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| **Title:** | **North Yorkshire Young People’s Providers and Partners Meeting** |
| **Date** | **Thursday 22 April 2021** | Time: | **14:00-16:00** |

**Meeting notes**

**Attendees: If you were at the meeting and not listed below as attended or vice versa please advise and we can update the record.**

Caroline O’Neill – Community First Yorkshire (Chair)

Simone Wilkinson - NYCC

Emma Teasdale - Whitby Underground CIC

Rachel Mason - Scarborough & Ryedale Carers Resource

Haydn Rees Jones - NYSCP

Phil Bramhall - Chopsticks (North Yorkshire) Ltd

Emma Pears - SELFA

Lorna Galdas - North Yorkshire CCG

David Sharp - North Yorkshire Youth Ltd

Lizzie Clapham - Community First Yorkshire

Samantha Suttle - The Diana Award

Alexandra Stoneham - EFL Trust

Ruth Little - NYCC

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| **Item** |
| 1. **Welcome and Introductions and Notes and actions from the last meeting - Caroline O‘Neill, Head of Policy and Partnerships, Community First Yorkshire**
* Caroline introduced herself and her role, which involves convening this group and 2 other similar groups that are county wide, with the purpose of sharing understanding, sharing views, getting updates and for those that are representatives elsewhere sharing anything.
* Some zoom housekeeping points were ran through including that the meeting is being recorded to enable some notes to be typed up afterwards.
* Quick introductions were done by attendees.
* Some of the actions will be picked up as part of today’s meeting including from Lorna and Simone.
* A reminder to people that if you would like to do a podcast with us the offer is always open.
* The action point on the vaccination of frontline staff has moved on and the policy was changed to include our workforce.
* Sometime will be spent at the end of today’s meeting to look at some themes for future meetings.
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| 1. **North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership – discussion of needs and issues as activities and spaces are reopened David Sharp, Chief Executive, North Yorkshire Youth and VCSE representative on the** [**North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership**](https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/)

**Safeguarding training and resources , safeguarding Week June 2021 - Caroline O‘Neill*** Caroline provided some background. Community First Yorkshire through its development support work looked at some data and the source of support we offer organisations with and under our governance work that touches on safeguarding. Our findings:

1. The majority of the conversations with clients when they do talk about safeguarding is much about culture and thinking about it as a whole as well as about policies, which is positive. 2. About 30% of all our interactions with clients, so 30% of 1800 contacts a year touch on governance and safeguarding so it’s an important strand to keep refreshing etc.* David Sharp who is our Voluntary Sector representative on the NY safeguarding children partnership executive gave an update. We had a meeting in March. The last meeting of this group we asked for information to go in the assurance report and we wrote an 18 page report to send in. It’s important to give assurance that the VCS is doing what it should be in the right way and give those assurances.
* Damian Smith sits on the learning and improvement group
* There is currently a vacancy for the practice development group. **Action any interest get in touch with Caroline.**
* Report highlights: 6 implications and recommendations to bring to everyone today. There were 6 implications, but the 3 main ones being:
1. Around the concern around the influx of referrals and whether we see that or not. Some evidence seen then that it’s not been as many as expected but still issues around hidden harm.
2. The challenges of opening up in a safe way; the guidance keeps changing and differences between settings etc.
3. The loss of staff – the hollowing out that has been happening, skeleton staff and losing expertise.
* The other implications included how do we get venues back open, how we provide safe places for young people to be in and safeguarding.
* The recommendations:
1. Using VCSE orgs appropriately, utilising our time and recognising our work particularly around co-production and development.
2. Supporting CFY or somebody to do a survey of the VCS and what they do from a safeguarding perspective to get more data.
3. Getting recognition in contracts and agreements and grants in developing a safeguarding culture.
* **Action – anyone who wants to raise anything at these meetings then contact David**

**Discussion:*** If you’re looking to do an audit of the safeguarding arrangements, then NYSCP have the tool for both children and adults across North Yorkshire and City of York for the safeguarding audit which all partners are currently completing. It was questioned whether it would be feasible to get the adult board involved and make a tailored version of that audit for all voluntary sector across North Yorkshire. The audit can be turned into a survey, but this depends on what kind of data is wanted i.e. quantitative v qualitative. It was added the audit is quite complex and its designed for those who have contracts. There would be certain things that would be useful to know. Perhaps a shortened version initially and then push for more complexity when organisations get used to do it especially if they’ve not seen anything like it before. NYSCP added whether cutting it up into 2/3 chunks to be done over the course of a year or 2 years would work e.g. safeguarding training, the information you communicate out etc.
* It was added that smaller organisations might be put off by a big document or be put off by a series of documents asking them for a series of things about their organisations. Safeguarding supports funding bids, as someone mentioned a recent telephone interview where and half of the questions were regarding safeguarding. This may be particularly challenging for a smaller organisation in the same situation. General consensus is that we need to consider how we include those smaller organisations without putting them off but making them aware of the serious matter and responsibility of safeguarding. NYSCP added that they’re considering if it needs to go hand in hand with another piece of work to be more supportive to the smaller organisations e.g. to point or pull resources together to be shared with those organisations that can be used as basic models.
* Furthermore, it was added that when we say safeguarding it feels so big that it can frighten so it does need to be a supportive document to give people more confidence. We need to also look at the early help strategy as well so not just safeguarding at the extreme end. NYSCP added that they are communicating the message that some of this is about prevention of issues e.g. safer recruitment processes so things don’t happen.
* It was suggested that it would be good to tie some of this in with safeguarding week as it’s on everybody’s agenda: this could even be something even basic e.g. you need a safeguarding policy and you can get training here if you want it. NYSCP highlighted that they produce a monthly newsletter and that sharing that across partners would be useful – we point to training, new policies.
* Caroline thought an abridged version might be worth exploring, identifying some key areas to focus on and maybe get 2 or 3 people to look at the scope of something and drafting something and then 2 or 3 people look at piloting it. Caroline asked Haydyn whether the county would look at this as crucial and maybe things could move forward. **Action – Haydyn to have a word with James to see whether it something they can help to support.**
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| 1. **Working with the health sector – structures and priorities across North Yorkshire – Caroline O’Neill**
* Caroline talked through a presentation on this.
* The two health structures – health care partnership structure and North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Groups are merging. Fairly speedy change, consulted on last year. The shadow structure will be in place in September with the final structure in place in April 2022.
* HCV VCSE Leadership Group priorities include around workforce and we are in the process and have secured some funding for a leadership helpline so people experiencing pressure can phone up in confidence.

**Discussion:*** It was added that Clinical Commissioning Groups will no longer exist as of 1st April 2022. We will continue to work in what they call place, but they will not exist but be part of the system. Harrogate is not going to be in Harrogate and West Yorkshire so it’s going to be renamed/is in the process of that and Harrogate be coming into Humber, Coast and Vale ICS. So a lot of it is around language and in the localities we will be working in the same ways but in terms of funding flows for example they won’t be coming in via CCG’s anymore they will be coming in from those systems. The idea is we will start to share resources across a bigger geography which will benefit us in theory as we can commission across a bigger patch but we will still definitely commission on place which is in local areas.
* It was asked how big the team will be making these commissioning decisions? How do we make sure that rural proofing process takes places in ICS’s? Lorna replied things are being worked out, but that she’s been assured and told that we will still have place based commissioning. However, nothing yet is on paper but when it is she can bring it to groups like this to share the detail.
* Caroline added on the rural proofing that one of the things we are looking at the rural community council we are part of a body called Acre and there are some rural proofing documents, but the Kings Fund have come out with one specifically around health. The earlier we start on rural proofing the better
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| 1. **North Yorkshire CCG Whole Pathway Commissioning Group for mental health services – discussion of issues and developments for feedback - Lorna Galdas, Senior Commissioning Officer, North Yorkshire Children and Young People Commissioning team, NHS North Yorkshire CCG**
* Lorna introduced herself and her role and talked through some slides.

Strategic updates on children’s community mental health. * The local transformation plan for children and young people’s mental health has ended and we are beginning to prepare for a new plan setting out our strategic vision. Lorna is leading on that work and would like to include the voluntary sector in that.
* The NHSE have updated their Mental Health delivery plan.
* We have been working to adopt the I-Thrive approach and embedding this in our future plans.

Operational updates: * Work is ongoing to encourage children’s mental health service to be more closely aligned. E.g. compass Buzz/Reach
* Lorna shared some North Yorkshire CAMHS data provided by TEWV (November 2019-Feb 2021) so doesn’t include the Craven area. Of the original 3426 referrals 56% were appropriate. If almost half of original referrals are not right, how do we avoid this happening, we are starting to track some cases
* Developing relationships with the VCS Emma Pears is now a member of the Whole Pathway Commissioning Group for Children and young People Mental Health.
* SELFA spoke about attending the first group and trying to see the role of the voluntary sector within that group. She highlighted that the voluntary sector is commissioned but also receives grants and we need to be looking at them for those (nearly 50%) not meeting the CAHMS threshold. We are looking at a one trusted pathway so the voluntary sector is more included. She needs to get a feel across North Yorkshire to represent better and am going to be reaching out to some of those organisations that did the mapping exercise and said you do have capacity or already delivering support.
* Caroline since January conversations with TEWV and others about mental health services. Mark Hopley, Head of Community Support with us is leading on how we use the local structure so we get the local and county wide approach, focusing on adults. It was agreed a conversation outside of this to make sure we cross reference to use a similar model/approach is needed.

**Discussion:*** Whitby Underground CIC wanted to highlight that they got funding for this year through the Service Level Agreement but have already been told it’s not coming next year, possibly because of the impact of procurement for these other organisations. Whitby Underground CIC have to careful they don’t replace a counselling provision because they are ticking the boxes for mental health provision. We complement each other and don’t replace each other. The school commissions us.
* It was questioned what the situation with the educational mental health practitioners in school is? Lorna said that through the government and the way things are moving forward is there will be mental health support teams in schools. There are trailblazer sites in Craven, Scarborough and Selby, and an expression of interest is being put forward in Harrogate.
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| 1. **NYCC Childhood Futures Project update Simone Wilkinson, Practice and Development Manager, North Yorkshire County Council and Ruth Little, North Yorkshire County Council**
* Simone updated that since our last meeting the childhood futures project things have slowed down for a variety of reasons. They are trying to look at things holistically before invite partners and develop anything to invoice and consult with the voluntary sector.
* Ruth Little talked through a presentation and spoke about the Grow and Learn Project, an 18-month pilot in Whitby and Ryedale operating until June 2021. Some of things we have been developing as part of this will start to underpin the childhood futures work.
* 6 work streams that feed into the pilot.
* Decided to recruit a voluntary anchor organisation – Coast and Vale Community Action to develop the community offer around school readiness and early years. CAFCAF gatekeepers for the small grants fund.
* A lot of early year settings have expanded their offer from just childminding to include other things within the community. Lots of creative ideas have been received.
* In the evaluation period at the moment.
* Simone added although this pilot project and funding is coming to an end, but there is an appetite so we are going to run the small grant money across the county. Hopefully we will have more information on that for next time.
* Simone also spoke about the early help training offer. It’s now available to the community and voluntary sector. <https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/professionals/early-help/> We encourage you to share this and welcome any feedback.
* There is also an Early Help section which needs refreshing. Keen to hear from any volunteers to look at that from a voluntary/community perspective. **Action – anyone interested in doing that to get in touch with Simone or Caroline**

**Discussion:*** Caroline added that it would be useful to pick things up directly in terms of potentially rolling out and how things align
* The Best Start in Life document that came out in March is very interesting. **Action – Simone to share with Caroline to go out.**
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| 1. **Sharing information about service delivery and opening up activities**
* Sam Suttle introduced herself and her role. We’ve got funding for 2 years to provide mentoring workshops for young people who fall into the NEAP category. It’s a 12 week programme followed by a 9 month aftercare. The only category is they have to be in employment. We’ve now been able to open this up to young people not in school but don’t have access to the young people. Looking for 15-18 years olds. The venue is in Selby. **Action – Sam to contact Simone to link her up with colleagues in Selby**
* Laura added that we work within schools in Selby. There is a NEAP contract in the Leeds city region that Aspire-Igen have so they might be already picking up some of the things. Don’t want to be duplicating. Laura added are you aware of the Selby Big Local and also suggested a separate conversation to avoid duplicating and complementary work.
* Caroline asked if there were any objections to having people’s emails visible when the information comes out. If there are any personal emails we will put them under bcc. No objections raised.
* Alexandra Stoneham spoke, the EFL Trust are always trying to showcase the voluntary sector. We are making volunteering as part of the programme and as part of growing up and something that is long term. Anything we can do to showcase the voluntary sector and we want to work with this group more. Thanks were given for the invitation to today’s meeting. Caroline added you should be on the ongoing circulation list now.
* Laura added that one of the success stories to be aware of is, last time we linked with Lorna and the go to website and our LAG group reviewed the go to website.
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| 1. **Community Renewal Fund – process and themes to listen to the launch webinar click** [**here**](https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/community-renewal-fund) **– Caroline O’Neill.**
* Announced in the chancellor’s budget. Documents came out end of March. The fund is looking at focusing on pilot work, feasibility, improving capacity however it is a very short investment programme. Mirrored on European funding. It’s channelled through North Yorkshire County Council, they are the lead local authority for this geography. In terms of partnering and facilitating the coming together of people then the LEP and the county council through its stronger team. But the council is the route to go. Things are moving all the time on this. The timetable is generally things to get to the council by 13th May, they are sending to the government by 18th June, government make announcements end of July, early august, the bids will be in the magnitude of half a million. 6 months to turn around the work.
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| 1. **AOB**
* Caroline asked about topics for future meetings – mental health and volunteering mentioned today. The group were asked for thoughts. Alexandra suggested climate change especially in preparation for the Glasgow summit that is being planned.
* Emma Pears asked who you would invite to speak on mental health. Compass would be good, but aware they are going through a transitional phase at the moment. Or Kooth or do we want to have a look at how we link up more strategically. Caroline will speak to Mark about possibilities.
* Haydyn added that we are currently updating the Mental Health pathway for children and young people. Emma added that the pathway is different for Craven to North Yorkshire.
* Caroline gave thanks and closed the meeting.
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| **Future meeting dates:**  |