



North Yorkshire  
Police, Fire & Crime  
Commissioner



# Public Accountability Meeting

## Older people

26 February 2019

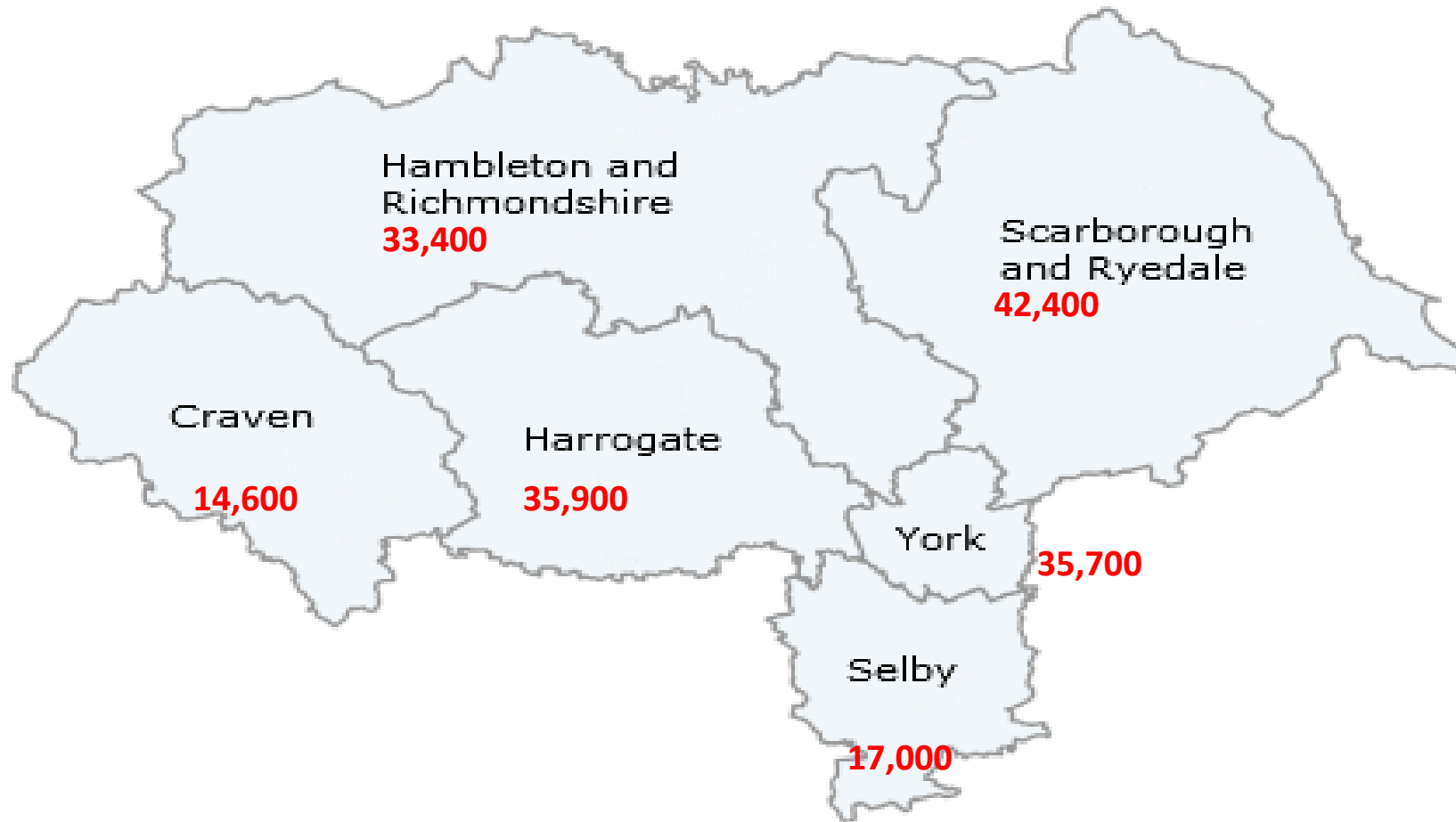


# Areas of Discussion

- *The approach policing takes with older people.*
- *What does NYP see as the main issues facing older people.*
- *Police and Partners engagement to support older people.*
- *The approach Fire and Rescue Service takes with older people.*
- *Future.*



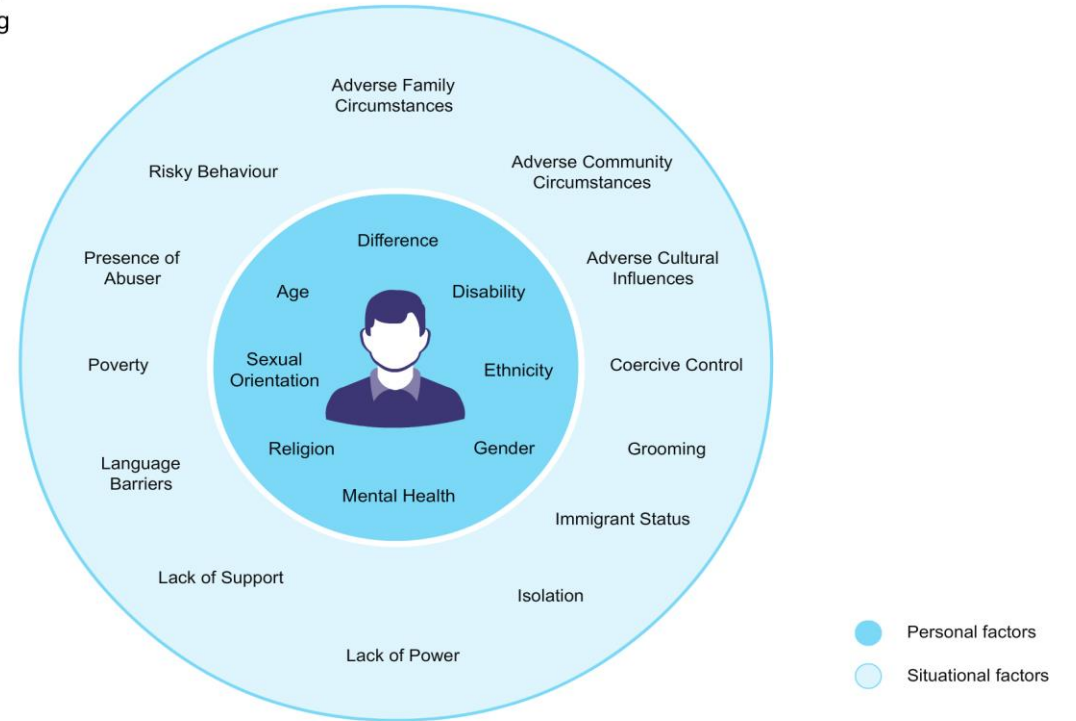
# Demographics



# Our Approach to Older People



## Vulnerability an aid to understanding



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- **North Yorkshire Police's definition of Vulnerability -**
- ***“A person is vulnerable if, as a result of their situation or circumstances, they are unable to take care of or protect themselves or others from harm or exploitation.”***



# Our Approach to Older People



we  
care

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# Safeguarding Adults Procedure

- **Aim of the Procedure:**
- The priorities of North Yorkshire Police (NYP) in responding to an adult at risk of harm and abuse are as follows:
- To take positive action to protect adults who are at risk from harm or abuse
- To work with partnership agencies to prevent, identify and investigate the treatment of harm and abuse of adults at risk
- To take the lead in all criminal investigations involving the harm or abuse of adults at risk
- To contribute to the safeguarding of adults at risk by timely and effective intervention
- To foster a “one” team approach that places the welfare of individuals before the “needs” of the system – making safeguarding personal meaning it should be person-led and outcome focussed.
- To ensure equality of service provision and police response to all adults at risk within the remit of this procedure regardless of their race, gender, class, culture, disability, sexuality, age, or religion / belief



# *Police engagement with older people*

- Dedicated Financial Abuse Safeguarding Officer.
- Police Support Volunteers.
- Adult Safeguarding Boards.
- Neighbourhood Policing Teams
- 95 Alive
- Trading Standards
- Surveys and feedback



# Future Demands

- Missing from Home
- Domestic Abuse
- Fraud and scams





# Vulnerable Persons' Strategy

NYFRS vulnerable definition is 'a person or family, who is or may be in need of care, because they have a learning, physical or sensory disability, mental illness or age related problem, and who is or may be unable to protect themselves against harm or exploitation'

NYFRS is working to keep people 'Safe & Well' by preventing fire and improving the wellbeing of those that live in North Yorkshire and the City of York.



# Home fire safety checks over the 6 year period up to 2018/19

	Total number of Home Fire Safety Checks	Number of Properties with Elderly Occupants	Number of Properties (with Elderly occupants) with no working smoke alarms	Number of Properties (with Elderly occupants) where occupant smokes	Number of Properties (with Elderly occupants) where occupant unable to escape	Number of Properties (with Elderly occupants) where occupant was referred to one or more agency
YEAR	TOTAL	%	%	%	%	%
2013/14	1350	61%	40%	11%	15%	7%
2014/15	2925	60%	46%	12%	18%	7%
2015/16	3292	64%	42%	12%	18%	7%
2016/17	2553	62%	49%	11%	16%	3%
2017/18	2945	65%	45%	10%	17%	8%
2018/19*	2705	66%	40%	10%	24%	11%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>15770</b>	<b>9983</b>				



# Partnership & referral

NYFRS has been working in collaboration with other agencies for over 10 years and has a robust referral pathway to partner agencies (using Making Every Contact Count as the driver)

‘Dementia Friends’ as an example of collaboration with a charity

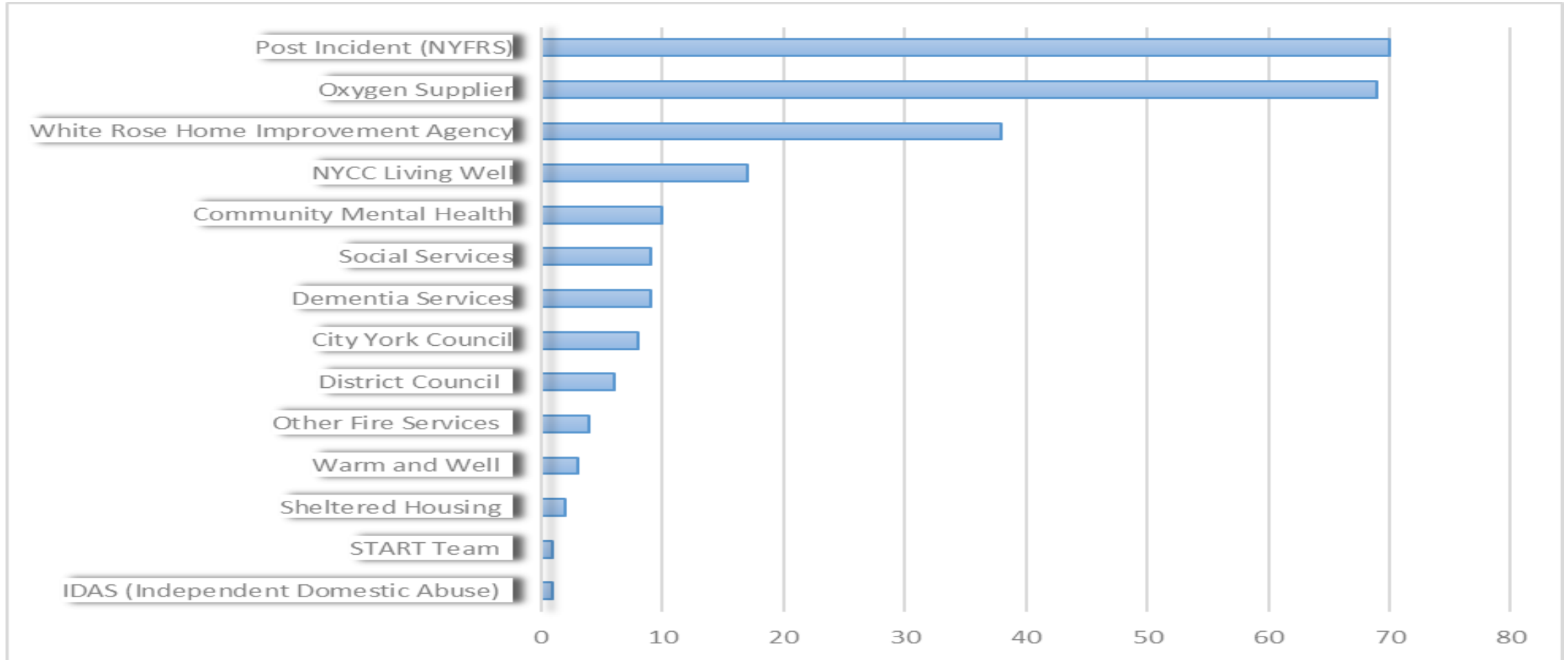
Craven Safety Service pilot collaborating with NYP

- Targeted S&W volunteers for the elderly and vulnerable
- Joint NYFRS / NYP Prevention Action Plan for Craven District

There is an electronic referral pathway that can be accessed through the Service’s website and anybody can make a referral or self-refer to receive a home fire safety visit



# Referrals received by NYFRS from partner agencies



# Case study examples

- Church Sunday Services in the Whitby area
- Bringing Dementia Friends to life in Scarborough & Ryedale
- Timely life-saving intervention for 90 year old lady in Richmondshire



# Future

- NPCC Vulnerable Adults at Risk action plan
- Clear and defined referral process between NYFRS and NYP
- Joint local Action Plans
- Joint Proactivity



# Questions?

