as an exciting opportunity to build on the foundations of good practice that exist within the county and develop and improve our multi-agency partnership approach to protecting and safeguarding children and young people in North Yorkshire so that the right support is received at the right time.

Finally, I thank our wider safeguarding partners and staff members of the NYSCB Business Unit for their contribution and enthusiasm to keep North Yorkshire’s children and young people safe from harm and I look forward to working with them in the forthcoming year.

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