

Safeguarding Children



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Welcome

National Safeguarding Week gives us all an opportunity to raise the profile of safeguarding with colleagues, partners and the wider public.



'Safeguarding is everybody's business' is the theme once again, and it's a phrase that's at the very heart of keeping children and young people safe. Working in partnership – whether that's with parents and families, colleagues or other agencies – is fundamental to safeguarding and an approach to which we're committed in York.

There are lots of opportunities throughout Safeguarding Week to share best practice, increase our knowledge and expertise and network and I'm looking forward to getting involved in as many as possible. I'm particularly pleased that key elements of the York and North Yorkshire Safeguarding Week Conference will be made available online for anyone who couldn't attend the sold-out event.

I'd like to add my thanks to everyone across North Yorkshire and York who has worked so hard to create such an informative and interesting programme for Safeguarding Week 2019.

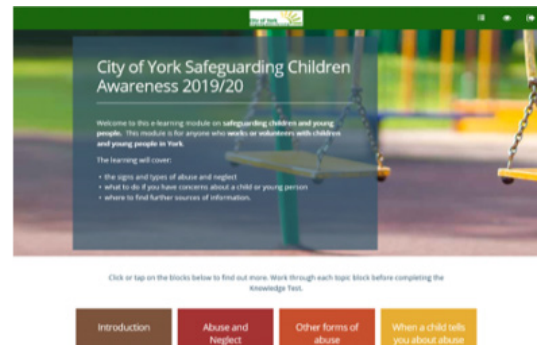
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Safeguarding Children Partnership

New CYSCP basic safeguarding awareness e-learning course

Our Safeguarding Children Awareness e-learning has been updated and now includes:

- interactive content to engage learners with a wide range of scenarios, emphasising the voice of the child
- content on key relevant topics such as County Lines, radicalisation and safeguarding disabled children
- course content specific to York policies and procedures with links to CYSCP website resources.

The course is relevant to any role or agency, including volunteers, who work with children and young people and their families/carers. Learners can do the course at their own pace and progress will be saved. The course content can be used as a resource to return to at any time. You can sign up for the course [online](#) or find out more about other multi-agency training [here](#).



Safeguarding Week 2019

Safeguarding Week 2019 will take place across York and North Yorkshire from 24 -28 June, with the theme 'Safeguarding Is Everybody's Business'. A range of events will be held in York focusing on raising awareness about safeguarding children and adults. Information will be available on the [CYSCP website](#) and local activity can be promoted on Twitter using #nyysw19.

Videos of the key note speeches and

2019 North Yorkshire and York
Safeguarding week
24-28 June

some of the workshops from the Safeguarding Conference will be made available online for anyone who is unable to attend which cover issues such as modern slavery, harmful sexual behaviour and domestic abuse.

Keep up to date with our work at www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk/
and via twitter on @YorkSCP

Thresholds



Everyone who comes into contact with children has a role to play in identifying concerns, sharing information and taking prompt action. If you do have a concern about a child, you can use the [Threshold Document](#) and the associated tools to help you decide whether your concern requires further action.

Remember:

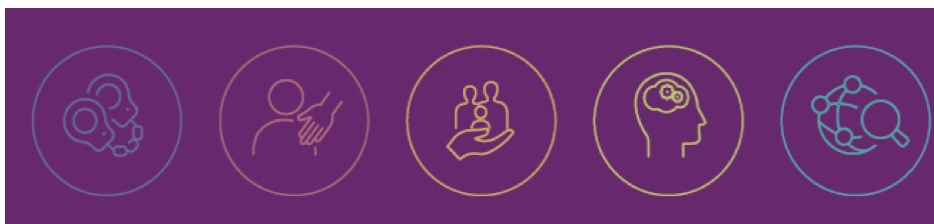
- Try to consider the whole situation and all related concerns.
- THINK FAMILY - always consider the needs of every child, young person or adult within the family and the impact of those needs on other family members.
- Conversations are of key importance:
- Share your concerns and options with families as a way to express and support ideas and interventions (unless sharing your concerns puts anyone at risk.)
- Seek advice when you are unsure. This advice could be from your line manager and/or your safeguarding lead; a Health Professional, the Police; the Children's Front Door; or from another specialist practitioner.



Home Office Child Exploitation Disruption Toolkit

The Home Office has produced a useful Child Exploitation Disruption toolkit which is available [online](#).

The toolkit is aimed at frontline staff working to safeguard children and young people under the age of 18 from sexual and criminal exploitation. The toolkit sets out many of the tools useful for police and other safeguarding professionals to disrupt the sexual and criminal exploitation of children and young people, break the cycle of abuse and send a signal to perpetrators about the consequences of their actions.



The toolkit addresses:

- abduction and trafficking
- sexual offences
- victim care
- unusual or harmful behaviour
- locations of specific concern

In addition, it includes best practice in information sharing and multi-agency working as well as intelligence and evidence gathering.

Multi-agency screening tools

CYSCP provides screening tools for Neglect and Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) as well as the Brook Traffic Light for issues around Harmful Sexual Behaviours to help practitioners make a decision about the nature and seriousness of a concern about a child or young person. They are available on the [CYSCP website](#).

In addition to helping decision making, these tools provide information to help when discussing concerns with designated safeguarding leads, contacting the Children's Front Door for a social care referral or support with an Early Help assessment.

We are currently working on a screening tool for child criminal exploitation (which will include CSE) and will let you know as soon as this is available.

New services for children, young people and their parents

The CYSCP Child Sexual Abuse, Exploitation and Missing from Home Sub-group has been learning about PACE (Parents Against Child Exploitation) which has been commissioned by the Office of the Police and Crime, Fire and Rescue Commissioner (OPCC). [PACE](#) supports parents of any child or young person at risk of exploitation – not just sexual exploitation - to keep their children safe.

They have appointed a Parent Liaison Officer who can offer:

- a single point of contact to provide 1 to 1 support for parents whose children have been criminally exploited
- an intermediary between statutory agencies and the families affected
- awareness raising to non-affected parents
- training to local practitioners

Referrals are received via a referral form.

For more information and a referral form please contact: leah.taylforth@paceuk.info.cjsm.net

The OPCC is commissioning a new service from July to work directly with vulnerable young people. The service will complement PACE to provide specialist Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) support including:

- support for vulnerable young people
- support for parents/carers
- training and support for key professionals

Child Death Review Process Training

The government brought in new child death process guidance as part of Working Together 2018. Child Death Review: Advance Training is now available for practitioners in York and North Yorkshire. The two hour course covers the different components of the Joint Agency Response to a child death and the role and responsibilities of different professionals in the process. It also provides delegates with the skills to explain the process and its purpose to families.

The course will explain the role of the Child Death Review Process and how to collate and evaluate information for the investigation, as well as increasing participants' knowledge of the nature and cause of unexpected childhood deaths.

Information about the dates and locations of the training, along with booking details, can be found [online](#).

New Mental Health Service for pregnant women and new mothers

York and North Yorkshire has a new community mental health team to support women who are experiencing mental health difficulties during pregnancy or in the first year after birth.

The Perinatal Mental Health Team is made up of specialist community psychiatric nurses, consultant psychiatrists, a psychologist, an occupational therapist and a specialist nursery nurse. Referrals can be made by GPs, health visitors, midwives or another professional. You can watch a [video](#) about the service or find out more information and [how to contact the team or make a referral](#).



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NSPCC Pregnancy in Mind

For those with less severe mental health difficulties, the NSPCC Pregnancy in Mind (PIM) programme provides a preventative service to support parents who are at risk of, or experiencing, mild to moderate anxiety and depression during pregnancy.

The programme aims to protect against the impact of parental anxiety and depression through building relationships, knowledge and skills.


The programme is underpinned by six core evidence-based themes: mindfulness, active relaxation, psycho-education and coping skills, social support, awareness-raising of foetal development, couple and co-parenting relationship (communication and conflict management).

Parents can be referred to Pregnancy in Mind at any point in their pregnancy, but access to group work will be from the second trimester. For more information or to request a referral form, please contact NSPCC York on 01904 232800.

New Executive Member



Councillor Ian Cuthbertson has been appointed as City of York Council's new Executive Member for Children, Young People and Education, following the recent citywide elections.

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

Readers' survey

We want to make sure that this update is providing you with information that's useful to you.

We'll be asking for your feedback in the next few months so we can continue to improve the information we send out.

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
- Using a referral form available here: 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.

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