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# **Safeguarding, Youth Engagement and Intervention**

**Public Accountability Meeting**

**October 2020**

# Presentation purpose



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to: provide assurance as to the effectiveness of the Service's safeguarding policies, procedures, training and interventions, identifying how the HMICFRS inspection areas for improvement are being addressed and in addition, to set out future plans for effective youth engagement and intervention.

# Safeguarding - Vulnerable or At risk



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‘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’.



# Safeguarding in NYFRS



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All health and social care professionals have a duty of care to protect people at risk of harm or harm from others.

We will pass information to partner agencies, about vulnerable people or households that we come into contact with, when there is a significant risk of harm that could be avoided.

- Safeguarding
- Prevent
- Fire Setters
- Vulnerable Persons Intervention Partnership (VIP Referrals)
- Safe and Well referral

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# HMICFRS Inspection – Areas for Improvement

- The service should ensure staff understand how to safeguard vulnerable people and how to correctly make safeguarding referrals
- The service's duty manager is the out of hours safeguarding contact, but duty managers do not receive any enhanced level of training in this area

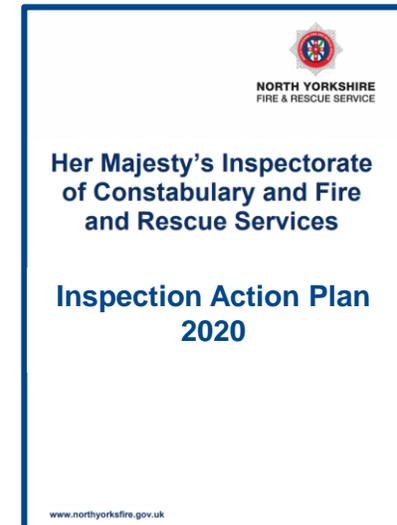


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and Fire & Rescue Services



# Previous challenges



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- Awareness of local gaps against National Fire Chief Council framework
- Representation on Safeguarding Boards
- Consistent training programme
- Policies and procedures in need of review
- Out of hours safeguarding provision
- Limited resources

# What we have put in place (an overview)

- Section 11 review (Children and Young People) and National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) self-assessments carried out.
- Safeguarding referral processes reviewed and training provided to operational staff.
- Out of hours provision made by Duty Silver Officers in place. Training provided.
- NYFRS now a Safeguarding Adults Board member. Attendance at thematic groups.
- NYFRS attend Prevent and CONTEST boards.
- Quality assurance frameworks being developed in conjunction with regional services and NFCC working groups

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**NFCC**  
National Fire  
Chiefs Council



**North Yorkshire**  
Safeguarding Adults Board

**North Yorkshire**  
Safeguarding  
Children  
Board  
working together to safeguard children



**North Yorkshire**  
County Council

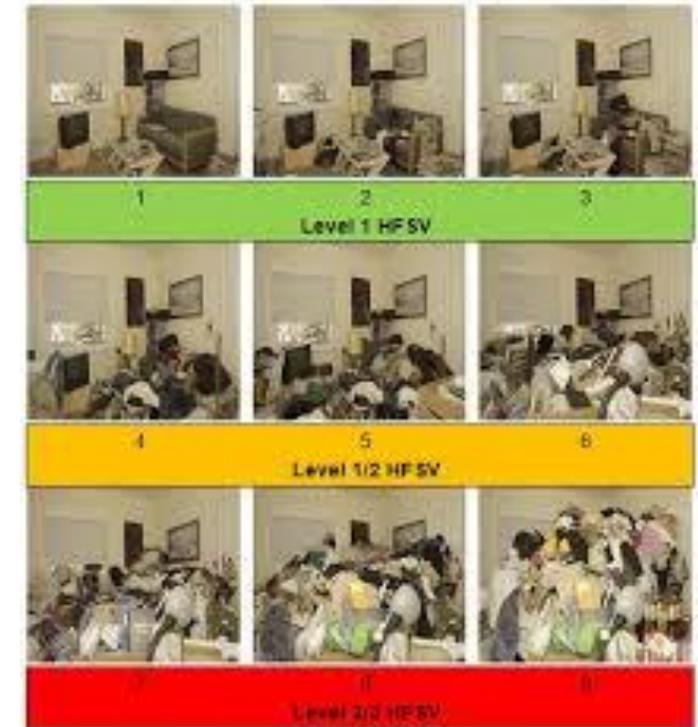


# What we have put in place (an overview)

- Early help strategy introduced to service in June 2020 and all front line staff given training.
- Adults who self abuse policy and the Clutter Index introduced in June 2020 and all front line staff given training.
- Prevent awareness training delivered in October.
- Appoint and train Prevent champions in Autumn/Winter 2020.
- Secondment to NYCC triage planned but delayed due to COVID.
- Specialist relationships in place e.g. NYP and NYCC



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## Results

- All staff have consistent understanding of safeguarding and how to make referrals
- Referral pathways in and out for NYFRS are efficient and effective.
- Well developed relationships with partner agencies regarding safeguarding and early intervention programmes.
- NYFRS tactical delivery plan supports service strategies.
- Interventions delivered by NYFRS are subject to a quality assurance framework.



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# Youth Engagement and Intervention

# Youth Interventions



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Promoting the risk reduction policies of the fire authority in reducing fire deaths and injuries across York and North Yorkshire

- Raising community awareness of fire through education
- Promoting the reduction of behaviour associated with crime and disorder.
- Promoting neighbourhood renewal and sustainability.
- Working with young people to alter attitudes to risk and discourage inappropriate behaviour
- Supporting partner agencies that share the same goals

# Range of programmes

- LIFE (Including Day in the LIFE)
- Cadets and BTEC award
- Schools education programme (KS 1-4)
- Firesetters Intervention



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# Juvenile Firesetters Intervention



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- Juvenile Firesetters Intervention Scheme works with children and young people up to 18 who play with fire or who have set fires.
- Support for anyone who knows or works with a child or young person who needs help.
- Sessions tailored to meet the needs of all children and young people.
- Grant awarded in 2019 to develop Fire Setter Programme and investment in training. 4 staff have attended a train the trainer programme.
- Developing range of interventions offered by NYFRS.
- Collaboration with other agencies to support delivery.





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## Results

- Develop intervention programmes in line with national guidance and best practice (NFCC).
- Programmes more accessible and improve inclusivity for young people.
- Programmes more adaptable to suit different cohorts.
- Equality Diversity and Inclusion is included in the design and delivery of intervention programmes.
- Staff delivering programmes are properly trained and supervised/supported.