

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**20<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

**REDUCING THE INCIDENCE OF BULLYING AND DISCRIMINATION**

**Purpose of Report**

1.0 The Committee is asked to note the information within this report

**Background**

2.0 The Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee continues to take a keen interest in the support and advice provided to children, young people and parents with bullying issues.

In November 2007 the Committee received a presentation from Nigel Ogley (Head of Behaviour Support Service) on anti-bullying measures and training programmes designed for use by schools in North Yorkshire. Members will recall that bullying involves:

- 1 in 4 children
- takes place over extended periods
- boys more than girls
- occurs mostly in school
- boys physical – Girls verbal

At the time Members raised their concerns regarding the supervision of young people at vulnerable times during the school day. Members were advised that the message being given to schools was that they needed to raise the profile of bullying, encourage a whole school approach and remember to include the less structured times in the school day. Members also asked questions in relation to cyber-bullying and were interested to know what support and guidance was available.

Members of the committee resolved that a further progress report on anti-bullying measures be added to the Work Programme and referred back to the Committee in due course.

**Children and Young Peoples Plan**

Reducing the incidence of bullying and discrimination remains a priority within the Children & Young Peoples Service and Objective 2.3 of the Children and Young Peoples Plan looks to reduce the incidence of bullying and discrimination through a number of measures which includes raising awareness and encouraging anti-bullying strategies.

An Officer from the Children and Young Peoples Service will join the meeting and provide Members with a further update and answer any questions.

**Recommendation**

3.0 The Committee is asked to note the information within this report.

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