

# Safeguarding Children



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## Welcome

Local authorities around the country are preparing to announce their alternative arrangements for local safeguarding children boards following The Children and Social Work Act.



The Act's guidance is expected at the end of this year and we are working on proposals for a new Safeguarding Children Partnership which will be ready to begin making changes in 2018 and be fully operational by April 2019.

While City of York Safeguarding Children's Board (CYSCB) has already been judged as 'outstanding' by Ofsted, we will not make changes for change's sake, but see this as an opportunity to develop and enhance the way that partners work together to safeguard children in York. We'll share our plans as they develop.

**Simon Westwood**

Independent Chair of City of York Safeguarding Children Board

## Focus on Neglect

### Inspections to focus on children living with neglect

Local partner agencies' work to protect children living with, or at risk of, neglect will be scrutinised by a new series of joint inspections.

The six joint targeted area inspections (JTAI) involving Ofsted, Care Quality Commission (CQC), HMI Constabulary and HMI Probation began in May 2017.

Guidance for the inspections is at: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/joint-inspections-of-the-response-to-children-experiencing-neglect-may-to-december-2017](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/joint-inspections-of-the-response-to-children-experiencing-neglect-may-to-december-2017)

### One minute guide to neglect

The CYSCB neglect sub-group has just published a 'One minute guide' to child and adolescent neglect here:

[www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk/child-protection-procedures.htm](http://www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk/child-protection-procedures.htm)

It includes some useful research links and resources for practitioners.

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## New campaign: Together we can tackle child abuse

This new national campaign aims to raise awareness and encourage the public to report safeguarding concerns so children can get help more quickly.

Besides reminding professionals of their safeguarding responsibilities, the Government campaign's target audience is parents aged 25-40.

Research shows that if people feel they are part of their community's response to child abuse and neglect, this reduces fear of reporting

CYSCB backs this campaign and asks partners to support it. For more information and a campaign toolkit please visit [www.dfecildprotection-munroforster.com/](http://www.dfecildprotection-munroforster.com/)



## New services at 30 Clarence Street

Young people's services in the city centre will shortly be delivered from 30 Clarence Street instead of Castlegate.

To allow for the move, Castlegate will be closed for two weeks and temporary arrangements will be put in place so users can continue to access some support. Details of these arrangements will be shared shortly.

From late July, services the new offer for 16-25 year olds will be launched at the new, permanent location.

### CYSCB in 'Children & Young People Now'

The work of CYSCB has been featured in the April edition of Children & Young People Now.

With the spotlight on CYSCB, the article asks what makes an 'outstanding' Board and includes an interview with chair Simon Westwood.

[www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk/news.htm](http://www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk/news.htm)

### Resolution of professional disagreements

While some professional disagreements often result in constructive and reflective dialogue to resolve the issue,

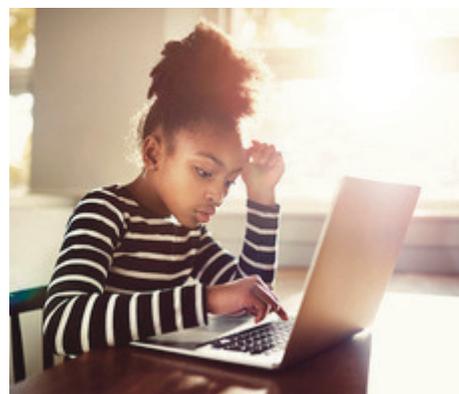
CYSCB has published guidance on early resolution:

[www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk/child-protection-procedures.htm](http://www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk/child-protection-procedures.htm)

## Online safety

### Speak out. Stay safe.

To give a new generation of children the knowledge and understanding of how to stay safe from abuse and neglect, the NSPCC has launched 'Speak out. Stay safe' (formerly Childline Schools Service) to reach every primary school in the UK.



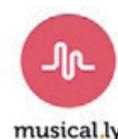
The programme, with no cost to schools, ensures that all children aged 5-11 learn this essential safeguarding information in a lively, interactive and memorable way. Find out more here: [www.nspcc.org.uk/services-and-resources/working-with-schools/speak-out-stay-safe-service/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/services-and-resources/working-with-schools/speak-out-stay-safe-service/)

### Are you NetAware?

Musical.ly? Snapchat? AskFM? With new social media networks popping up every day and parents are increasingly worried about social media and its impact on their children, the NSPCC has refreshed its NetAware parental guide.

The site now has new insights into online experiences and safety, and focuses on 30 of the social media sites most used by children and young people.

More at: [www.net-aware.org.uk/](http://www.net-aware.org.uk/)



### Government internet safety launch

The Government has launched a major new drive on internet safety which is likely to focus on four main priorities: how to help young people help themselves; helping parents face the dangers and discuss them with children; industry's responsibilities to society; and how technology can help provide solutions.

To find out more visit: [www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-major-new-drive-on-internet-safety](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-major-new-drive-on-internet-safety)

### New animation teaches how to keep children safe

The NSPCC has launched a new animation about how each member of the community can contribute to keeping children safe. Find out more here: [www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/child-sexual-abuse/preventing-child-sexual-abuse/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/child-sexual-abuse/preventing-child-sexual-abuse/)

Keep up to date with our work at [www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk/](http://www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk/) and via twitter on  @YorkLSCB

## Hospital notes child absence at appointments in new way

In response to a recent CYSCB Learning Lessons Review, York Teaching Hospital Foundation Trust has a new policy encouraging practitioners to record children as 'Was Not Brought' rather than as 'Did Not Attend' when they hadn't attended medical appointments.

The policy reminds health professionals that children do not take themselves to appointments - they have to be taken by parents or carers - whilst supporting the early identification of non-engagement with services where there may be safeguarding concerns.

Nottingham Safeguarding Children Board has produced a short film about this: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=dAdNL6d4lpk&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dAdNL6d4lpk&feature=youtu.be)

## CYSCB training

CYSCB offers free multi-agency safeguarding training and learning opportunities for the children's workforce and volunteers across York. Look out for dates for courses on:

- Child sexual abuse and exploitation
- Safeguarding disabled children
- Domestic abuse and children
- Two 'Working Together' courses including shared responsibilities and procedures

- Introduction to child protection conferences and core groups
- Introduction to MAPPA and MARAC
- Modern slavery and human trafficking
- Neglect A variety of bitesize sessions are also offered.

See what's on offer at: [www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk/learning-and-development.htm](http://www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk/learning-and-development.htm)

## Date for the diary...

4 July - it's Independence Day! The council's latest Opportunities Fair will offer young people with special educational or additional needs a chance to explore what their next steps to independence could be in work, training or education.

At Askham Bryan College on 4 July there will be information and advice from providers of education, work, supported employment and leisure options in York for young people aged between 14 and 25.

More on the city's Local Offer is at: [www.yor-ok.org.uk/families/Local%20Offer/local-offer-original.htm](http://www.yor-ok.org.uk/families/Local%20Offer/local-offer-original.htm)



## If you are concerned about a child:

If you think that a child or young person is being abused or neglected you must inform Children's Social Care or the police.

To report concerns to Children's Social Care you can do so:

- By phone – one phone number for all concerns and enquiries: 01904 551900
- By email – one email address: [childrensfrontdoor@york.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfrontdoor@york.gov.uk)
- Using a referral form available here: [www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk/concerned-about-a-child-or-young-person.htm](http://www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk/concerned-about-a-child-or-young-person.htm)
- By letter – Children's Social Care, City of York Council, West Office, York YO1 6GA
- Outside office hours, at weekends and on public holidays contact the Emergency Duty Team telephone: 01609 780780.