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| **Title:** | **North Yorkshire Children and Young People’s Providers and Partners Meeting** |
| **Date** | **Thursday Nov 9th 2023** | 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.**

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| Dena Dalton | Community First Yorkshire | Jackie Stubbs | Transition Vamp |
| Andy Shield | Community First Yorkshire | Lada Cainu | Healthwatch NY |
| Abbie Rhodes | UDCP Ltd | Amy Carrick-Knowles | Ryevitalise |
| Angela Knight | Kids | David Sharp | North Yorkshire Youth |
| Ann Duncan | North Yorkshire Council | Nicki Watkinson | NYC Youth Voice and Creative Engagement Team |
| Charlee Bewsher | Youth Work Unit Y&H | Simone Wilkinson | NYC Early Help |
| Claire Deiana | Foundation UK | Claire Robinson | NYY LEP |
| Ellie Culhane | North Yorkshire Youth | Natalie Laidler | Wellspring Therapy & Training |
| Emma Pears | SELFA | Rebekah Burton | YorSexual Health |
| Helen Prince | Carers Resource | Emma Walker | NY Moors NPA |
| Ian Turnball | Mid Yorks Expeditions CIC | Stacey Annandale | NYC |
| Laura Young | North Yorkshire Sport | Haydn Rees-Jones | NYSCP |
| Lorna Galdas | HNY ICB |  |  |
| Sally Jude | Youth Work Unit Y&H |  |  |

**Meeting Notes**

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| **Item**  |
| 1. **Welcome and Introductions**

 Dena welcomed all to the meeting and explained she had taken over the chair of the meeting from Caroline O’Neill due to her role as, Head of Health Collaboration at CFY and the links that afforded with children & young people. Dena reminded all that this meeting was about sharing updates, information and awareness on any matters of interest surrounding children & young people in North Yorkshire as well as an opportunity to network across the region. It is a meeting for all partners including, NHS, North Yorkshire Council and the VCSE sector to hear concerns and issues raised.  |
| 1. **Social and Emotional Mental Health (SEMH) in North Yorkshire - presentation and discussion of part of the I-thrive programme and framework**

Dena introduced Lorna Galdas, Interim Head of Children’s Commissioning, NHS Humber and North Yorkshire ICB. A large part of Lorna’s role is on children’s mental health and embedding a framework called the i-Thrive framework which has been spoken about previously at these meetings, although partners may still be unsure as to how to embed it. Lorna gave the following [**presentation**](https://www.communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/NY-I-Thrive-Intro-Presentation-Nov-23.pptx) and video on the framework <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARAaiEoVpjQ.> The focus was on how partners can embed the principles of the Thrive framework. Examples of how it has been embedded is on the [Go-To website](https://thegoto.org.uk/im-a-young-person/whats-in-north-yorkshire-for-me/) and here: <https://thegoto.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/NOV-2022-UPDATED-Needs-based-guidance-for-Social-and-Emotional-Mental-Health-SEMH-for-Children-and-Young-People-in-North-Yorkshire.pdf>Services have been colour-coded so it can be seen how they link into the framework. David Sharp commented that much of the work that NY Youth do fits into the framework, e.g. their Youth Clubs fits into the Thriving element, their youth mentor programme is those who get more help and the buddy network who get advice.Emma Pears added that it was great to get a refresher on the framework and it is what SELFA already deliver and good to get the message out to the wider public as there are still so many who do not know where to go and a reminder to all that there are VCSE organisations who can support within the framework and to get listed on the Go-To website. If any VCSE organisation wants to add their details onto the Go To website, to contract Lorna Galdas at: lorna.galdas@nhs.netDiscussion ensued about how we can all promote this model more and link it in to what we are all doing and what is out there. Nicki Watkinson spoke about a pilot NYC are funding in Selby called Tribe, which is an app where groups can add their links to. More info here: <https://tribeproject.org/>Charlee Bewsher added how good the framework is in how it underpins lots of gov policy that is coming in for example around family hubs and making sure people are connected and that there is some fantastic co-ordination happening across North Yorkshire in making sure people have access and support to services.  |
| 1. **North Yorkshire All Age Autism Strategy**

Dena introduced Stacey Annanadale, Strategic Services Development Manager at North Yorkshire Council who gave an update on the all-age autism strategy work. Since the July meeting more work has undergone in to getting feedback on actions to be undertaken under each of the themes (priorities). This has now been pulled together to go through the approvals process and from Nov 27th – mid-March, the strategy will be open to public consultation and will be held in key localities across the region. Nikki Watkinson asked about any work that would be done around the design and language of the slides and she and SA would link on this outside of the meeting.The link to the consultation of the strategy is here: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/consultations-and-engagement/current-consultations/autism-strategy-consultation> |
| 1. **North Yorkshire UK Shared Prosperity Fund**

Dena introduced Claire Robinson from the Local Enterprise Partnership and Laura Young from North Yorkshire Sport to speak about the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for North Yorkshire. The LEP is the managing agent for the dissemination of some of the SPF. Claire’s presentation is here: [**Shared Prosperity Fund.**](https://portal.communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk/civicrm/mailing/url?u=37384&qid=1235721) There is a requirement to ensure that spending from the fund is spread across the region. Support for young people projects is aimed at those 14+ and applications opened on Nov 1st, with grants available between £20k-£40k. There are priority areas which are listed in the presentation. Link to applications is here: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/community-and-volunteering/grants-and-funding/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-0>Laura Young presented on the fund that North Yorkshire Sport are managing on behalf of NYC is ‘Place, Spaces, People' which is around physical activity, sport and active travel. Grants are available between £3k-£20k and must be delivered by end of March 2025. A key purpose is on reaching those who have fewer opportunities to engage in physical activity and more likely to be physically inactive. Link to applications and more information is here: <https://northyorkshiresport.co.uk/work-with-us/funding/our-funding/physical-activity-sport-and-active-travel-fund/.> Any nore info needed, please contact Laura at: laura.y@northyorkshiresport.co.uk |
| 1. **Spotlight On** – NY Youth Voice and Creative Engagement Team

Dena introduced Nicki Watkinson who manages the youth voice and creative engagement team at North Yorkshire Council. The team has some statutory responsibility working with children in care, care leavers and children with additional needs. They provide a platform for young people to have their voices heard and help to link them up to decision-makers to help influence change. The team also facilitates Youth Councils across the county. These are groups of children age 12+ who want to make a positive difference, The local councils focus on issues relevant and important to them in their locality e.g. anti-social behaviour, safe transport for women and girls and mental health campaigns. The team run Young Inspectors, these are 12+ children who carry out inspections on NYC and services that NYC commission, e.g. local leisure centres. The children design the inspections and assessments themselves.Other involvement is with Youth Pride, an LGBTQ+ group who meet regularly in Harrogate as a friendship and peer support group as well was working with children and young people who struggle to find their voice and encourage them to do in a range of creative ways. They support members of the Youth Parliament and Youth Assembly. Each local authority has a number of members of the Youth Parliament, in NY there are three places, who are voted in from secondary schools for a two-year term and they work on local and national campaigns. Examples of their work include the Youth Councils contributing feedback to the Go-To website before it went live. Shortly, they will begin a working group with Tees, Esk and Wear Valley Foundation Trust and care leavers to look at barriers to care leavers accessing mental health services as well as to partner with North Yorkshire Youth who are launching a group for care-experienced girls looking at creative ways to overcome some of the issues that they face. You can stay engaged with the work that Nicki and her team at NYC do via her email: nicki.watkinson@northyorks.gov.uk |
| 1. **Safeguarding Children Partnership**

Dena introduced David Sharp and Haydn Rees Jones, to give an update on the Safeguarding Children’s Partnership. David Sharp is the VCS representative on the exec safeguarding partnership meeting ([Safeguarding Children Partnership)](https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/Resources/pace-referral-form/). One of the things they have been focusing on is the two-yearly assurance report and look at the recommendations on aspects they want to improve upon. Of relevance to partners would be looking at how we get recognition in contracts and grants to ensure we are doing all we need to do regarding safeguarding and to ensure we do communicate effectively. One thing, David reported on from a wider safeguarding partnership was that the VCSE sector is not confident about dealing with allegations within staff teams and the need to get better at that. David also commented that the VCSE sector needs to get more confident about sending information into the safeguarding partnership and if we spot any activity around children and young people that looks suspicious (e.g cars, phones etc.) to report it as it could be valuable intelligence in the work they are doing, especially around county lines. David put out a plea out for the [**Safeguarding Quarterly Awards**](https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/news/nyscp-partnership-awards/)which are open to the VCSE sector to submit nominations to. The NHS and NYC are great at putting people forward for this, however the VCSE far less so and need to get better! Finally, David did a shout-out to the local safeguarding partnerships that exist across North Yorkshire and encouraged VCSE organisations to join, to understand more about the work they do and be able to feel intelligence in. Haydn Rees-Jones, NYSCP Policy and Development Officer, presented an update on the partnership. Haydn encouraged sign ups to the podcast, which includes an audio version of the e-bulletin. The latest podcast is on modern slavery, details here: <https://open.spotify.com/show/4VMvKQeJv8a2tSQIQUxzVG> The Partnership also offers regular masterclasses, with more information to be found here: <https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/training-north-yorkshire/training-courses/> and sign up to the e-bulletin here: <https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/?s=ebulletin>Simone Wilkinson, Early Help Group Manager and chair of the Harmful Sexual Behaviour steering group, gave a presentation on Harmful Sexual Behaviour. Link to the presentation is here: **Early Help presentation** The NYSCP has a strategic priority to tackle child sexual abuse in all its forms. Harmful sexual behaviour has increased throughout the country and data shows that 50% of all reported sexual offences has taken place by children under the age of 18. Through a multi-agency approach, funding has been acquired to commission the NSPCC to carry out an audit to see what the picture looks like in NY. There will be an online launch event on January 17th and all are encouraged to attend. The event will raise awareness of harmful sexual behaviour as well as introduce the framework and audit process.  |
| 1. **Sharing updates**
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| **AOB** – Bex Burton shared the new revised sexual health website for all in North Yorkshire <https://www.yorsexualhealth.org.uk/> and informed organisations working with children and young people to sign up to the condom distribution scheme if they have not already. David Sharp reinforced the need for the VCSE sector to engage with the consultations that come out to ensure the sector voice is heard and remains valued.  |
| **The next meeting is on February 1st, 2024** |