

Young Person's Edition



Safeguarding Annual Report 2017/2018



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What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding means protecting young people from harm and abuse and ensuring children and young people are safe, happy and healthy.

The role of the City of York Safeguarding Children Board (CYSCB) is to :

- Make sure children and young people are kept safe when needed.
- Encourage people to understand what they need to do to make sure children and young people are kept safe.

The CYSCB wants to make sure that children and young people are protected from abuse and neglect by making sure that everyone who works with children and /or their families works well together.

The aim of the Children's Safeguarding Annual Report 2017/18 is to look at how well the City of York Safeguarding Children Board, and the people it works with, did in improving the outcomes for children and young people in York in 2017/18. The work that the board does aims to ensure that:

"All the children of York grow up in safety and always feel safe"

What you told us

During 2017, the Primary and Secondary 'Voice' events took place. Young people expressed the view that more could be done about mental health issues, litter, road safety and increasing positive interactions with older people.



York Youth Council had another busy year raising awareness for the Make Your Mark Campaign. Based on the results of the Make your Mark Campaign, young people told us that the most important issues for young

- people in 2017/18 were:
 - Transport
 - Mental Health
- A curriculum to prepare us for life

Did you know?

17.7% of York's population are children! York has a changing population which is currently recorded as 208,367 people, and 36,705 of those are children and young people.

Young people in care have told us that coping with the emotional impact of coming into care can be difficult and so Show Me That I Matter have created a booklet containing information and advice for young people. The You Are Not Alone booklet covers key issues such as emotional wellbeing and mental health, the impact of pre-care experiences and managing ongoing relationships, and will be shared with young people when they first come into care.

Work carried out by Young People in

2017-18

Show Me That I Matter (SMTIM - York's Children in Care Council)

In 2017-18, Show Me That I Matter (York's Children in Care Council) had discussions about apprenticeships, relationships with Social Workers and the recruitment of the Head of the Virtual School.

Young people from York's Children in Care Council and Care Leavers Forum came together to create the 'You are Not Alone' booklet. This resource highlighted some of the issues faced by young people in care, with a particular focus on mental health in an attempt to raise awareness amongst young people.

As well as this, SMTIM have also continued their work with the 'Aspire to More' blog, which is aimed at raising the aspirations of young people in care by showcasing positive stories of care experienced role models.

York Youth Council

In 2017-18, York Youth Council did an inspection on 30 Clarence Street (Young People's Services). As part of this inspection, Youth Council members assessed whether the current provision was suitable for young people and offered feedback on how to improve it.

As well as this, York Youth Council continued to promote the Minding Minds award, an award created by the Youth Council which acknowledges schools that promote positive mental health. As part of this, York Youth Council met with members of the School Well-being staff to discuss ways in which they can promote mental health further.

○ How we are doing as a Partnership? ○

The CYSCB continues to work with other strategic boards such as the Health and Well-being Board, the Children's Trust Board (YorOK) the Safeguarding Adult's Board and the Safer York Partnership.



○ What have we achieved so far? ○

Neglect:

A 'One Minute Guide' to Child and Adolescent Neglect was published including information and links to research. Following on from this, a new Neglect Screening Tool will be introduced for use by all practitioners in June 2018.

Domestic Abuse:

Feedback from Operation Encompass indicates that both children and parents who experience domestic abuse in the home are able to seek support through contact with school staff as a result of the notification process that is in place.

Priorities and challenges for next year

Focus on vulnerable groups

The last year has highlighted some issues surrounding the impact of parental mental health on children and young people.

This is something that CYSCB will be working on with adults services to try and help parents who might be struggling with their mental health to improve the lives of both the parents and their children.

The vulnerability of disabled children to abuse has also been recognised. CYSCB has ensured that they raise awareness of the vulnerabilities of this group and is working to ensure that specific training is delivered for those working with disabled children.

CYSCB will continue to work with the Safer York Partnership and the York & North Yorkshire Joint Commissioning group to make sure that the needs of children impacted by domestic abuse are part of every strategy and action plan.

CYSCB will also be raising awareness of issues such as modern slavery, trafficking and county lines issues (gangs exploiting children and vulnerable people in order to move drugs or money across the country).



What was new in 2017/18?

Learning and development

In September 2017, the City of York Safeguarding Children Board re-launched the Online Basic Safeguarding Awareness course and updated the course so it is now specific for York.

745 people attended these courses including : Safeguarding Disabled Children, Understanding Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation, and The Awareness of Neglect in Children and Young people. Attending these courses, will help to ensure that professionals are more aware of the issues and know what to look out for.

As a result of taking part in these courses, professionals have reported that more positive outcomes were achieved for young people through working closely with other organisations and sharing the right information.

In addition to this, the School Safeguarding Advisor has delivered 25 training sessions to schools during 2017-18, as well as providing training for drivers who provide school transport.



Key messages



Key message for young people:

Your safety and happiness is the focus of everything we do. We constantly look for new ways to keep your voice at the centre of what we do.

Key message for everyone:

DON'T FORGET

Safeguarding is everybody's business!

If you are concerned about any children or young people, please say, you might not be the only one who has noticed.

If you have a concern that a child is vulnerable or at risk of significant harm, please contact the Children's Front Door:

How to report concerns about a child or young person

Phone for advice: 01904 551 900
or email : childrensfrontdoor@york.gov.uk

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