
Title: North Yorkshire Children and Young People’s Providers and Partners Meeting

Date Thursday February 1st 2024
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.

Madeline Wakelin	NHS ICB	Lauren Kirkley	Coast Tuition
Alison Brown	Foundation	Kerry Magson	The Principle Trust Children's Charity
Amanda Moorcroft	Carers Plus Yorkshire, Young Carers	Emma Parker	Just 'B'
Jo Thackwray	HADCA	Rosie Warren	NYBEP Ltd
Ann Duncan	North Yorkshire Council	Lada Rotshtein	HWNY
Emma Pears	SELFA Children's Charity	Jo Butler	North Yorkshire Council
Charlee Bewsher	YWU Y&H	Lorna Galdas	Humber and North Yorkshire ICB
Mrs Ella Smith	Augment Partnership CIC	David Sharp	North Yorkshire Youth
Mary Wilson	BBC Children in Need	Matt Fisher	Up For Yorkshire
Amy Horton	LUCT		
Ruth Whittaker	SFTGroup		
Angela Knight	Kids		
Bex Mather	Forge LCEP		
Karen Mitchell	Wellbeing Harbour		

Meeting Notes

Item

1. Welcome and Introductions

Dena welcomed all to the meeting and reminded all on intention of the meeting which is to hear updates, share and network on all issues surrounding children and young people in North Yorkshire. Outcomes are focussed on that increased understanding and awareness. Dena welcomed all presenters on the agenda. Dena invited all to introduce themselves and any contact details via the chat function.

2. Safeguarding Children’s Partnership (NYSCP)

Dena introduced Kathryn Morrison, Policy and Development officer for the NYSCP to give an update from the partnership. Kathryn gave the following [presentation](#). She highlighted the NYSCP annual report which offers a comprehensive overview which includes the issues faced and plans for the future for the partnership. Another key document is the new edition of the DfE Working together to Safeguard Children which is the updated statutory guidance for protecting and promoting the welfare of children. It replaces the 2018 edition. She highlighted the importance of the VCSE in safeguarding and in data sharing. There was an update on the harmful sexual behaviour audit and said that this was a priority for the partnership and that there needed to be a shared understanding of the term and language, of which there isn’t presently. Help is needed to ensure engagement with the audit. Audits have gone out and there is a planned learning and dissemination event from the audit on March 20th. Improving communication between the VCSE and the partnership has been highlighted as two-way need. A task and finish group has been established to focus on this. Aim is to produce a guide with key highlighted messages. Plan is for launch in June 2024 (to coincide with volunteers week). There is concern that there may be under reporting from the VCSE when it comes to safeguarding allegations and there is a need to improve this. Another update was the focus on the sharing of intelligence concerning any unusual activity or concerns. There is now an online portal to share information with NY police and the QR code for reporting this is on the presentation. Finally, a reminder to partners that access to all procedures, practice guidance and one-minute guides (OMGs) can be accessed via the QR codes

on the presentation, along with a link to details of future masterclasses. If you see a gap in the masterclasses please get in touch. David Sharp also highlighted the partnership awards and to encourage more VCSE nominations where there is an underrepresentation. Emma Pears fed back on the ease and accessibility of the reporting form and the partnership awards.

3. Go-To website overview

Dena introduced Maddy Wakelin, Project Support Officer for CYP commissioning at HNY ICB who shared her [presentation](#) on the Go-To website. This website is the home of wellbeing and mental health support for young people in North Yorkshire. A new feature is a 'safety exit' button on the bottom right of the page which takes the user to Google in case they do not want to be seen using the website. The mini marketplace is updated annually and gives an overview of provision in NY. This flip book is linked to the Thrive framework which is being embedded across the region. Maddy highlighted the Go_To Newsletter which is sent out quarterly and encouraged all to sign up if they haven't already.

4. Spotlight on – Youth Work Unit

Dena introduced Charlee Bewsher, Strategy Manager at Youth Work Unit, Yorkshire & Humber to talk about the work of the Youth Work Unit. Charlee gave a [presentation](#) about the Youth Work Unit. They have two work strands which are supporting the youth sector in place with local authorities & the VCSE and work with national strategic partners, both through a range of networks. 'In the Loop' is their newsletter to inform and update the sectors. Recent work has included supporting areas to understand their statutory duty in providing a local youth offer for young people. A second strand is regional support for Youth Voice Work which champions young people's voice and influence and support and celebrate youth-led solutions to issues that affect young people's lives. They are the conduit to ensure that organisations can deliver high quality youth support work. Emma Pears endorsed the value of 'In the Loop' and the training bursaries available.

5. CYP Partnership – ToRs review

Dena reviewed the ToRs with all to check that the aims were still fit for purpose. Recommended to change the name to CYP Partnership group. Dena explained how the group had grown out of the NY VCSE Leaders Group with the aim to focus on CYP and the challenges and opportunities for the VCSE sector to respond to the changing needs of growing up in NY. Comments received back were that it was recognised that the information-sharing is really valuable. There was some debate about the timing of 2-4pm for them, however it was also recognised that any time is challenging. An idea was also that the meetings could be themed and invite experts to do that (e.g. ways to 'make your mark' so this learning can be applied with and to CYP). Invitation to all to feedback anything outside of the meeting on what they want to see and hear.

6. Update on social, emotional and mental health in North Yorkshire (SEMH)

Dena introduced Dr Gill Kelly, Public Health Consultant for CYP at NYC where she shared her [presentation](#) and the [report](#) which she shared with the NYC children and families overview and scrutiny committee. Gill mentioned how fortunate NY is to have the Growing Up in North Yorkshire survey which means we can track changes over the last decade. She also mentioned the [Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022-23](#) (nypartnerships.org.uk) on CYP which had just been published. What came across 'loud and clear' as to what makes children happy is friends, family and having something to do across all age groups. Other findings is that wellbeing and resilience has been deteriorating for a few years (before the pandemic) especially in girls. Girls increasingly worry about their appearance as they age with a link to social media. On CYP not in school, a common reason for home education was anxiety and stress. Key message that the SEMH strategic group want to convey to CYP is that it is ok to feel. Gill also demonstrated how the local system fits within the iThrive model and that the VCSE sector should be embedded at all stages of the model. Gill also endorsed the value of the Go-To website as being the best source of relevant and timely information that she has seen across her CYP career. Emma Pears offered Gill Kelly to come across to Craven and meet a group of CYP who have emotional-based school avoidance. LornaGaldas is leading a piece of work with this at the ICB and Emma is linked in. Charlee Bewsher asked if there was any correlation with removal of services across NY and the decrease in CYP wellbeing. Gill replied that no work has been done, however feels almost certainly it has

had an impact. Gill also reminded all about the autism consultation strategy and the all-age substance use strategy.

7. Sharing updates

Dena highlighted the current live strategies out for consultation; autism, health and wellbeing and substance use.

Emma Pears updated on the current funding challenges and the loss of the BBC Children in Need funding after 11 years and that BBC CiN have halved their income to the north. This is concerning for ongoing support and provision.

AOB - if anyone has any substantive items please advise before the meeting

Dena closed the meeting at 2pm and asked for any future agenda items to be sent to her and thanked all those for attending and the presenters.

Meetings are 2-4pm on Thursday: 2024 2nd May, 5th September, 5th December