



Agenda

Notice of a public meeting of

Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

To: Councillors Janet Jefferson (Chair), Gillian Quinn (Deputy Chair), Val Arnold, Lindsay Burr, MBE, Stephanie Duckett, Mel Hobson, Cliff Lunn, Stuart Martin, John Mann, Zoe Metcalfe, Richard Musgrave, Joe Plant, Annabel Wilkinson, Tom Cavell-Taylor, Emma Higgins, Stephen Maltby, David Sharp, Andrew Smith, Ross Strachan and David Watson.

Date: Friday, 25th February, 2022

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Remote meeting held via Microsoft Teams

Under his delegated decision making powers in the Officers' Delegation Scheme in the Council's Constitution, the Chief Executive Officer has power, in cases of emergency, to take any decision which could be taken by the Council, the Executive or a committee. Following on from the expiry of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, which allowed for committee meetings to be held remotely, the County Council resolved at its meeting on 5 May 2021 that, for the present time, in light of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic circumstances, remote live-broadcast committee meetings should continue (as informal meetings of the Committee Members), with any formal decisions required being taken by the Chief Executive Officer under his emergency decision making powers and after consultation with other Officers and Members as appropriate and after taking into account any views of the relevant Committee Members. This approach will be reviewed in May 2022.

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Business

1. Welcome and Apologies

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2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2021** (Pages 3 - 10)
3. **Any Declarations of Interest**
4. **Public Questions or Statements**
Members of the public may ask questions or make statements at this meeting if they have delivered notice (to include the text of the question/statement) to Patrick Duffy (*contact details above*) no later than midday on Tuesday 22nd February 2022. Each speaker should limit themselves to 3 minutes on any item. Members of the public who have given notice will be invited to speak:-
- at this point in the meeting if their questions/statements relate to matters which are not otherwise on the Agenda (subject to an overall time limit of 30 minutes);
 - when the relevant Agenda item is being considered if they wish to speak on a matter which is on the Agenda for this meeting.
- If you are exercising your right to speak at this meeting, but do not wish to be recorded, please inform the Chair who will instruct those taking a recording to cease while you speak.
5. **Chair's remarks**
Any correspondence, communication or other business brought forward by the direction of the Chair of the Committee.
6. **Children's Mental Health - presentation by officers from NHS North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group; Children and Young People's Service Directorate; and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services** (Pages 11 - 30)
7. **Young People's Champion Annual Report 2022 - County Councillor Annabel Wilkinson** (Pages 31 - 38)
8. **Schools Update - presentation by the Corporate Director, Children and Young People's Service** (Pages 39 - 52)
9. **Reflections and the Future - Report by the Chair** (Pages 53 - 60)
10. **Other business which the Chair agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances**

Barry Khan
Assistant Chief Executive
(Legal and Democratic Services)

County Hall
Northallerton

Thursday, 17 February 2022

North Yorkshire County Council

Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 10th December 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: County Councillor Janet Jefferson in the Chair.

County Councillors: Cliff Lunn, John Mann, Stuart Martin, MBE, Richard Musgrave, Joe Plant and Annabel Wilkinson.

Portfolio Holder: County Councillor Janet Sanderson, Executive Member for Children's Services.

Officers: Patrick Duffy, Principal Democratic Services Scrutiny Officer, Martin Kelly, Assistant Director, Children and Families, James Parkes, North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership – Partnership Manager and Helen Smith, Early Years Strategy Manager

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Val Arnold and Gillian Quinn, Tom Cavell-Taylor (Governor Representative), Stephen Maltby (Primary Teacher Representative) and Ross Strachan (Secondary Teacher Representative), David Sharp (Voluntary Sector), David Watson (Voluntary Sector) and Portfolio Holder, County Councillor Patrick Mulligan, Executive Member for Education and Skills

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

234. Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed people to the meeting and Members introduced themselves.

The Chair made the following statement:

You will have seen the statement on the Agenda frontsheet about current decision-making arrangements within the Council, following the expiry of the legislation permitting remote committee meetings. I just want to remind everyone, for absolute clarity, that this is an informal meeting of the Committee Members. Any formal decisions required will be taken by the Chief Executive Officer under his emergency delegated decision-making powers after taking into account any of the views of the relevant Committee Members and all relevant information. This approach has been agreed by full Council and will be reviewed in February 2022.

235. Minutes

Resolved –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2021, be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record subject to it being noted that, under Minute No. 228, Portfolio Holder's Statement, the Review led by Josh MacAlister (The Case for Change – The Independent Review of Children's Social Care) is a National – not a Local Authority – Review.

236 Any Declarations of Interest

There were none.

237. Public Questions

There were no public questions or statements.

238. Chair's Remarks

The Chair advised that she had attended an interesting Members Seminar and that at a recent Executive Meeting, Councillor Annabel Wilkinson had raised an issue on Ofsted.

The Chair further reported that she had raised a matter under the Opportunity Area Programme concerning the *Glasses for Classes* initiative. Not having vision issues correctly diagnosed, can affect people's lives. Sixteen Schools in the county have registered for the initiative so far. It is important that this is taken forward.

The Chair added that it is encouraging to see that the number of children being electively home educated is reducing, together with exclusions, as a result of the ladders of intervention. It is good that the Policy on Elective Home Education is now in place.

She has received a report on Emotional Wellbeing, which she will arrange to be forwarded to the Committee.

NOTED.

239. Early Years Sector

Considered –

A briefing by Helen Smith, Early Years Strategy Manager, on the Early Years Sector.

Helen presented a number of slides, which outlined how the Directorate had supported Early Years settings during the Pandemic and what is being done, moving forward.

Her presentation is available via this link:-

[Early Years Briefing](#)

Helen highlighted a number of matters, including the following:

- The quote that *Society is what happens when babies grow up* underpins Early Years. People tend to think of early years as when, say, children start in reception or begin their education, but it begins from the antenatal stage with families. This is where the greatest opportunity is.
- From March to July 2020, when Providers had to close, the Directorate kept in contact with the children and maintained relationships.
- A lot of communications work and support for the Sector and families was provided. The Directorate has statutory duties to ensure that it improves outcomes

for children and that sufficient childcare places are available to enable families to work or take up training and share information with families and Providers. The phone line remained open throughout the Pandemic, providing individual support and advice and interpretation of Guidelines by the Families Information Services Assistant. Communications from the Department for Education were disseminated as soon as they were received.

- Another statutory duty is that every child must have a Key Worker – this was a vital link during lockdown.
- Resource Packs, Craft Packs and Book Packs were distributed to vulnerable families and the Inclusion Education Service maintained relationships for children with Special Educational Needs.
- Eleven Early Years Hubs were set up across the county to provide care for 0-5 year old children.
- Where Early Years Providers had to close, we asked that they notify the Local Authority and we kept in touch with the vulnerable children.
- Termly engagement sessions were held with the Sector to get an on the ground picture of the situation. This was fed into the Department for Education to help them to determine the assistance required.
- Monitoring took place via a twice-weekly Department for Education data collection process with Local Authorities, to ascertain aspects such as:-
 - How many Providers were open/closed?
 - How many children were attending?
 - How many of the children had a Social Worker or Education Health Plan in place?
- The results of the Annual Coram Childcare Survey are being analysed. This asks settings what impact the Pandemic has had on them and how they are coping.
- The Authority's "Grow and Learn" and Early Help pages on Facebook were utilised throughout the Pandemic to provide reassurance to people that Early Years is a safe place to take their children.
- Financial support has been available nationally and locally. In North Yorkshire financial support included:-
 - Up-front payment to Registered Providers of 80% of the Summer 2020 Term funding payment made in April 2020, with the balance paid in August 2020; replacing monthly payments.
 - Payments to Registered Providers open over the Easter and May half term for key workers' children and vulnerable children, when early years funding would normally stop.
 - Double funding for key workers' children and vulnerable children unable to access their normal funded place and accessing a funded place at alternative provision from 23rd March 2020 to 31st May 2020.

- During the Autumn Term, support included resuming the Early Years Leaders Forum on Microsoft Teams and distribution of £140,000 to families of 3 and 4 year old children in receipt of Early Years Pupil Premium.
- From January 2021, the instruction from Government was that Early Years should remain open and continue to all children to attend full time or their usual timetable hours.
- As part of the School Readiness “Grow and Learn” Pilot, the Behavioural Insights Team identified that two-year old funding was an area where a Behavioural Insights approach could be used to increase take up of funding by auto-enrolment. Families on the DWP were issued with “Golden Ticket” letters to enable them to access a Government-funded two-year old place from January 2021, without the need for them to apply.
- The number of Providers has dropped but as a county we are stable; some have retired; and some changed direction - but into another part of the Sector.
- Support for the Sector continues. For example, two new Early Years Advisors posts were established from September 2021, whose main task is to improve standards across the Sector.
- The impact of the Grow and Learn Pilot, from January 2020 to June 2021, includes an Integrated Review Pilot in Craven for two-year-old checks with Early Years Providers, the Healthy Visiting Service and Early Help.
- Small Grants are available from the Grow and Learn Pilot and through the Opportunity Area and Stronger Communities, who are still funding applications in the Scarborough, Ryedale and Whitby areas.
- Support has been secured from the Local Government Association to help develop an Early Years and Childcare Strategy, building on the critical first 1001 days of a child’s life and we are working with Public Health on a range of matters such as the launch, in November, of a Healthy Early Years Award.

The Chair thanked Helen for her informative presentation and for explaining the situation with regard to the two-year funding, as this was a subject that the Committee has been interested in and concerned about – particularly in the vulnerable areas of the county. It is interesting to see what so many Providers have been able to do during the Pandemic.

Councillor Janet Sanderson referred to the work undertaken by the Rt Hon. Andrea Leadsom, MP, around family hubs - *The best start for life: a vision for the 1001 critical days* and asked how this fits in with the Early Years Programme. Helen Smith responded that if a child has a poor start in life this is overcomeable if measures can be put in place to mitigate this. Babies can experience trauma, which may not become clear until they reach an Early Years setting or start School and present challenging behaviour. A lot of work is being undertaken on parent and infant mental health ties and this links in with the Early Years Strategy. We have to get it right for parents so that we can get it right for the children. If we can get it right for children aged 0-5, this is where we can make the greatest impact.

Councillor Joe Plant expressed his thanks to everyone involved in this work – particularly over the last year or so. He referred to the possible roll out across the County of the Integrated Review Pilot in Craven. Will it be possible or not? Helen Smith advised that the Well Comm Assessment and Early Talk Boost Intervention Pathway had been trialled as part of the Grow and Learn Pilot. It is an assessment tool to assess speech and language development. The Report from the Pilot will be

considered by Senior Leaders in the Directorate, who will make the decision. Councillor Plant added that the sooner the decision is known the better.

Councillor Plant also referred to the £153 million funding for training and asked what sort of training this will cover. In response, Helen Smith stated that this was part of the Early Years Recovery package by the Department for Education, which was announced to support the Early Language Programme. It would include:-

- £17 million to support the Nuffield Early Language Programme; and
- £10 million into the Professional Development Programme

Funding will also be used for:-

- Reforming the Level 3 Qualification;
- A Level 3 SENCO Qualification; and
- A National Professional Qualification for Early Years Leadership, from Autumn 2022

Expressions of Interest have been sought from Early Years settings to become experts, mentors, and Area Leads, with the aim that they will be able to provide support for others in the Sector.

Councillor Annabel Wilkinson asked how we access people who may not be in Early Years provision and ensure that they receive the support they may require. In addition, deaf children between the ages of 3 and 5 are three times more likely to have mental health problems if they are language deprived. In addition, how many deaf children are there in the county and what support do they receive? Helen Smith said she would find out the numbers from colleagues. For children not in an Early Years setting, the Healthy Child Programme is key, as it links to Health Visitors and Assistant Child Practitioners. Multi-Agency working is vital.

Councillor Annabel Wilkinson said it was reassuring to know that monitoring of all our young people occurs – not just those who are in Early Years settings.

Councillor John Mann commented on the eleven Early Years Hubs that had been introduced at the start of lockdown. He considered it imperative for there to be a safe, secure place of learning and asked if plans are in place for these to continue if there is a further lockdown. He added that mental health episodes and obesity rates had increased during lockdown. Therefore, it is vital to have these hubs.

Helen Smith responded that the hubs were set up as a temporary measure, when the situation was at its worst. It would be a decision for Senior Management as to whether they would need to be reintroduced though, clearly, everyone is hoping that there will be no further lockdown.

In reiterating her thanks to Helen Smith, the Chair asked that she convey the appreciation of the Committee to staff and Providers for their work.

240 Annual Report – One Adoption North and Humber – 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021

Considered -

A briefing by Martin Kelly, Assistant Director, Education and Skills, which summarised the afore-mentioned Annual Report.

He highlighted the following, in particular:-

- In 2018, a Government decision was taken to bring Regional Authorities together to make the best use of adopters assessed nationally and locally, alongside the needs of the children to be matched and to bring that together in a regional approach.
- The five Authorities that comprise the North and Humber Agency are:-
 - Hull
 - East Riding
 - York
 - North Yorkshire
 - North East Lincolnshire
- Covid has, of course, impacted on the work of the Agency but it has been more on ways of working than the performance of the Agency, thankfully. There has, for example, been a move towards virtual meetings but, for the final Adoption Order, it is important that people come together face to face. This has been a challenge. The impact has been less in North Yorkshire as a lot of work has been done to keep children amongst their families. Therefore, our adoption rates are relatively low which, in the Pandemic, has been a positive thing.
- The Pandemic has also impacted on adoption support staff, who have worked to find innovative ways to continue to support families.
- In terms of data:-
 - there has been an increase of 10% in number of adoptive families approved;
 - the number of children placed has increased by 6%;
 - 91% of the five Local Authorities children were placed with the Regional Agency adopters. This allows Social Workers the scope to offer greater support than where placements occur further afield;
 - only two children in North Yorkshire are currently awaiting adoption;
 - there has been a doubling of the number of children who were placed under early permanence arrangements. Early permanence is where children in care are placed directly with a family that foster them, with a view to adoption (if Court agreement is given). There are several benefits of early permanence, including a reduction in the number of moves a child will have and increased opportunity for children to develop an early attachment; and
 - there has been an increase of 66% in sibling groups placed. This is very positive news, as it is a good outcome when children from the same family are placed together.
- Where possible, placements are made locally and regionally but, occasionally, it is appropriate for external placements to be made.
- Adoption support remains a key priority for the Agency's Adoption Teams, who have capacity to support prompt assessment.
- The Peer Mentoring Service has been an excellent development, with 16 trained peer mentors providing support to 37 adult families.
- Adoption support tends to be regional. We need to do some work to understand why this is the case.

The Chair thanked Martin Kelly for his presentation and noted the recent decision to extend the contract with the Independent Adoption Service for a further two years.

NOTED.

241 Child Death Overview Panel

Considered:-

The Annual Report of the Child Death Overview Panel for 2020/2021.

James Parkes, North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership, Partnership Manager, took Members through the report. James highlighted the following aspects:-

- Over the last 12-18 months, the Panel were expecting to see an increase in the number of child deaths. Thankfully, this has not been the case - both locally and nationally, there has been a reduction during this reporting period.
- There has been an increase in the number of drug related deaths but there have been no deaths related to Covid itself across York and North Yorkshire.
- The Panel has two priorities – Safe Sleep and Suicide Prevention. Since the beginning of 2020, there have no reported suspected suicides.
- 25 children have died. This is the lowest reported number within the life of the Panel.
- The highest risk age category are children aged under one.
- Expected deaths are where a child has a life-limiting condition. Unexpected deaths are, generally, those not expected within 24 hours of their death; or a sudden collapse, or a road traffic accident, or a suicide.
- Due to on-going investigations, reporting of deaths may be in a different year to when they occur.
- A table in the report outlines the categories of death over the last five years.
- The job of the Panel is to review all child deaths and ascertain whether there are any modifiable factors to reduce the risk. For example, utilising the Sleep Right work to give the right messages and support to families so that they can be informed how best to care for their children and hopefully avoid any unexpected death.

James concluded by thanking partners. It is a sad area of our work but one we take with respect and give each case the respect and care and dignity it requires. We are seeing an increase in the number of parents and carers willing to speak to us, which we welcome.

He also thanked Alison Firby, Child Death Review Officer, for the work she does on a day-to-day basis on the Child Death Agenda.

The Chair referred to the increase in the number of drug related deaths and enquired if this is more prevalent in the teenager range. James Parkes advised that it is within the older teenage population where we have seen these deaths – the top end of childhood.

The Chair also wondered why the number of deaths is higher among males. James Parkes responded that this is a question that has been posed by the Panel. Evidential research into this nationally is awaited.

Councillor Annabel Wilkinson commented on the Sleep Right Initiative and asked if we have enough staff to deliver those difficult conversations and are we providing the necessary support to those staff. James Parkes advised that the primary focus is to upskill all professionals across Multi-Agency Partnerships. Generally, we would look to Health Visitors and Midwives to convey the messaging about Sleep Right. We know that conversations take place and it is about ensuring that these are embedded in daily practice and assessments. This is everyone's responsibility, with the aim of making every contact count. A raft of training is being rolled out.

Martin Kelly added that there is an expectation on health colleagues to convey these messages and we ensure health and social care staff have a good understanding of the issues.

Councillor John Mann commented on drug related deaths and felt that we needed to look at the demand side, as well as the supply. What can we do to get over the message that it is not cool and that drugs can, ultimately, result in people passing away. In response, James Parkes advised that substance misuse services are commissioned through Public Health. In terms of education, there has been a lot of work with children and young people and with parents and carers to help them understand the risks. It is about getting support early so that people do not need to rely on substance misuse for dealing with anxiety.

He added that there are many drug prevention opportunities that Schools and organisations are delivering. We need to ensure that people can access that support.

The Chair thanked James for his update.

242 Work Programme

Considered:-

A report by the Principal Democratic Services Scrutiny Officer, which invited Members to consider the Committee's Work Programme for 2021/22, taking into account the outcome of discussions on previous Agenda Items and any other developments taking place across the county.

He highlighted that there is just one formal meeting of the Committee remaining prior to the elections in May 2022. The Agenda for that meeting is shaping up to be a fairly full one.

He added that Members are welcome to contact him at any stage to suggest Items to be considered.

The Chair referred to the recently formed Locality Board. She would be interested to see how that is developing our interaction with Academies. She will liaise with Patrick Duffy, as there are a number of Items that we can bring back and look at.

243. Other business which the Chair agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances

There was no urgent business. The Chair wished people all the best for Christmas and the New Year.

The meeting concluded at 11.35 a.m.

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Children's Mental Health - Consideration by the County Council's Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 25th February 2022

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Lorna Galdas, Commissioning Manager, NYCCG
Cerys Townend, Inclusion Lead, NYCC
Naomi Lonergan, CAMHs Director of Operations York and North Yorkshire.
Emma Lonsdale, Childrens Commissioning Manager
Clare Barrowman, Senior Education Adviser, Health and Wellbeing.

THRIVE Framework



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<http://implementingthrive.org/about-us/>

Social and Emotional Health Offer for Children and Young People in North Yorkshire



Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys
NHS Foundation Trust



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Early Help
Local SEND Hubs

The Go-To
For healthy minds in North Yorkshire



Demand for services

- Demand for all commissioned services providing support for children and young people's social and emotional health in North Yorkshire has grown over the last 2 years.
- Many services have seen an increase in complexity and acuity.
- There has been an increase in eating disorders in NY (and nationally). The challenges that COVID-19 has placed on the overall health and education system, has impacted adversely on children's mental health services. This includes the closure of schools, and the additional pressure placed on education and primary care which has resulted in limitations to service provision. Furthermore, children and young people's services in NY (and nationally) are experiencing workforce challenges relating to recruitment and retention.
- Services have responded in innovative and responsive ways, in particular adapting quickly to digital ways of working.

The service offer for CYP MH in NY has increased but is unable to meet the demand and in some services waiting times have increased. These are outline on the following slides.

Demand for services

Healthy Child Programme (Emotional Health and Wellbeing Pillar)

- Number of **referrals** in Q2 (July to Sept 21) was **182**. **134** of these were accepted into service and **51** were signposted elsewhere.
- All referrals are screened within **2 weeks** and contact made with parents within this timeframe.
- At this stage parents are given contact details to use should issues escalate and they are made aware of the timeframes for face-to-face service delivery.
- Initial face to face contacts are currently being offered between **8-10 weeks**. There are currently **15** CYP waiting beyond the 8-10 weeks (as of 15.11.21).
- Virtual contacts are being addressed within **2 weeks**. There are no CYP waiting for this.
- 259 referral's were received in Q3, 62 were declined and signposted to other agencies or given advice.
- Examples of declined referrals are Soiling, Enuresis, ADHD/Autism Assessment.
- Referrals are being screened and sent a reply within 5 working days.

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Demand for services – Compass Phoenix data.

Compass Phoenix Waiting Time data Q2 and Q3 2021/22

Compass Phoenix	Q2	Q3
Number of referrals for direct intervention	298	423
Number of children and young people on the waiting list is	51 (as of 22/10/2021)	117 (as of 18/01/2022)
Breakdown of the waiting list is as follows:		
- Craven	2	7
- Hambleton & Richmond	6	52
- Harrogate	16	24
- Scarborough, Whitby, Ryedale	24	21
- Selby	3	13
Average waiting time is	22 days for those young people added to the waiting list from 01/04/2021 to Nov 2021.	39 days for those young people added to the waiting list from 01/09/2021 to 31/12/2021.

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Demand for services – CAMHS

- **Specialist CAMHS, Tees Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV)**

- **December Data**


- Number of children and young people **receiving treatment** from TEWV NHS Funded Community services is **2,505** (April 2021 – December 2021)
- Percentage of Children and young people with an eating disorder that are classified as urgent and seen within 1 week standard **none reported**, December 21 (year to date is 25% against a standard of 95%)
- Percentage of Children and young people with an eating disorder that are classified as routine and seen within 4 week standard **25%**, December 21 (year to date is 48.57% against a standard of 95%)
- Number of children and young people waiting for assessment by time band (January 2022)

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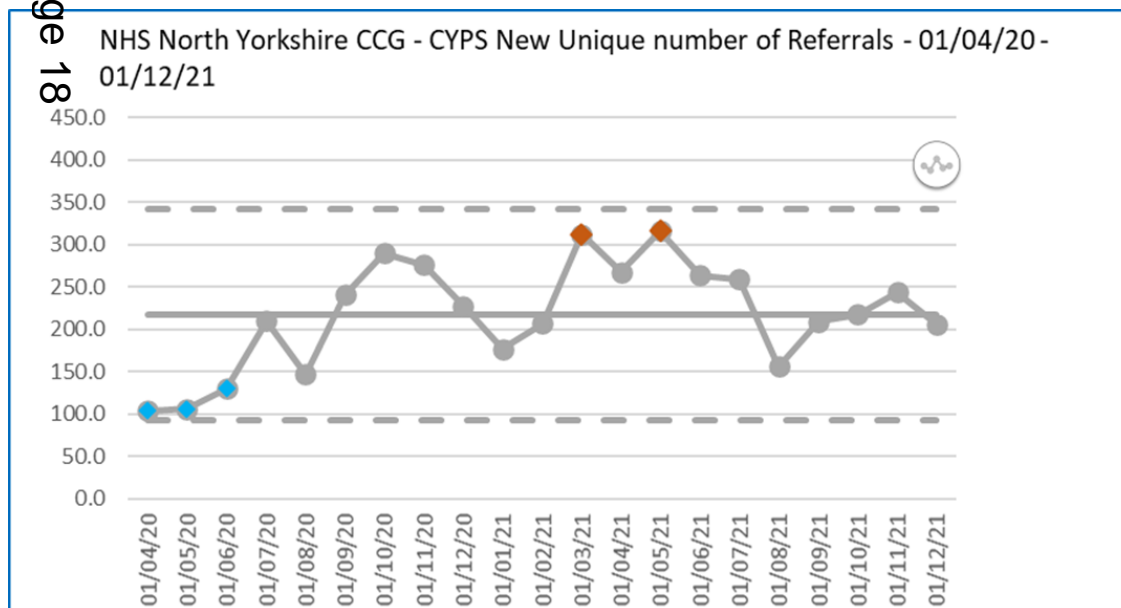
0-1 months	1-2 months	2-3 months	3-6 months	6-9months	Total
94	38	14	2	1	149

Demand for services – CAMHS

SPC chart of the number of new unique children and young people referred during the period of April 2020 – December 2021 to North Yorkshire CCG

Metric Name	Performance	Assurance	Latest Value	Lower process limit	Upper Process limit	Mean
1 NHS North Yorkshire CCG - CYPS New Unique number of Referrals			206.0	92.8	342.3	217.5

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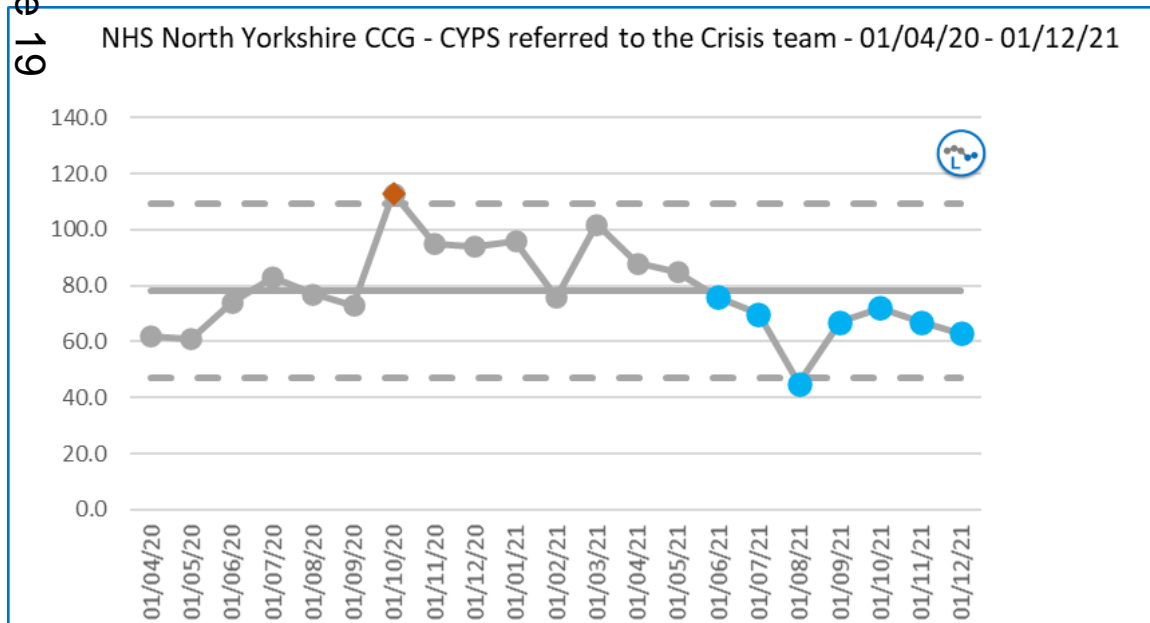


Demand for services – CAMHS

SPC chart of the total number of CYPS referred to the NYY Crisis team for NY CCG during the period April 2020 – December 2021

Metric Name	Performance	Assurance	Latest Value	Lower process limit	Upper Process limit	Mean
NHS North Yorkshire CCG - CYPS referred to the Crisis team			63.0	47.1	109.0	78.0

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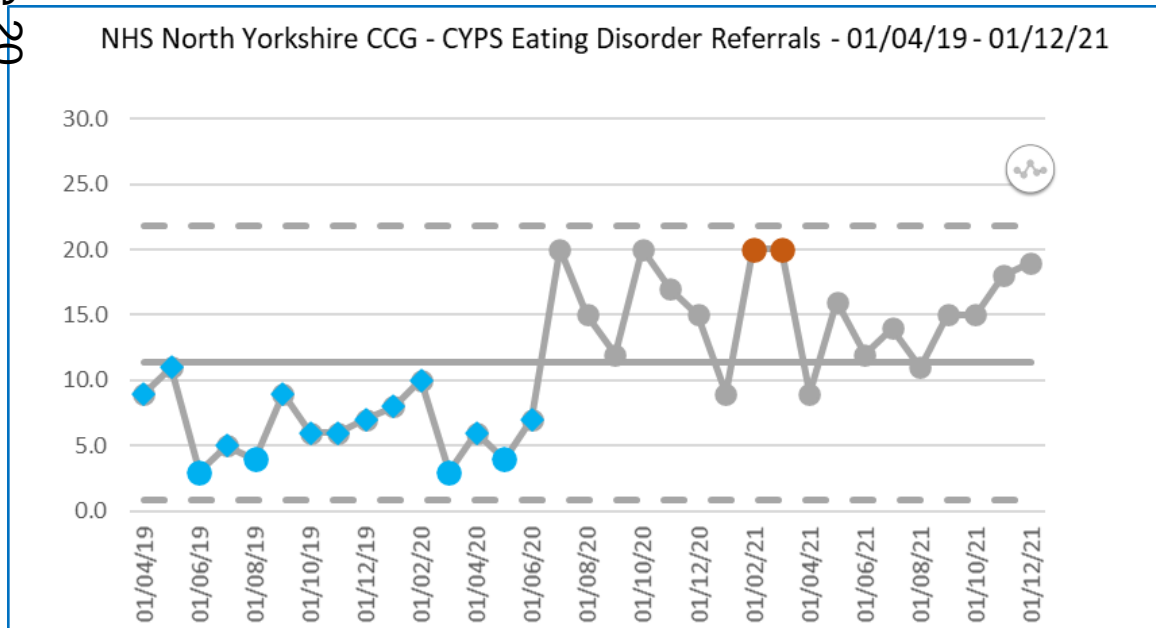


Demand for services – CAMHS

SPC chart of the number of CYPS referred to the NYY Child Eating Disorders service for NY CCG during the period April 2020 – December 2021

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Where children and young people are waiting to access a service, services have their own governance procedures in place. These include:

- RAG rating client's presenting risks at point of screening
- Conducting regular check-in calls and signposting to support and information.
- Compass send a self-help support pack to clients as part of the screening process : <https://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Compass-REACH-self-help-support-package.pdf>

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All young people and families have access to free digital support which includes [Kooth](#) online counselling, [The Go-To](#) signposting website and Compass [BUZZ Us](#) text messaging service

- Clients on the Compass waiting list receive a welfare call, the frequency of this is based on the RAG rating (Amber receive weekly welfare calls and Green monthly welfare calls). Any concerns are escalated to the clinical team leader / service manager.
- Caseload monitoring and management is being scrupulously and meticulously applied to ensure the most effective allocation of caseload.

Growing up in North Yorkshire Survey (GUNY) 2020

- The survey is carried out with pupils in Year 2, 6, 8, 10 and 12 and pupils in special schools.
- The County report and District reports can be accessed [here](#)
- **The data from 2020 shows a decline in children and young peoples positive responses to the emotional health and wellbeing questions**

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Emotional Wellbeing questions from GUNY	2016 survey	2018 survey	2020 survey
Year 6 High/max wellbeing score	47%	45%	35%
Year 8 High/max wellbeing score	26%	24%	21%
Year 10 High/max wellbeing score	24%	19%	17%
Year 6 Low wellbeing score	5%	5%	10%
Year 8 Low wellbeing score	4%	4%	7%
Year 10 Low wellbeing score	5%	8%	8%
Year 6 High resilience score	35%	37%	27%
Year 8 High resilience score	45%	44%	39%
Year 10 High resilience score	39%	33%	30%
Year 6 Low resilience score	17%	18%	19%
Year 8 Low resilience score	32%	33%	30%
Year 10 Low resilience score	38%	34%	36%

Growing Up in North Yorkshire Survey

In 2020 Year 8, 10 and 12 pupils were asked for the first time about self harm and suicide.

Self harm and suicide thoughts	Year 8 Yes in the last year	Year 10 Yes in the last year	Year 8 Yes this term	Year 10 Yes this term
Deliberately harmed yourself	13%	16%	8%	10%
Thought of taking your own life	16%	21%	10%	13%
Have you ever tried to take your own life	4%	6%	2%	3%

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Self harm and suicide thoughts	LGBT pupils	Children in care	Free School Meals (FSM)	Forces families	Young Carers
Deliberately harmed yourself in the last year (NY average Year 8 = 13%, Year 10=16%)	27%	31%	22%	24%	25%
Thought of taking your own life in the last year (NY average Year 8 = 16%, Year 10= 21%)	32%	29%	25%	25%	26%
Have you ever tried to take your own life in the last year (NY average Year 8 = 4%, Year 10 = 6%)	14%	15%	10%	7%	11%
I didn't tell anybody (NY average 49%)	50%	44%	48%	57%	39%

Body Image and Eating Disorders GUNY

Year 8 and 10 pupils (2018 data in brackets)

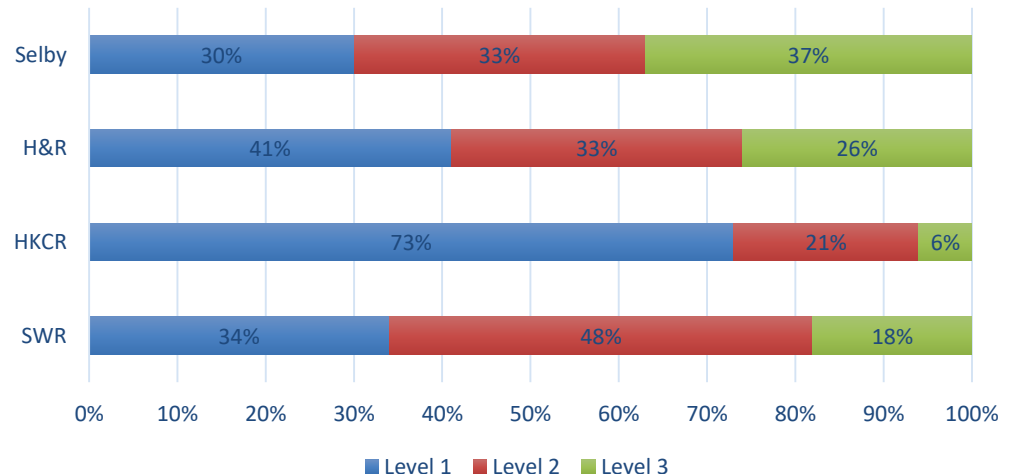
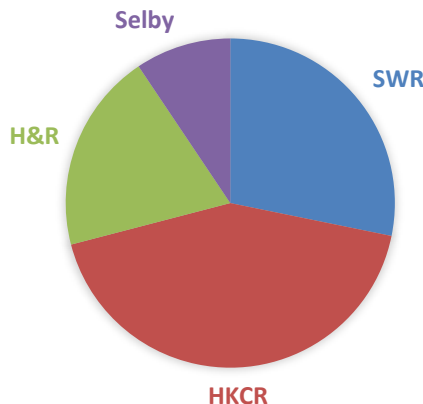
- 35% (32%) said they have regularly made themselves sick, dieted to an extreme degree or done an unusual amount of exercise to lose weight at some point;
10% (8%) said they have done so this term

SEND Hubs from September 2020

- The SEND hubs consist of a range of specialist support and provision delivered by highly qualified and experienced staff who support families, schools, Early Years settings and post 16 providers to effectively and holistically meet the needs of children and young people who have SEND.
- The SEMH network work across the four locality SEND hubs to support schools in meeting the needs of children and young people with social, emotional and mental health needs through offering advice and guidance, assessment and intervention for children referred to the service to improve outcomes for CYP with SEMH maintain their placement within a mainstream school wherever possible.

During the academic year 2020 – 2021 the SEND locality hubs supported a total of 351 children through the SEMH pathway. Below is an illustration of the % of casework by locality and level for 20 – 21.

OVERALL CASES BY LOCALITY



What have we done?

Suicide Prevention and Self-harm.

- Refreshed and relaunched the self-harm and suicide ideation pathway.
- A template self-harm and suicide prevention policy shared with all schools.
- Promotion of Headfirst public health website which provides available training for all multi agency staff.
- Task and Finish Group as part of the child death overview process.
- Ongoing Links into NYCC Suicide prevention task group.
- Increased awareness and communication of suicide prevention and self harm

What have we done?

Strategic Work

- Mental Health Summit - Senior Leaders from CCG, LA, TEWV and VCS committed to development of system wide service transformation in response to the identified increased demand and pressures.
- Commissioned Scoping Project – to review demand, capacity and pressures. (Report to be completed by end March 22)
- Joint Commissioning of Compass – Between CCG and LA using S75 arrangement
- Re-established strategic and operational partnerships across NY
- Establishment of the NYCC Section 75 partnership agreement with HDFT to deliver the 0-19 service, prioritising Emotional Health and Resilience Service for 6-19 yr olds

Operational work

- Communication plan – to support staff working with CYP to refer more easily
- Threshold work – to support staff working with CYP to refer more easily
- Anna Freud Project – Schools and Mental Health leaders working together to improve access to services.

What have we done?

Dfe Return to Schools Grant

- Funding has been provided to LAs to support schools with the wellbeing of the school community on their return to school after lock downs and covid.
- The funding has enabled:
 - **Wellbeing return training** for all schools to access. 55% of schools accessed this training and 99% of attendees found the training provided them with useful information on mental wellbeing in relation to covid-19
 - **Enhance the directory of local CYP wellbeing and mental health services** on the Go To website for Healthy Minds in North Yorkshire' <https://www.thegoto.org.uk/>
 - A range of support for **staff wellbeing** in schools
 - A **project officer** to support the implementation of the SEMH / EHWP delivery group managed across NYCC and CCG's
 - **ASK suicide training for professionals** who work with children and young people aged 5-15
 - Webinars to support schools **manage school refusal due to anxiety**
 - **Commissioned BEAT for a year to provide a range of support for schools to raise awareness about eating disorders** , due to start in March 2022
 - **Targeted support for pupils in PRUs**

Any questions ?

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NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

25 FEBRUARY 2022

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHAMPION ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Councillor Annabel Wilkinson. Swale division. North Yorkshire County Council.

1. I am privileged to be the Young People's Champion of North Yorkshire. I have raised awareness of all young people's views and concerns, making sure their voice is heard and they have the best opportunities in life, whilst protecting and safeguarding our most vulnerable children and young people.
2. As the Young People's Champion, I have strengthened the relationship between members and the representatives of young people, such as the Youth Councils and the Youth Voice team. I am trusted to be involved in their meetings.
3. I have established strong partnerships with North Yorkshire Police and the National Health Service, and liaised with Councillor Janet Sanderson, the Executive Member for Children's Services. We have all worked together with a shared understanding of localised issues to protect our most vulnerable children.
4. This has been a challenging time for all young people, with lockdowns, home education and separation from family and friends. As life continues to return to some degree of normality, there are still challenges and pressures facing our young people, such as the long term affect upon their education, jobs, and personal health, some young people will need support to re-engage with life.
5. It has never been more important to listen, engage, strengthen and empower our young people.

Corporate Parenting Group (Previously Looked After Children Members Group)

6. As their corporate parents we wanted to show our care leavers we were thinking about them as we would our own children if they were living away from home. Therefore, at the beginning of lockdown North Yorkshire County Councillors kindly supported a scheme, led by the care leavers' team, to deliver goodie bags to all our care leavers.
7. The bags included a voucher to spend at a local supermarket, sweet treats, information and activities to help our young people keep well. (Including hand sanitizer and gloves.)
8. The goodie bags were very popular and much appreciated. Thank you to all those who contributed.
9. The Corporate Parenting Group has continued to meet throughout the pandemic, and the Executive Member, Councillor Janet Sanderson, has been included in these meetings. Looked After Children are now known as 'Children in Care'.
10. Members of the Corporate Parenting Group have maintained their interest and connection with the inspection, both virtual and in person, of children's establishments

(known as “Regulation 44 visits”). Where it was not possible to attend, due to Covid restrictions, Members received a copy of the Regulation 44 visit.

11. Members expressed concern that children’s respite care is being used by high needs children awaiting a permanent home after an out of area home had to close. This issue is being addressed. The group discussed how the service is helping those families who cannot access respite care through the Children Resource Centres (CRCs).
12. The group added their thoughts and views as part of the refreshed Looked After Children Strategy.
13. One element of that strategy – ensuring access to leisure services for Children in Care and Care Leavers - has been significantly disrupted by the pandemic. There needs to be a consistent approach to the use of leisure passes for all. Local Government Reorganisation should positively help with this process.
14. The Yorkshire Regiment at Catterick collected over 300+ Easter Eggs and 100+ Easter treats for children most in need who are receiving local authority support.
15. Thank you to those Members who used their Locality Budgets to kindly support with the funding for Christmas Lunches/party for Care Leavers.

Virtual School Heads Management Board.

16. I am a member of the Virtual School Head Teachers’ Board. The Virtual School helps every child in care to achieve; Often thinking differently, and wrapping care around the child to ensure this.
17. Work/training with schools to make them more aware of the impact of childhood trauma. All schools to be attachment and trauma aware by 2025.
18. An exciting development has been the 'Mind of My Own' app, enabling children and young people in care, aged 10-17, to express their views.
19. All our children in care had a laptop or chrome book to continue their education during lockdown, both in county and out of county. Services went above and beyond to support our young people.

Virtual Schools Graduation (Virtual and Live)

20. Celebrating the achievements of many of our looked after young people, (now called children in care) across North Yorkshire. This could be passing their GCSE’s with flying colours, or engaging in education through adverse and challenging circumstances. Inspiring speeches. The University of York are supportive of our young people.

The Youth Justice Board

21. The Youth Justice Board is the only statutory body to have oversight of the entire youth justice system. Despite working under the challenging pandemic constraints, it has maintained the full service for young people, families and victims.

22. There was a backlog of court cases, which may have caused unnecessary stress and uncertainty for someone due to attend Court.
23. The backlog in Youth Court hearings has now been significantly reduced.
24. There has been an overall reduction in offending by children and young people.
25. The age of criminal responsibility in England is 10 years of age. This is one of the lowest in Europe. This contradicts what we know and understand re maturation and brain development.
26. There is a national need for more secure accommodation for young offenders.
27. Speech and language therapy is very important as part of the rehabilitation of young offenders, as many young people in custody have communication difficulties which are only discovered later in life.
28. There is excellent partnership work undertaken under the local protocol, working together to divert any children in care away from the criminal justice system.

The new Youth Voice Engagement team

29. The County Council shows a real commitment to finding innovative ways of engaging with young people. I have been impressed by the new teams for East, West and Central. The Youth Voice and Creative engagement officers work with young people in a creative capacity, also offering advocacy and support.
30. I saw how well young people engaged in a range of remote access meetings during the first part of the pandemic, but engagement has, perhaps understandably, slowly dropped off over time, whilst continuing working and creating projects.
31. We are fortunate to have such a strong Youth Council. I was pleased to have the opportunity to discuss how they can meaningfully engage with the Area Constituency Committees. A lead member from each Area Constituency Committee has been selected as a link for young people – Skipton only at the moment. The Youth Council have begun a pilot with the Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee about how to raise the profile of the needs of children and young people in the area.
32. There is a drive to target participation from younger children - An Art Academy for Children in Care and Young People has been established for ages between 8 and 15.
33. Celebration Days - Children, young people and adults get together to have fun and share their experiences. These were successfully held for the Selby Area, in Harrogate and at Carlton Lodge.
34. Looking positively to the future, it is important to restart live meetings to include the wide diversity of groups within North Yorkshire, ensuring all children and young people have a voice, and they are able to shape their plans and, where appropriate, get support.

Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

35. During the pandemic North Yorkshire has seen an increase in the number of parents opting for elective home education. Councillor Janet Jefferson, as Chair of Scrutiny, raised this on many occasions.
36. In order to reflect the new pathway and statutory requirements, the Elective Home Education Policy and Procedures was revised in 2021.

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

37. I was pleased that work has been done to raise awareness of SACRE within NYCC, particularly through the Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Discussing the SACRE Annual Report with SACRE Members promoted a deeper understanding of the subject.

Sharing North Yorkshire County Council's good practice

38. Correspondence was received from the Chair of Middlesbrough Council's Corporate Parenting Board, requesting a meeting to discuss how we as a Council could 'help their learning and development'. A virtual meeting was held with Councillor Sanderson as Executive Member and myself, as Corporate Parenting Group Chair, to share North Yorkshire County Council's good practice through Partners in Practice.

Safeguarding Children Health Professionals Network

39. Being involved with both the LACHPN and the Designated Professionals for Safeguarding Children and Children in Care for North Yorkshire and City of York has greatly helped my understanding of the health of our children in care.
40. Some concerns have arisen regarding access both locally and nationally to NHS dentistry during the pandemic. I was invited to attend the Scrutiny of Health Committee update on dental provision in the county by NHS England and Public Health England.
41. This was an opportunity to highlight that access to NHS dental services, because of the Covid 19 pandemic, has adversely affected children in care (especially care leavers) maintaining up to date dental checks.
42. I am pleased that there have been some positive developments in improving access. This is due to the support of colleagues from LACHPN and the persistence of our Children's Services, Mel Hutchinson. Head of Children in Care & Care Leaving Services, Children and Families Service. A flexible commissioning arrangement is now in place, ensuring that access to NHS dental care for children in care and care leavers is improving.

Children and Young People's Service. Executive. Mental Health

43. I expressed concern about the rising levels of demand for children and young people's mental health support, and the impact that this is having upon waiting times for services.
44. I received a response from both the NHS North Yorkshire CCG and NYCC.

45. There is an increased demand, with system wide pressures, requiring an increased offer. There is a wide variety of services and interventions commissioned by NHS North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group and North Yorkshire County Council available for children and young people's social and emotional health, they include.
- The Go-To website.
 - Kooth online support (contract extended to March 2022)
 - Compass Phoenix (previously Compass BUZZ and Compass REACH)
 - BUZZ US messaging service
 - Mental Health Support Teams (renamed Wellbeing in Mind, teams across North Yorkshire)
 - Early Help
 - SEND Hubs
 - Specialist CAMHS (includes specialist CAMHS, Crisis Service and Eating Disorders service)
 - Healthy Child Team
46. In addition, the Voluntary and Community Sector also provide support for children and young people's social and emotional health in North Yorkshire. Such as, but not limited to:
- Wellspring Therapy
 - North Yorkshire Sport
 - Just B
 - SELFA Children's Charity.
 - Communications Plan – Social and Emotional Mental Health.
47. The SEMH Strategic Group are working to develop a communication plan to improve communication for SEMH. This will help to improve sharing of information about what services/support is available and how to access that support.
48. Mental Health is an agenda item at the next Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
49. There are a number of questions that could be addressed at the meeting - funding, recruitment - how is this being dealt with? Actions? What could the future model look like working together?

NYSCP North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Group

50. Maggie Atkinson. Chair of the NYSCP Executive and Independent Scrutineer, highlighted a number of significant matters.
51. As we move towards a new unitary authority and all of the work that involves, we must not be distracted. Minimal disruption is essential to protect those young people whose life events have created instability and danger enough.

Teenage Cancer Provision. The Friarage

52. I met with specialist nurses at the Friarage to discuss teenage cancer provision/care in North Yorkshire. Young people with cancer have very specific challenges to overcome.

53. Numbers are thankfully very low. There is a holistic centre at St. James Hospital in Leeds, and the Friarage Hospital can accommodate specialist care. The team reflected upon their own practice to make sure there was the correct support in place.

54. The Teenage Cancer Trust's ethos is "Teenagers need to be teenagers even when they are diagnosed with cancer."

Great Get Together. The Millings, Bedale

55. Conversations between younger and older people can produce mutual benefit and meaningful change. The Great Get Together, with music tea and cake, brought together both the young and old. School choirs, young people and the elderly residents of the Millings shared an afternoon of song together in the garden.

Foster Carers

56. The Mockingbird Programme is an innovative method of delivering foster care. Implemented by Fostering North Yorkshire, it uses support from other carers and creates extended families to provide strong support networks to foster carers.

57. There is a valuable campaign to recruit foster carers.

Digital Bus Service – YorBus

58. The pilot of the dial-a-bus service in and around Ripon, Masham and Bedale is going very well; anecdotal evidence suggest that the service has been well used by young people travelling to work and socially, especially during the school holidays. Myself and many people are keen to see the model rolled out further.

Open day. North Moor House, Northallerton.

59. I visited North Moor House community mental health hub in Northallerton, arranged through the Scrutiny of Health Committee.

60. A new mental health in-patient unit for young people between 13 and 18 years of age has opened in Leeds.

61. The Council is recruiting more staff to work with children and young people who have autism and their families.

Final Thoughts

62. In North Yorkshire we are blessed to have members and officers who are genuinely interested and passionate about our children and young people's future.

63. Thank you to all those members and officers who have supported and continue to support our children and young people, for their unflagging enthusiasm, dedication and commitment to go above and beyond, never more so than during these unprecedented times.

64. North Yorkshire is where young people have the skills and aspirations to reach their full potential, and live happy, healthy lives in thriving communities.

65. Thank you for allowing me to be the Young People's Champion; it has been a privilege and an honour. Our children and young people are our future.

Appendix

As the Young People's Champion, I have attended the following meetings, activities, events and training. (Throughout the pandemic I have continued to involve myself with a wide variety of virtual meetings concerning the young people of North Yorkshire.)

- Scrutiny Board
- Performance Monitoring Executive
- MALAP. Multi Agency Looked After Partnership
- MACE. Multi Agency Child Exploitation
- Youth Justice Board (Reducing Criminalisation for LAC National Protocol)
- Virtual School Heads Management Board
- Virtual Schools Graduation
- LAC PN. Looked After Children Health Professionals Network
- SCH PN. Safeguarding Children Health Professionals Network
- Scrutiny of Health
- Yorkshire and Humber Children's Lead Members Network – Leeds, represented Lead Member Councillor Sanderson
- Children and Young People's Service. Executive. Mental Health
- Scrutiny of Health - Healthy Child. Dentistry. Mental Health
- Care and Independence - Review Strategy
- NYSCP North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Group
- Maggie Atkinson. Chair of the NYSCP Executive and Independent Scrutineer. Safeguarding
- Middlesbrough Council. Corporate Parenting Board. Sharing good practice
- Youth Voice. North Yorkshire Voice (Youth Voice & Creative Engagement)
- Youth Councils. Matthew Edwards. Strategic Manager. North Yorkshire Voice
- Children in Care Council. CiCC
- Celebration Days Selby. Harrogate. Charlton Lodge
- Charlton Lodge - Flying High. Youth/Executive
- The Priory Centre York – Young People's Council
- Culture Shack. Bedale. Youth Voice (New team)
- Rural Arts. Celebration Day Planning (Activities. New name. Logo)
- Central Area Youth Group
- Harrogate Youth Council.
- SELFA Skipton. Smile project. Inspired by Channel 4 Old people's homes for four year olds.
- Attended an Old People's Home in Skipton with a group of young children, Councillor Dickinson and Councillor Quinn.
- Great Get Together. The Millings. Bedale
- School Debating Competition. Heats and Finals
- Easter Eggs. Care Leavers
- Christmas Lunches/Party Care Leavers
- Care Leavers Christmas Quiz
- Care Goodie Bags. First Lockdown Knaresborough.
- Poetry Competition. (Judged with Councillor Sanderson)
- Teenage Cancer Trust. Friarage. Lucy Tulloch.
- Demand Responsive Travel Pilot. Young people.
- Stan with Stan. The Millings.
- Open day. North Moor House. Northallerton.

- Cowtonbury. Palliative secret garden at the Friarage, Northallerton.
- Meet and liaise with Children and Young People's Services.
- Careers advice. Ensure all young people have access to impartial careers advice
- Training and Conferences.
- Care Leavers Conferences York University (Live & virtual).
- Youth Voice Conference Summit Harrogate. Part of a Q&A session with young people.
- Prevention - Mental Health. Public Health. Harrogate CALM. Time to Change. Early Help.
- Wider Partnership Harrogate 'Military' - Helping service leavers and their families' transition from service to civilian life. Army Engagement
- Yorkshire Regional Seminar. Barriers to access, connectivity, and rural transport.
- CONNECT Harrogate Cedar Court. Developing relationships though trauma informed practice. Dr. Karen Treisman. The power and influence of language, the way we talk to our children becomes their inner voice.
- Mental Health Harrogate. Keeping your mates safe. Youth Commission North Yorkshire.
- Young Minds Combined.
- Fostering Conference York
- Reducing Parental Conflict Conference. Impact of conflict and trauma from pre-birth to adulthood.
- LEP Local Enterprise Partnership Conference
- LEP James Farrar. Careers advice moved online. Farm to Fork. Kickstart. Learn Live.
- NYSCP Strategic Partnership Group. Allerton Court.
- Early Help Conference. Ladder of Intervention. Supporting children and young people with social, emotional and mental health difficulties in school. ACE's Adverse childhood experiences.
- National Children and Adult Services Conference.

Visited Schools/Children's Respite Centre.

- Aiskew and Leeming Bar Primary School – Wellbeing Garden
- RAF Leeming School – Service children
- The Dales School.
- CRC - Children's Respite Centre/Unit. Morton on Swale

I am also a member of the following committees:

- Corporate Parenting Group (Chair)
- Young People Overview and Scrutiny
- Corporate Overview and Scrutiny
- SACRE. Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education.

YPOSC Update

Schools

25 February 2022

Stuart Carlton, Corporate Director CYPS

North Yorkshire context Jan 2022

364 schools

- 3 Nursery schools
- 302 Primary schools (99 academies, 203 LA)
- 43 Secondary schools (27 academies, 15 LA, 1 UTC)
- 1 Special schools (4 academy/non maintained, 7 LA)
- PRUs (1 academy, 4 LA)
- *40 schools and colleges offering Post 16 provision*

233 LA schools and 131 academies

- The academies in NY are under the control of **28 different multi-academy trusts, four single academies, one UTC** and one non-maintained special school

Covid and schools attendance

Current position (Autumn 2021 and Jan 2022)

Letter and NYSCP's response to Indra Morris Director
General, Children's Services

PA and school attendance monitoring

- Vulnerable children
- EHE, CME, attendance and enforcement

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Strategic Planning

- Good Estate Management for Schools (GEMS)
 - Weaverthorpe CE VC Primary School
 - Woodfield Community Primary School, Harrogate
- School admissions 2022/23
- Schools' monitoring and intervention

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2022/2023 School Funding

Key Updates:

3.2% overall increase compared to 2021/22

Key formal factors in National Funding Formula will increase by 3.0%

Mandatory Minimum Per Pupil Level (MPPL) funding levels:

- Primary Schools: £4,265 per pupil

- Secondary Schools: £5,525 per pupil

Pupil-led funding will increase by 2% per pupil compared to 2021/22

NYCC Minimum Funding Guarantee +2.0% for 2022-23 for mainstream schools

Sparsity Funding Developments

- Maximum sparsity for small, remote schools will increase by £10k in 2022-23
- Distance measure changed from straight line (“crow flies”) to road distance
- Sparsity distance taper introduced, in addition to the existing year group size taper

Primary Schools – 2 miles (taper 1.6 miles)

Secondary Schools – 3 miles (taper 2.4 miles)

- Additional £3.5m / 78 schools newly eligible for sparsity funding



2022/2023 School Funding

Supplementary funding grant to cover 1.25% National Insurance (Health & Social Care Levy) increase **Early Years:**

The base per-pupil funding rate for early years provision in schools, and for maintained nursery schools

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Early Years: The base per-pupil funding rate for early years provision in schools, and for maintained nursery schools	£24 / pupil
5 – 16 Schools: Basic per-pupil rate of for primary pupils Basic per-pupil rate of for key stage 3 pupils Basic per-pupil rate of for key stage 4 pupils Lump Sum FSM6 per-pupil rate for eligible primary pupils FSM6 per-pupil rate for eligible secondary pupils	£97 / pupil £137 / pupil £155 / pupil £3,680 per school £85 / pupil £124 / pupil
Post 16 Provision in Schools: base per-student funding rate	£35 / student

Cost pressures – Energy, Pay Awards, General Inflation, Covid Response

Changes to Rates – to be paid directly by DfE / ESFA

2022/23 school budgets issued mid February 2022

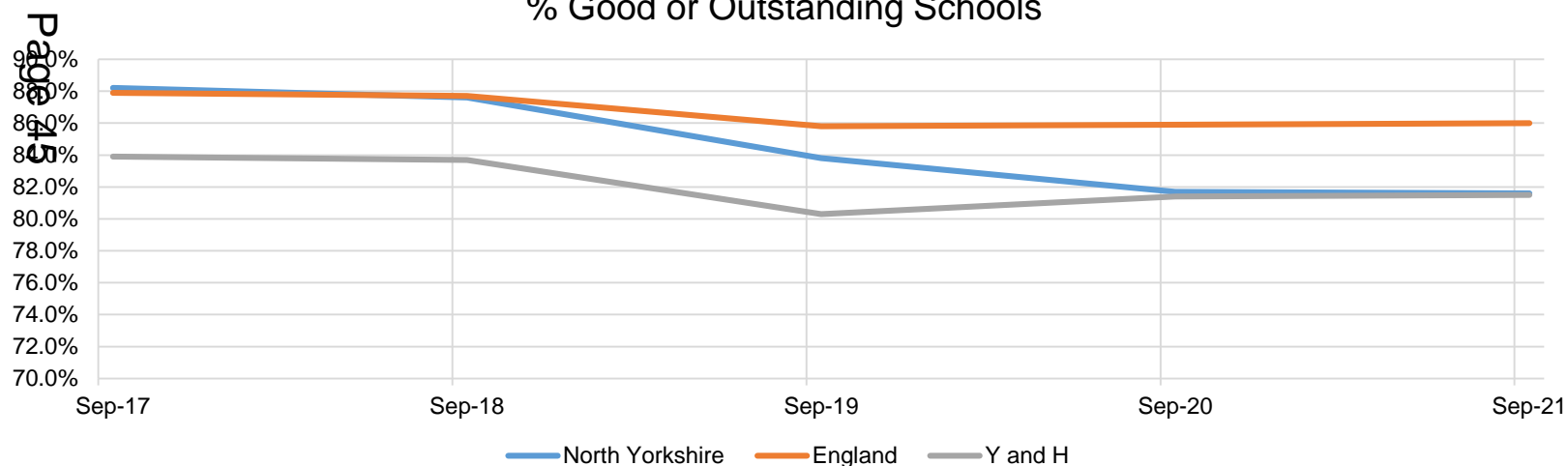
Early Years Funding consultation 24th January – 18th February 2022

School performance

Ofsted performance of schools over time

	01/09/2016	01/09/2017	01/09/2018	01/09/2019	01/09/2020	01/09/2021	31/01/22	NYCC Trend over time
Good or Outstanding	90% (Eng 86%)	87% (Eng 87%)	87% (Eng 86%)	85% (Eng 86%)	82% (Eng 86%)	82% (gap widened from +4 to -5pp)	81%	- 9pp

% Good or Outstanding Schools



Strategic Priorities: School Improvement

Year 1 Specific (P1-4)

Know our Schools:

Through an increased core offer, ensure that service has a clear and accurate understanding of the school improvement priorities in LA schools.

P1. To prioritise the development of the service so that the School Improvement team members are knowledgeable and add value in each interaction with schools.

P2. To create and embed a school improvement strategy and structure that is clearly understood by all.

P3. To ensure that all maintained schools have a strong culture of safeguarding.

P4. To develop and embed effective collaboration around the educational sector that enhances the pupil experience from 3 – 19.

P5. To integrate governance into School Improvement core work

P6. To enhance the provision for small schools within North Yorkshire to enable these schools to be successful for their children.

P7. To target support and challenge of areas of underperformance (reading, curriculum, dis. pupils, SEND) including through collaboration with partners

P8. Undertake a quality and access review of Early Years and Post 16 provision in the county.

Core allocation

LA Adviser time allocations

Priority 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 core visit a year, usually in the Autumn term with a report (1 day per year inclusive of preparation and written report) Brokered support as appropriate
Priority 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 core visit a year usually in the Autumn term with a written report (1 day inclusive of preparation and written report) 1 contact usually in spring/summer terms by Skype / email (up to 1 day per year inclusive of preparation and written report according to priority)
Priority 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 visits a term (4 days per year inclusive of preparation and written report)
Priority 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 4 visits a term (8 days per year inclusive of preparation and written report) or additional time to be negotiated with the Assistant Director Education and Skills and the Principal Advisers

Universal Offer	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to workshops and termly leadership briefings Support for Headteacher recruitment (shortlisting and interviews). Access to governor school improvement networks LA performance information Access to LA professional development and consultancy via NYES 	1 virtual autumn planning meeting	1 virtual autumn planning meeting	1 virtual autumn planning meeting	1 virtual autumn planning meeting
	1 full day face to face monitoring / support visit (safeguarding focus)	1 full day face to face monitoring / support visit (safeguarding focus)	2 full days face to face monitoring / support visit (safeguarding focus)	3 or more full days face to face monitoring / support visit (safeguarding focus)
	1 full day face to face monitoring / support visit (SDP focus)	2 full days face to face monitoring / support visit (SDP focus)	3 full days face to face monitoring / support visit (SDP focus)	5 full days face to face monitoring / support visit (SDP focus)
	1 half day face to face or remote monitoring / support visit (SDP focus)	1 half day face to face or remote monitoring / support visit (SDP focus)	2 half days face to face or remote monitoring / support visit (SDP focus)	3 half days face to face or remote monitoring / support visit (SDP focus)
0.5 report writing time	1 day report writing time	1.5 report writing time	2.5 report writing time	
4 days	5.5 days	8.5 days	13+ days	

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Greater emphasis on monitoring

Visits to schools

Number of visits to Schools	Number of specific Safeguarding focus visit	Number of visits including a focus on Governance	Number of postponed visits due to <u>Covid</u> pressures
643	96	100	41

Safeguarding within recent inspections

Of the inspections that have taken place and been published since September, 92% have been judged to have effective safeguarding, this a positive start to the year and is evidence of the schools' and the LA's heightened focus on safeguarding.

Number of inspections published Autumn Term 2021	% judged to be effective for safeguarding	% judged to be ineffective for safeguarding
48		
Figures based on 26 published reports	92% (24)	8% (2)

The HR team have undertaken 119 safeguarding single central record checks in LA schools since summer 2021. This has been funded by School Improvement. A joint training day for school leaders, held by Ofsted and CYPS teams, took place in September; this was attended by over 300 delegates.

Published inspection overview Sept 2021 to date

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	Now Outstanding	Now Good	Now RI	Now Inadequate
Previously Outstanding	Dishforth Airfield *	Marwood CE Infant		St Aidan's CE
Previously Good		Chapel Haddlesley CE Cliffe VC Coppice Valley The Boyle and Petyt Nun Monkton Long Preston End'd Luttons CP* Bradley's Both CP* Sharow CE* Boroughbridge High*	Scarb. Northstead Breckenborough Long Marston CE	Barlby High
Previously RI		Gargrave CE Thirsk CP Danby CE Kirby Hill CE	Wavell Comm Jnr (2) East Ayton CP (2) Gladstone Road (3)	Ripley Endowed
Previously Inadequate		Northallerton High		

Key

Academy

**Section 8 – reports state: Evidence gathered suggests that the inspection grade may not be as high if a full inspection was carried out now.*



Monitoring inspections

Type	School	Outcome
No Formal Designation inspection	Rossett School (Sept 2021)	Leaders and those responsible for governance have taken effective action to improve behaviour and secure consistently positive attitudes to learning
Monitoring visits	Woodfield (Nov 21)	Leaders and those responsible for governance are taking effective action towards the removal of special measures.

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Autumn Term Planning Meetings

During last term, the School Improvement team completed 233 Autumn Term Planning Meetings. Feedback from these meetings has been overwhelmingly positive and schools have expressed how they appreciated the opportunity to discuss their key priorities, alongside their SEF and the contextual knowledge held by NYCC and then plan the approach to school improvement for the year ahead.

Feedback from the survey completed by School Leaders and Governors:

Strongly agree or agree	Key Question
87%	The communication around the purpose and format of the Autumn Term Planning Meeting, and the allocation of adviser days was clear and helpful.
78%	The opportunity to receive external feedback on the school(s) SEF and SDP was helpful.
93%	The opportunity to discuss and agree a focus for Senior Education Adviser allocated days was helpful.
84%	Overall, I found the autumn term planning meeting process beneficial for my school(s).

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North Yorkshire County Council

Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 25th February 2022

Reflections and the future

Report by the Chair

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report outlines the work carried out by the Committee during the life of the current County Council.
- 1.2 It also suggests a “long list” of Items that those Members who form the Committee, following the County Council Elections in May 2022, may wish to consider for inclusion in its Work Programme.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 As Chair of the Committee, I felt it would be helpful to reflect on the work of the Committee during this Council administration - 2017 to 2022. Elections to the County Council would normally have been held in 2021, but they were put back one year due to Local Government Reorganisation.
- 2.2 A number of current Members may well continue to serve on this Committee following the County Council Elections, but it will be in a new administration. Therefore, I consider it appropriate for the current Committee to suggest areas that the “new” Committee may wish to consider as part of its Work Programme.

3.0 Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee - background

- 3.1 The main role of the Committee is to scrutinise the planning, commissioning and delivery of services for children, young people and their families, including education, care and protection and family support.
- 3.2 The Committee comprises thirteen elected Members and nine Co-opted Members, who represent a range of Sectors. The Committee greatly benefits from the expertise of its Co-opted Members.
- 3.3 The Committee has met four times each year.

4.0 Areas covered/topics considered

- 4.1 These can be grouped into Items that have been considered as one-off, discrete Items – periodically revisited because of their significance and importance – and matters considered on more of a recurring basis.
- 4.2 One-off/discrete Items have included:-
- Exclusion of Pupils from Schools (This included group sessions with young people excluded from School and the Pupil Referral Unit staff)
 - Alcohol Strategy
 - School Admissions
 - Pupil Premium
 - Careers Guidance update
 - North Yorkshire Coast Opportunity Area – Update

- Growing up as a Lesbian Gay, Bisexual or Trans Young Person in North Yorkshire
- North Yorkshire's Strategic Plan for Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Provision: 0-25 year olds
- Looked After Children Strategy 2018-2021: Core Offer to Care Leavers
- Statutory Relationships, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education for all Schools
- Teacher Recruitment – the Rural Challenge
- Children and Families Covid Briefing/Update
- Covid Winter Grant Scheme - funding allocation for the County Council
- Outdoor Learning Service – Review of Provision
- Review of Traded Services in Education and Skills, due to Covid-19
- SEND Strategy: Update
- Medical Education Service – Update/Review of Implementation
- Annual Report of One Adoption Agency - North and Humber, 2020/2021

4.3 Matters that have been more recurring in nature have included:-

- School Place Planning – Shaping Future Education Provision
- Safeguarding – How do we keep children and young people safe? (This has included consideration of the Annual Report of the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership)
- School Attainment
- Early Years Provision
- Pressure on School Budgets
- Ofsted Inspection Reports
- Annual Update from the Young People's Champion
- The Impact of Covid-19 (on Early Years; Youth Organisations; etc)

4.4 In addition, the Committee has received updates from Portfolio Holders. County Councillor Janet Sanderson (Executive Member for Children's Services) and County Councillor Patrick Mulligan (Executive Member for Education and Skills) have appraised the Committee periodically of the main areas of their work.

5.0 Examples of the Committee's Scrutiny Role

5.1 Set out below are examples, from some of the matters considered, of how the Committee has exercised its Scrutiny role and a summary of the views of the Committee. NOTE: Agenda and Minutes from all of the Committee's deliberations over the last five years are available on the County Council's website, via the link below:-

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Exclusion of Pupils from Schools

- Concluded that the Directorate had demonstrated that the issues raised were recognised and were being used effectively to improve pupils lives and direct service change and improvement.
- Felt it was appropriate, and reassuring for Members, that the reasons for exclusions, and their rise in number, was being properly unpicked and analysed.

NOTE: The Children and Young People's Service Directorate has developed *The Ladder of Intervention*, to support schools and settings in adopting early intervention for children with Social Emotional Mental Health and/or at risk of exclusion.

School Place Planning – Shaping Future Education Provision

- Felt assured that there are clear, well thought through, proposed solutions for meeting demand.
- Considered systems for forecasting pupil numbers to be robust and effective.

Pupil Premium

- Concluded that the grant is being made best use of.
- Considered that the Directorate has a clear vision for improving outcomes for disadvantaged learners in North Yorkshire.

North Yorkshire's Strategic Plan for SEND Provision: 0-25 year olds

- Considered that feedback from informal consultation has wisely informed the shape and detail of the proposals.
- Felt that the timescales and process for the consultation appear to be right.

Covid Winter Grant Scheme - funding allocation for North Yorkshire County Council

- Satisfied that the eligibility framework presented would ensure North Yorkshire County Council's allocation was deployed wisely and effectively.

Medical Education Service – Review/Update on implementation

- Sought reasons for the relatively high number of referrals for Scarborough, Ryedale and Whitby, together with a breakdown for each area.
- Clarification sought as to the position where a child is being seen by the Service, who also has an Education Health Care Plan and how that is delivered to them.

Early Years Briefing

- Enquired how the work undertaken by the Rt Hon. Andrea Leadsom, MP, around family hubs - *The best start for life: a vision for the 1001 critical days* - fits in with the Early Years Programme.
- Asked the Directorate how we access people who may not be in Early Years provision and ensure that they receive the support that they may require.

Elective Home Education (This was the subject of a specific briefing for Members)

- Sought to understand the underlying reasons for the growth in the number of children being home educated.
- Sought reassurance that the Authority is meeting all of its obligations.

NOTE: The Elective Home Education Policy and Procedures were revised in 2021, replacing those previously approved in 2016, in order to reflect the new pathway and statutory requirements.

6.0 Areas that the Committee may wish to consider from June 2022

6.1 The Committee that is constituted following the County Council's Annual General meeting in May 2022 will, naturally, have its own thoughts as to areas to be considered and it would not be appropriate to make recommendations to it. However, based on the work of the current Committee, the long list (set out alphabetically, for ease of reference) in the Appendices to this report, is suggested as one that the Committee may find helpful in developing its Work Programme for 2022/2023.

6.2 There are two Appendices:-

Appendix A:

Potential areas that the Committee may wish to consider on a one-off or periodic basis.

Appendix B:

Potential areas that the Committee may want to consider, which occur annually, or lend themselves to annual reporting.

6.3 The first meeting of the Committee in 2022/2023 is scheduled for Friday 24th June 2022.

7.0 A matter that needs to be addressed – Co-opted Member Vacancies

7.1 The Committee has operated below its full complement of Co-opted Members for some time. Given the important role played by Co-opted Members and the experience that they bring to the work of the Committee, this is something that should be addressed. I know that officers in Democratic Services are working to fill the vacancies.

8.0 Engagement

8.1 All of our meetings are open to the public. Every Agenda contains an Item on Public Questions or Statements. During the last five years only two public questions have been raised. I do not have the answer to how this might be achieved, but it could enhance the deliberations of the Committee still further if there was greater engagement from the public.

8.2. Having said the above, the Children and Young People's Service Directorate, as a public-facing Department, is in regular contact with the people who use its services, regularly seeking their feedback and using this to inform service provision.

9.0. Closing Comments

9.1 It has been a privilege to have chaired this Committee since 2015, as ensuring that we are providing the best possible services to children, young people and their families is something that I am passionate about.

9.2 This report is not intended to be congratulatory in any way; the Committee's job is to scrutinise areas of work and that is what it has done.

9.3 It is clear, however, from Section 4, above, that a wide range of areas have been considered.

9.4 Uppermost in the thoughts of Members has been the interests of children, young people and their families. The Committee has not operated on a party political basis.

- 9.5 I am grateful to all Members and Officers of the Council and its Partners, past and present, for their support and contribution to the work of the Committee. Particular thanks to my Vice-Chair, County Councillor Gillian Quinn; the Political Group Spokespersons – County Councillors Stephanie Duckett and Annabel Wilkinson – and the Portfolio Holders, County Councillors Janet Sanderson and Patrick Mulligan, for having given their time to update the Committee on key developments in their respective areas.

10.0 Recommendation

10.1 The Committee is asked to:-

- a) note the work carried out over the last five years: and
- b) provide its views on the suggested “long list” of potential areas in the Appendices, upon which a Work Programme from June 2022 could be developed.

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Background papers relied upon in the preparation of this report – None

POTENTIAL AREAS THAT THE COMMITTEE MAY WANT TO CONSIDER ON A ONE-OFF OR PERIODIC BASIS	
AREA	OUTLINE OF WHAT COULD BE CONSIDERED
Alcohol Strategy	Are the targets being achieved?
Being Young in North Yorkshire Strategy	Examination of progress against the outcomes and priorities in the Strategy.
Children's Mental Health	Arising from the presentation to be made to today's meeting (25 th February), there may be a wish to look at some aspects in further detail.
Early Years Sector	Update on the number and range of providers; identification of any issues/challenges.
Education Health Care Plans	Numbers and trends
Financial Pressures	To be appraised of any significant pressures and the Directorate's approach to managing these.
Glasses for classes	Progress on this recently introduced initiative – take up; any impediments?
Growing up in North Yorkshire Survey	Examination of the key issues and trends; how does the Directorate and its partners intend to deal with the findings?
Healthy Child Programme	Are the desired outcomes being achieved?
Locality Boards	How well are they functioning?
Over 16's Transport	A recommendation from the Rural Commission. Could, potentially, consider how things might be done differently after two years of Covid-19. There may be new possibilities and opportunities.
Referrals to Children's Social Care	Numbers/trends/reasons.
School Admissions	Are the processes still working well?
SEND Strategy	The Committee would look to play a supportive role in a Key Strategy.
Strengthening the Offer for Post-16 Education	The current offer and proposals for building on this. NOTE: This is one of the Rural Commission's recommendations. As part of this, it will be possible to build in another of its recommendations – Pioneering a two-stream education system post-GCSE in rural and remote areas – vocational and academic.
Transitions	How well is the interface working between the Directorate and Health and Adult Services?
Young Carers	Young carers who support adults with mental health issues; the practical and emotional support made available to them to ensure they enjoy and achieve; how the Council commissions and works in partnership with specialist Young Carers Services, Schools and GPs to identify young carers, raise awareness and offer the support they need, when they need it.

POTENTIAL AREAS THAT THE COMMITTEE MAY WANT TO CONSIDER, WHICH OCCUR ANNUALLY, OR LEND THEMSELVES TO ANNUAL REPORTING	
AREA	OUTLINE OF WHAT COULD BE CONSIDERED
Attainment Results	Comparison with previous years.
Child Death Overview Panel Annual Report	Has the significant rise in complex cases (identified in the current Annual Report, considered on 10 th December), such as Drug Related Deaths and Sudden and Unexpected Deaths in Infancy, continued? Are we any closer to understanding why the mortality rate is higher for males?
Medical Education Service	General update.
North Yorkshire Coast Opportunity Area	How well are the desired outcomes on social mobility across Scarborough, Whitby and Filey being met?
North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report	Assurance. How the Board intends to deal with the challenges identified. Plans for development.
North Yorkshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education Annual Report	Examination results in Religious Education. How has SACRE engaged with Schools? Progress against its Development Plan.
One Adoption Agency - Yorkshire and Humber - Annual Report	Have the positive trends identified in the current Annual Report in terms of, for example, the number of siblings placed together and the number of children placed under early permanence arrangements, continued?
School Attendance	Separately, or as part of the Item below, it could be helpful to look at the work the Directorate is undertaking to help ensure good attendance levels.
Schools Update	The current picture, in terms of figures for all North Yorkshire County Council Schools and Academies. Performance and standards. Funding. Strategic planning.
Substance Misuse Annual Update	How partners are working to address drug and alcohol misuse and the support available.
Young People's Champion Annual Update	Summary of the work of the Young People's Champion.

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