

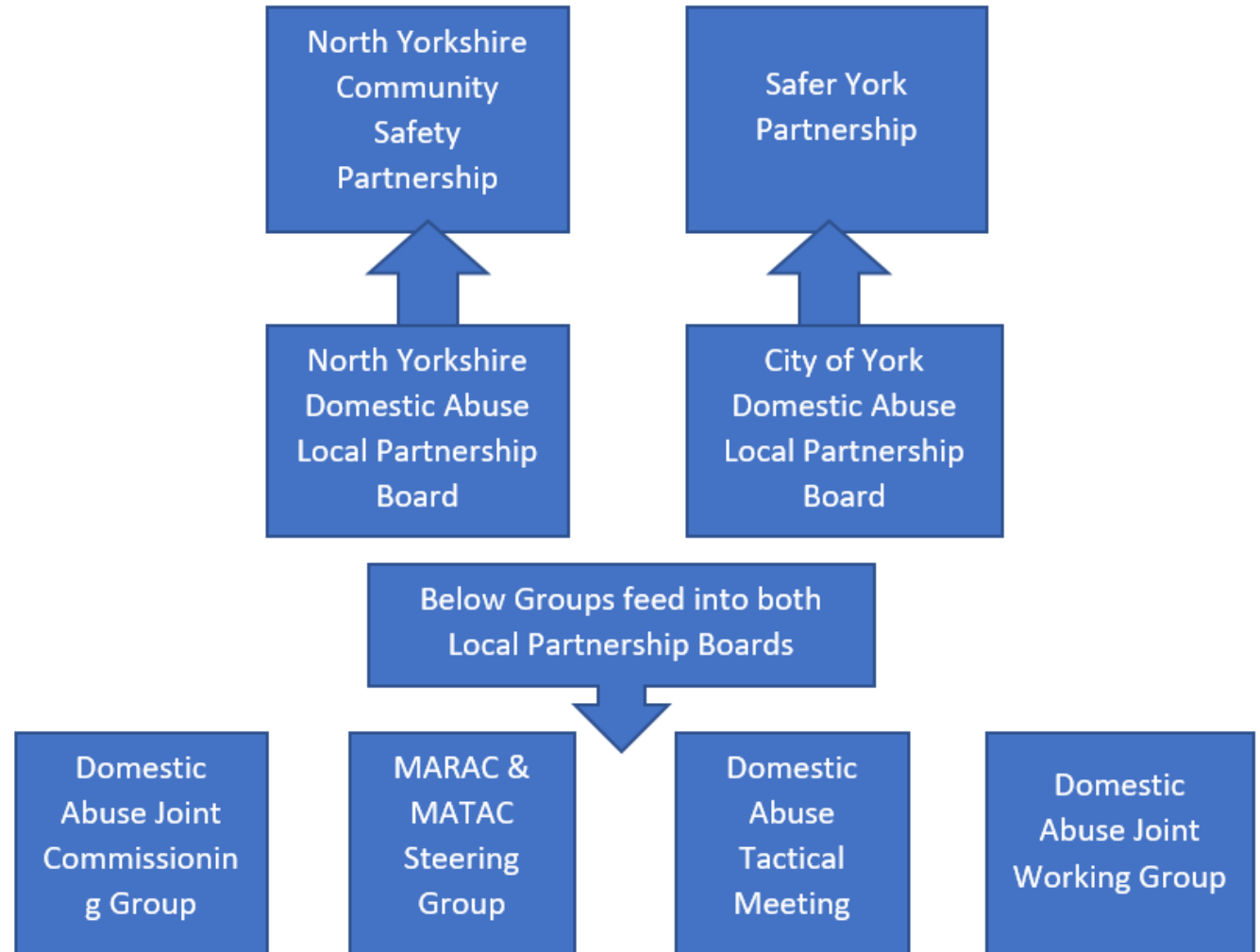


Domestic Abuse Arrangements

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New Governance

- ✓ Separate boards for North Yorkshire and York giving greater focus on geography
- ✓ North Yorkshire Domestic Abuse Independent Chair (CEO of Standing Together)
- ✓ Broader representation of partners that now includes
 - Military representation
 - Survivors
 - DWP
 - National Domestic Abuse Commissioners Office



Achievements

What we have achieved since the implementation of the Domestic Abuse Act.

- ✓ We have consulted and commissioned Safelives to undertake a Strategic Needs Assessment and Public Health Review of our Multi Agency Domestic Abuse System across North Yorkshire and York.
- ✓ We have embarked on the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance Accreditation Process (DAHA). This is the benchmark for how Local Authority Housing Providers should respond to domestic abuse in the UK. We have a DAHA Coordinator in place and developing a multi faceted Delivery Plan to achieve Accreditation.
- ✓ We have created a dedicated domestic abuse training coordinator post to deliver training across North Yorkshire Council Housing and homelessness Teams. (DAHA).
- ✓ We have piloted a Gypsy Roma Traveller IDVA/ISVA Worker pilot with Horton Housing across 4 sites in North Yorkshire. The development of this role has seen a significant building of trust across all localities and a number of disclosures of domestic abuse which would have otherwise gone unheard.
- ✓ We have delivered Multi Agency Training Programme for professionals across the public and voluntary sector over the last 15 months that has reached 1500 individuals to enhance their awareness of domestic abuse.
- ✓ We have created additional posts within our IDAS front door hub for those fleeing and seeking advice and support around domestic abuse.
- ✓ The list goes on!

Developing a New DA Strategy 2024-2028

What we did to arrive at our new Strategy

- We reviewed our previous strategy and achievements
- We looked at the evidence from our Safelives Needs Assessment & Wider System Review and the recommendations from this significant piece of work to shape our new strategy
- We aligned our work with other strategies being delivered across North Yorkshire
- We looked at the national picture and horizon scanned the landscape
- We undertook a roundtable event with partners to help shape our new strategic priorities and what our delivery of the strategy would look like
- This took us into creating a Shared Vision Statement, 4 Strategic Priorities, underpinned by a total of 32 Commitments

Our Vision

“North Yorkshire and York do not tolerate domestic abuse and we will strive to ensure everyone can live free from abuse and harm. We will create an environment where healthy relationships are the norm and where victims/survivors and their children have access to the right support at the right time.

Domestic abuse is everybody’s business. We will work collaboratively to create lasting change across all our communities with the voice of the victim at the heart of our response; and where perpetrators of abuse are held accountable for their behaviour”

Our Priorities

- Priority 1 - Prevention and Early Identification
- Priority 2 - Authentic and Inclusive Support for All
- Priority 3 - Drive Change Together
- Priority 4 - Accountability

Our Commitments

The below are just a few of the commitments we have agreed to deliver as a partnership.

- Awareness raising of all forms of domestic abuse to create a culture of prevention
- Working with education settings, voluntary and private sector to teach about healthy relationships
- Enable and empower communities to recognise domestic abuse by providing the tools and pathway awareness to report concerns. Tailoring our response to the varied communities we support.
- We will ensure that victims, survivors and their children have access to a range of safe accommodation options that meet their needs
- We will embed the voice of victims and survivors into local systems and service design processes
- We will ensure that marginalised communities and those with multiple complex needs feel safe and secure, whilst feeling they are able to report abuse and access services to help them cope and recover
- We will contribute to the wider strategic outcomes around serious violence and addressing violence against women and girls (VAWG) via their existing partnership arrangements and delivery plans
- We will ensure that partners work collaboratively when dealing with adult and child victims of domestic abuse, adopting a whole family approach, to improve the safety of families by identifying the most effective interventions of support that align risks and needs
- We will provide opportunities for perpetrators to change their behaviour through the commissioning of interventions that focus on all risk levels., We will look to inform and influence this through national decision making and future funding opportunities