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| **Title:** | **North Yorkshire Children and Young People’s Providers and Partners Meeting** | | |
| **Date** | **Thursday 2nd May 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.**

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| Yvonne Harrison | WHISH - Whitby Hidden Impairments Support & Help | Jo Butler | Community Safety - North Yorkshire Council |
| Nicki Watkinson | North Yorkshire Council | Laura Mason | NYBEP |
| Hannah Linaker | Forestry England Yorkshire | Claire Cheeseman | Marie Collins Foundation |
| Kathryn Morrison | NYSCP | Trevor Mahon | SeeCHANGE Scarborough |
| Emma Pears | SELFA Children's Charity | Catherine Mason | SWR Mind |
| Lee Taylor | North Yorkshire Libraries | Sarah McWatt | AMP |
| Madeline Wakelin | NHS ICB | Becky Stephenson | Ryedale Special Families |
| Sam Allum | The Outdoor Partnership | Maryjane Olivier | Ohana |
| Mary-Jane Alexander | North York Moors National Park | Laura Hodgson | NYFRS |
| Jody Ivel | North Yorkshire Sport | Gerry Hannah | Parenting Together |
| Charlene Saunders | Carers Plus Yorkshire | David Sharp | North Yorkshire Youth |
| Claire Deiana | Foundation | Max May | North Yorkshire Together |
| Charlee Bewsher | YWU Y&H | Emma Parker | Just 'B' |
| Suzanne Sweerting | NorthYorkshire Council | Alison Brown | Foundation |
| Rachel Anderson | Carers Plus Yorkshire Ltd | Helen Prince | Carers' Resource |

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| **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 |
| 1. **Safeguarding Children Partnership** ([**NYSCP**](https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/))   Dena introduced Kathryn Morrison, Policy and Development Officer for the NYSCP to give an update from the partnership. Kathryn gave the following [**presentation**](https://portal.communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk/civicrm/mailing/url?u=40142&qid=1350528). Headline updates were on the Harmful Sexual Behaviour audit (QR code on presentation to take you to links about that); there has also been a multi-agency audit on children who have been excluded from school and where there appears to be an upward trajectory. Some good strength-based practices have been highlighted, especially around neurodiversity, and as a result, there has been formal recognition via the safeguarding partnership awards ([**Safeguarding Quarterly Awards)**](https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/news/nyscp-partnership-awards/)The partnership is responsible for producing a biannual safeguarding audit with educational groups across the county, and waiting on final recent report. Numerous documents have been reviewed by the partnership and updated resources on the HEAT toolkit (home environment assessment toolkit). Vital are the seven point briefings (7PB) where incidences are reviewed. A key theme that comes out regularly is always around professional curiosity and by asking deeper professional curiosity questions may have led to improved outcomes (QR code on presentation link). All asked to share this vital piece of practice guidance. Also, recently launched the multi-agency child exploitation (MACE) and contextual safeguarding strategy. The strategic priorities for the next three years are based around Prepare, Prevent, Protect and Pursue. Agan, there is a link to a QR code for further detail. To support the launch, there was a national awareness day and as part of that, there were ten free online learning sessions which amongst others looked at criminal exploitation, girls and gangs and the risks of innocent trust. Around 350 partners attended the virtual sessions. As many of the sessions have been recorded as possible and again, the QR code that will link you to them is in the presentation. Following on from changes in relation to harm outside the home that were updated in the Working Together document that came out in Dec 2023, additional resources have been put on the Be Aware website (https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/beaware/), this includes guidance and resources on sexual coerced exploitation (referred to previously as sextortion) which is a serious form of blackmail, involving the exploitation of nude or research sensitive images or videos to coerce victims into unwanted actions. Alongside that, resources have been added on financial exploitation. Finally, new campaigns have been launched, #AskMe is aimed at professionals across North Yorkshire to have conversations with new and expectant parents about how they are feeling about a number of aspects in caring for a baby. Another campaign is with VCSE partners in how VCSEs were receiving safeguarding messages and sharing any safeguarding concerns back into the partnership. David Sharpe is leading on it and a masterclass was planned for June 7th where the campaign will be launched. The partnership have put together a lot of social media assets that VCSE and partners can share. Feedback on these and resources has been very positive. A reminder that all these resources are available to all on the NYSCP website and via the QR codes on the presentation. |
| 1. **Not in education, employment or training (NEET) – what's the picture and what can we do?**   Dena introduced Laura Mason, CEO North Yorkshire Business Education Partnership (NYBEP). Laura spoke about NYBEP, a small charity which helps support young people prepare for the world of work across York and North Yorkshire and just recently celebrated their 30th birthday. NYBEP works with businesses to engage them into schools. They work with a significant number of schools across the region in a variety of ways such as work experience and career fairs. In 2019, they bid for European funding for a two-year NEET project, originally for 158 young people. Due to contractual bureaucracy, it was very challenging to get the outcomes needed, however they did. They finally worked with 451 leaners and their programme included regulated and non-regulated learning, such as a Level 1 qualification in employability which they wrapped around work experience trips. Their focus was on pre-NEET young people (YP). Results were positive, which was despite significant challenges in terms of partner referrals and the age of YP they had to focus on (15 year-olds). NYBEP recently applied to the Shared Prosperity Fund and now have a contract to deliver a pre-NEET employability programme. It is only focussed on 40 learners, and they are running five programmes with eight YP on each focussing on Selby, Ham & Rich and Scarborough. The programme is funded for a year and will involve work experience and other support interventions into work. Dena spoke about the current data indicating that 10% of 16-17 years olds across NY are NEET. Questions were asked about Gypsy, Roma and Traveller girls in Selby who are NEET and whether there was anything that could be offered to this population. Laura mentioned the National Citizenship programme they also run ([**NCS).**](https://portal.communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk/civicrm/mailing/url?u=40145&qid=1350528) Discussions ensued around the lack and the limit of funding available to work with this cohort of YP and the degree of support required, especially with the challenges that many are neurodivergent, to get them closer to the labour market. It was recommended we approach Abbie Player to provide details to the partnership about the current projects for YP and the areas they cover. A point was raised about a hidden cohort of YP who on paper are not NEET but whose parents have been persuaded to home educate them and who might essentially be NEET. The challenge again is getting clarity on this information. The learners that NYBEP worked with were only in school around 35% of the time. There is a big piece of work going on regarding children who cannot attend school due to social emotional well-being and there might be more information to come out of that. |
| 1. **The FEAST programme in North Yorkshire – Max May, Strategic Director, North Yorkshire Together**   Dena introduced Max to give a [**presentation**](https://portal.communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk/civicrm/mailing/url?u=40143&qid=1350528) about activities in keeping YP engaged and to specifically talk about the FEAST programme in North Yorkshire. Max introduced North Yorkshire Together as being a partnership between North Yorkshire Sport, North Yorkshire Youth and Rural Arts who formalised their working during Covid as they were county-wide charities. They currently have three projects, of which one is FEAST, however their other two projects are Achieve, a youth mentoring and activity programme for disadvantaged secondary schoolers on the coast and, also activities for refugees living in hotels in Northallerton. Everything they do is with the ambition of creating a North Yorkshire where everyone across the county can be happy and healthy. FEAST is the holiday activity and food programme for North Yorkshire, primarily focussed on everybody on benefits-related free school meals between Reception and Year 11. The activities and foods are provided in Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays. NYT have been commissioned by North Yorkshire Council to co-ordinate the programme and what that means is delivering a grants programme, training and development and quality assurance monitoring. They put about a million pounds a year to activity providers across the county and champion putting as much of that as possible into the VCSE sector. Within the activities there needs to be components that connect to the theme of healthy lifestyles, such as supporting people to cook food they’ve never had before. For older YP it is around healthy lifestyles around recreational drugs or sexual activity where providers are trained to provide that information. They have seen a 22% increase in children who are eligible than the same time last year due to the cost-of-living crisis. Over Easter, through 74 different activities there were 10,500 sessions attended as well as free meals to children. Everyone in NY can get involved but free places and free meals are specifically for those who are eligible. Those who aren’t on benefits-related free school meals but still face significant financial and/or other disadvantage can be made eligible by exception. They have a school’s lead who engages all the schools and identify their eligible young children. Vouchers are issued directly to them and support can be offered in understanding the programme and making bookings. They are also about to launch a kite mark which recognises schools that are doing an amazing job supporting people to engage with the programme. Grants are available to fund activity providers. Challenges are around visibility as not everybody knows about FEAST. How can we support in that as partners? The future funding picture still uncertain and waiting for clarification. Feedback from partners on the call was the difference that FEAST funding has made to the ongoing provision of their activities and the impact they have. Partners were strongly encouraged to apply for the grants available to run activities. |
| 1. **Healthwatch Postnatal report – Brief overview before launch**   Dena introduced Ashley Green, CEO of NY Healthwatch who presented their latest report on community postnatal care. The first 1001 days of life from pregnancy through to the first two years of a baby’s life are a critical time for infants’ physical, social and emotional development. The aim was to explore the availability and quality of community postnatal care with a focus on understanding mothers experiences and to identify areas where services need to improve to ensure infants get the best start in life. The survey was distributed around NY alongside focus groups. 52% of mothers said they did not receive enough support. Mothers from Hambleton posted the lowest levels of support and those in Selby posted the highest levels of support. Seeing a health visitor in person was important as opposed to on a computer screen. There was concern around poor transfer of care from the midwife to the health visitor, so the mother having to repeat their story and issue frequently when they had had a traumatic experience. Personalised care was also raised with lack of care for those with particular physical needs or disabilities. The lack of baby weighing clinics was felt to be a detrimental change, this gave an opportunity for mothers to come together and share experiences. Feeding support was often too brief with a lack of any specialist support. Inequalities exist in people being able to pay for that support and the impact this has on the development of the newborn. Access to information was inconsistent between teams. Highlighted was the importance of the VCSE sector in supporting mothers. Nine recommendations were provided including improving the quality and frequency of post natal visits, gaps in GHP check-ups to strengthening feeding support. As this report had not yet been launched, we were unable to send out links, however it can be found on the NY Healthwatch website (https://www.healthwatchnorthyorkshire.co.uk/) |
| 1. **Spotlight On – Just B Children & Young People’s Service – Emma Parker, Project Manager, Just B**   Dena introduced Emma who gave a [presentation](https://portal.communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk/civicrm/mailing/url?u=40144&qid=1350528) about the services that Just B run. Just B is an independent charity which is NY Hospice Care and has a family of services which includes Herriot Hospice Homecare and St Michael’s Hospice. Just B is a specialist bereavement support and emotional well-being service which helps children, young people and adults across communities in NY. All services are free at the point of need and can be aligned with adult services so that children can be seen at the same time. Support for CYP can be offered experiencing any type of bereavement exploring opportunities for them to explore their emotions and process grief through activity-based support and talking therapy. Need is high and support is also available to those on the waiting list through workshops. Their schools service is about providing emotional well-being. Currently Just B are contracted in 18 schools across NY for 1:1 support. They are a multi-disciplinary team consisting of social workers, counsellors, teachers, psychologists and volunteers. |
| 1. **Sharing Updates**   Maddie Wakelin from NYC shared an update that the Go-To website has recently been updated and a new page of downloadable resources has been added which includes promotional resources |
| Dena closed the meeting 4.05pm, thanking all the presenters and those who attended today. |
| **Meetings are 2-4pm on Thursday: 5th September 2024, 5th December 2024** |