

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

27 June 2014

**Work Programme Report**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

1.1 This report asks the Committee to:

- a. Note the information in this report.
- b. Note the information in response to a question to your Chairman County Councillor Shields.
- c. Confirm, amend or add to the list of matters shown on the work programme schedule (attached at Annex A).

**2.0 Question at full council 21 May 2014**

A question was posed to the Chairman of this Committee at the full Council meeting on the 21 May 2014. The question concerned the known instances of female genital mutilation (FGM) in the county and information on any work being done to prevent it.

**2.1 What is FGM?**

*The term FGM covers all harmful procedures to the female genitalia for non-medical purposes. There are 4 types - all are illegal and have serious health risks.*

*There are no medical reasons to carry out FGM. It doesn't enhance fertility and it doesn't make childbirth safer. It is used to control female sexuality and can cause severe and long-lasting damage to physical and emotional health.*

*It has been a criminal offence in the UK since 1985. In 2003 it also became a criminal offence for UK nationals or permanent UK residents to take their child abroad to have female genital mutilation. Anyone found guilty of the offence faces a maximum penalty of 14 years in prison.*

[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

**2.2 Domestic Abuse Strategy 2014**

The new North Yorkshire and York Domestic Abuse Strategy 2014 (<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/28900/Consultation-for-the-draft-North-Yorkshire-and-City-of-York-domestic-abuse-strategy>) recognises the need to take a victim focused approach in order to increase confidence in reporting domestic abuse and to protect victims from experiencing further harm. This includes the aim to improve our understanding of the local impact and our response to so called Honour Base Violence/ Forced Marriage and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). This is further acknowledged in the 2014-2015 Action Plan for our multi-agency Domestic Abuse Joint Coordinating Group (DAJCG). In collaboration with the Local Safeguarding Board current work is focussing on scoping the local need and level of this 'hidden crime'. Further information and guidance can be found at <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/28675/Domestic-abuse> or through contacting Gemma Ingles NYCC Domestic Abuse Officer at [gemma.ingles@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:gemma.ingles@northyorks.gov.uk).

In addition all Members are encouraged to engage with their Local Domestic Abuse Forums delivering local action plans reporting to the DAJCG. For further details please contact Gemma Ingles.

### **3.0 Work Programme Schedule**

The Work Programme Schedule is attached at Annex A and Members are asked to consider, amend and add to the Committee's Work Programme.

### **4.0 Future dates for the Committee**

The dates of the next meetings are:

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015

### **5.0 Recommendations**

5.1 The Committee is recommended to:

- a. Note the information in this report.
- b. Approve, comment or add to the areas of work listed on the Work Programme schedule.

**Bryon Hunter, Scrutiny Team Leader**  
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Background Documents:	None
Annex:	Annex A – Work programme table

## YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2014/15

### Scope

The interests of young people, including education, care and protection and family support.

### Meeting dates

<p><b>Scheduled Mid Cycle</b> Attended by Lead Members of Committee</p>	TBA	12 Sept 2014 10:30am	5 Dec 2014 10:30am	13 March 2015 10:30am
<p><b>Scheduled Committee Meetings</b> <i>Agenda briefings to be held at 9.30am prior to Committee meeting. Attended by Lead Members of Committee</i></p>	27 June 2014 10:30am	24 October 2014 10:30am	30 January 2015 10:30am	1 May 2015 10:30am

### In-depth Scrutiny Review

Meeting	SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM
Timescale – Oct 2013 – 27 June 2014	Online safety of children and young people	Agreed by the Young Peoples Overview & Scrutiny Committee at the meeting on 18 Oct 2013. Task Group: C Cllrs Joe Plant, Val Arnold, David Jeffels, Janet Sanderson and co-opted member Graham Richards	Member Task Group Richard Irvine

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE</b>	<b>ACTION/BY WHOM</b>
<b>27 June 2014</b>	<b>Executive Member / Corporate Director Update</b>	Update from Executive Member / Corporate Director as available Regular update on 2020 North Yorkshire	Executive Member / Corporate Director
	<b>Accommodation and Homelessness</b>	The Young Peoples Accommodation Pathway for 16-25 year olds was launched on the 1 November 2011. Update and progress report	David Walker Jill Boak
	<b>Preventative Services Review</b>	Update for the Committee on the Preventative services Review	Carolyn Bird
	<b>Draft Children and Young Peoples Plan</b>	Draft plan for comment	Pete Dwyer Emma Hubert
	<b>The Promise</b>	Community Engagement Promise - Youth Participation	Jon Coates
	<b>Welfare Reform Act 2012</b>	The impact of the benefits reforms on children, young people and their families.	Jonathan Spencer
	<b>School Improvement – Ofsted outcomes</b>	Update for the Committee on Ofsted outcomes	Jill Hodges Phil Bennington
	<b>Work Programme report</b>	Asking the Committee to comment / amend the work programme for the Committee	Lorraine Laverton
<b>24 October 2014</b>	<b>Executive Member / Corporate Director Update</b>	Update from Executive Member / Corporate Director as available Regular Update on 2020 North Yorkshire	Executive Member / Corporate Director
	<b>Child sexual exploitation</b>	Update on work on-going to prevent child sexual exploitation	Susan Colville
	<b>Update on school improvement</b>		Jill Hodges
	<b>Public Health - Draft Tobacco Control Strategy</b>	Draft Tobacco Control Strategy	Katie Needham / Emma Davis
	<b>Public Health - Draft Mental Health Strategy</b>	To comment on the Public Health - Draft Mental Health Strategy	Claire Robinson Katie Needham

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Please note that this is a working document, therefore topics and timeframes might need to be amended over the course of the year.

<b><i>Reports to be scheduled</i></b>	<b><i>Update on North Yorkshire Alcohol Strategy</i></b>	<i>Update on progress of action plan following presentation of draft strategy to committee in April 2014</i>	
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