

# Safer North Yorkshire Partnership Annual Report 2024-2025



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## Glossary of Acronyms

**ASB – Anti-Social Behaviour:** Behaviour causing nuisance or harm to individuals or communities.

**NYCSP – North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership:** The strategic partnership delivering community safety priorities across North Yorkshire.

**CS Hubs – Community Safety Hubs:** Multi-agency teams coordinating responses to local community safety issues.

**SVD – Serious Violence Duty:** A statutory duty requiring agencies to collaborate to prevent and reduce serious violence.

**SNA – Strategic Needs Assessment:** Evidence-based analysis of local issues such as serious violence to inform planning.

**DA – Domestic Abuse:** Abuse between individuals aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members.

**VAWG – Violence Against Women and Girls:** A national priority addressing crimes and behaviours disproportionately affecting women and girls.

**MARAC – Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference:** A meeting where agencies share information to protect high-risk domestic abuse victims.

**MATAC – Multi-Agency Tasking and Coordination:** A partnership approach for managing high-risk domestic abuse perpetrators.

**MACE – Multi-Agency Child Exploitation:** Partnership forum addressing child exploitation and contextual safeguarding risks.

**CYPS – Children and Young People Service:** Local authority service supporting safeguarding, education and early intervention.

**NYFRS – North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service:** Emergency service contributing to prevention, protection and community safety activity.

**NYSAB – North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board:** Strategic body overseeing safeguarding of adults at risk.

**NYSCP – North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership:** Multi-agency partnership safeguarding children and young people.

**ICB – Integrated Care Board:** NHS body responsible for planning and commissioning health services locally.

**IDAS – Independent Domestic Abuse Services:** Specialist organisation supporting victims and survivors of domestic abuse.

**DAHA – Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance:** Organisation supporting housing providers to improve responses to domestic abuse.

**CTLP – Counter Terrorism Local Profile:** Assessment used to understand local terrorism and extremism risks.

**MAPS – Multi-Agency Problem Solving:** Collaborative approach to prevent harm through coordinated interventions.

# Chair's Forward

I am pleased to present this Annual Report on behalf of Safer North Yorkshire, highlighting how partners have continued to work together to keep our communities safe and to address the issues that matter most to our residents.

While North Yorkshire remains a safe place to live, we recognise that harm, vulnerability and anti social behaviour can have a significant impact on individuals and communities. Over the past year, our partnership has remained focused on prevention and early intervention, tackling anti social behaviour and violence, protecting those who are most vulnerable, and targeting activity where the risk and harm are greatest. This report demonstrates how we are using shared insight and evidence to guide our priorities and deliver coordinated, proportionate responses.

A key strength of Safer North Yorkshire is the breadth and depth of our partnership. By working collectively across policing, local government, health, fire and rescue, probation, the voluntary sector and wider partners, we are better able to prevent harm, support victims and build long term resilience within our communities. This collaborative approach is essential not only to reducing crime and disorder, but also to improving confidence and trust.

The progress set out in this report reflects the commitment and professionalism of all those involved. However, the challenges we face continue to evolve, and sustained partnership working will remain critical to achieving our strategic aims and objectives. By continuing to work together with a shared sense of purpose, Safer North Yorkshire will be well placed to respond to emerging risks and deliver safer outcomes for all.



**Fiona Willey**

Chief Superintendent,  
North Yorkshire Police

# Safer North Yorkshire Partnership

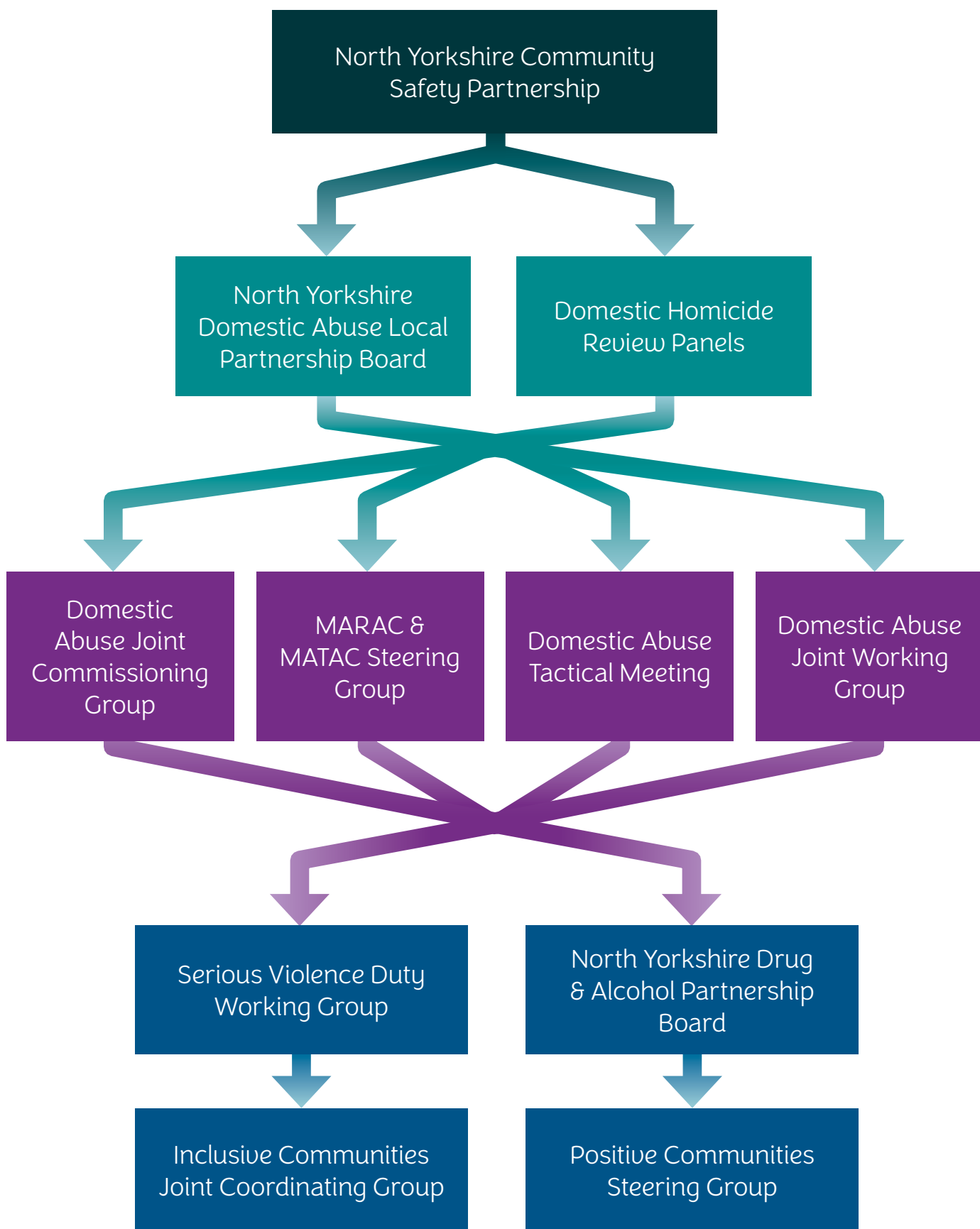
## INTRODUCTION

The North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership (NYCSP) continues to deliver a multi-agency strategic approach to tackle in a consistent manner an inclusive, co-ordinated approach to serious violence, exploitation, domestic abuse, implementation of the Prevent duty and development of the Community Safety Hubs whilst ensuring that we are aligned to our safeguarding objectives.

This report outlines the progress made across the four strategic priorities: Community Safety Hubs, Domestic Abuse, Serious Violence Duty, and Hate Crime & Community Cohesion. It highlights the contributions of key partners and presents performance data and impact.

### North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership Plan 2024 - 2028

<b>Our Vision</b>	Working together to make North Yorkshire feel safe and protected from harm. Working in partnership to deliver local, regional and national priorities.			
<b>Strategic Priorities</b>	Community Safety Hub	Serious Violence	Domestic Abuse	Hate Crime
<b>Key Themes</b>	Reducing ASB, creating safer communities through problem solving plans. To reduce serious violence and identify violence within our communities.	Working in partnership to build on NY & City of York Domestic Abuse Strategy to strive to raise awareness of domestic abuse to prevent, support and protect all those impacted.	To develop and improve awareness across North Yorkshire to tackle hate crime, radicalisation and extremism whilst working with specialist leads with partner agencies.	
<b>Our Approach</b>	Early intervention and prevention	Partnership and collaboration	Working in communities	





# Membership

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a statutory duty on local authorities to create multi-agency partnerships to tackle crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment and to reduce re-offending.

Community Safety Partnership membership must include 'responsible authorities'

Police

Local  
Authorities

Fire and  
Rescue  
Service

Probation

Health

Each organisation brings its own expertise, resources and understanding of the issues that affect local communities. Working together in partnership brings together resources, understanding and expertise to give a proactive approach to early intervention and prevention to tackle both the causes and effects of crime and anti-social behaviour to ensure that we create a safer environment for our residents to live in, work in and visit.

## Statutory Functions

Community Safety Partnerships are under a statutory duty to work together to:

Reduce  
reoffending

Tackle crime  
and disorder

Tackle  
anti-social  
behaviour

To undertake  
Domestic  
Abuse Related  
Death Reviews  
(DARDR's)

# Our Vision and Strategic Priorities

## Our Vision

Working together to make North Yorkshire feel safe and protected from harm. Working in partnership to deliver local, regional and national priorities

Strategic  
Priorities

Community  
Safety Hub

Serious  
Violence

Domestic  
Abuse

Hate Crime,  
Radicalisation  
and Extremism

## Partner Contributions

The Safer North Yorkshire partners have shared an overview of the work they have done to support and deliver the strategic priorities

## North Yorkshire Council Community Safety Hubs

“ The Community Safety Hubs are co-located multi-agency teams that coordinate partnership activity to address issues that have an impact on the safety of our communities. They have a focus on those most in need of help to intervene at the earliest opportunity and promote community resourcefulness. ”



## Key achievements supporting the strategic priorities

- Strategic review of the Community Safety Hub working model and the introduction of the Joint Development Group
- Roll out of knife bins in locations across North Yorkshire leading to a collection of over 1,700 knives to date helping to reduce the risk of violent crime.
- Installation of 45 bleed kits across the county supporting our duty around serious violence
- Children's Early Intervention – working towards a consistent approach of Children's Multi-Agency Problem Solving (MAPS) meetings led by the Community Safety Hubs to support young people on the periphery of anti-social behaviour and crime from entering the police led space.
- Targeting Organised Crime – Clear Hold Build initiative in the Barrowcliff Ward of Scarborough. Focussing on combating serious organised crime effectively.
- Project Community - a county wide approach with a multi-agency visible presence in our communities to provide reassurance address crime, anti-social behaviour, community tensions, exploitation, vulnerabilities, and recurring locations/issues
- Training and Community Engagement – a significant undertaking of mandatory training for all Community Safety Hub teams around the tools and powers within their remit to ensure a consistent approach to tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB).



## Community Safety Hub Case Study

Alma Square situated at the top of Westborough Scarborough features a much-needed green space at the top of the town centre, surrounded by early Edwardian townhouses. There are three social landlord blocks and a multitude of mixed-use rental, owner occupier properties in the Square, which also houses the mental health charity Survivors and Alma Vets in the top right-hand corner. Historically much used by the community for recreation and a place to sit and rest, the square is located opposite one of the main town bus stops, close to the railway station with a public house on its corner and two retailers selling alcohol in close proximity.

## What's happened:

- Substance misuse related anti-social behaviour had increased at Alma Square, affecting both residents in the location, businesses on nearby Westborough as well as the wider community, as Alma Square is prominent and visible situated at the top of the town centre.
- Multiple complaints were made to the Local Councillors, North Yorkshire Council and North Yorkshire Police whilst they were in the area. There were also articles on social media sites with members of the community complaining about a lack of challenge.
- Incidents at Alma Square reported to North Yorkshire Police increased by 43% in the summer of 2025 compared to the same period in 2024.
- Officers from the Council and Police were verbally challenged and dismissed by individuals when the Public Space Protection Zone was enforced. The number of street drinkers using the area significantly increased and their behaviour escalated to rowdy then aggressive shouting, screaming and fighting.
- Violent incidents occurred both inside one of the properties and on the green, members of the public were visibly alarmed when witnessing this. Drug use and or dealing was also occurring in the area and since the removal of the CCTV Camera covering the area this behaviour became more prominent. One well known individual overdosed in the Square and Ambulance crews had to attend to administer Naloxone.

## Actions

- The Community Safety Hub agreed that the location had become a HOTSPOT location and needed prioritising. It was agreed to ask the community what they saw as the main issues, how they were affected and what action they would like to see, whilst explaining the need to report all incidents in a timely manner and reassure the community that the issue would be addressed by partners.
- Community Safety Hub team conducted a survey at every premise in Alma Square and the businesses at the top of Westborough. There were over 200 respondents & the results indicated that ninety eight percent of respondents had witnessed anti-social behaviour in Alma Square, 47% daily and 32% on a weekly basis. The main concerns were street drinking, shouting, swearing, verbal abuse, drugs, vandalism and violence. The green area and three properties were identified as the locations where the issues were occurring. Most concerning was the qualitative data produced by the survey with residents stating their children were no longer able to play out on their doorsteps and tenants were exiting their homes from the back door to avoid the Square.
- The Hub facilitated a problem-solving meeting to review the findings with partners. A multi-agency problem solving plan was agreed, actions ranged from target hardening, enforcement both Civil and Criminal, licensing support and enforcement, tenancy enforcement, community engagement and development of a programme of community activities to reclaim the green space for the community.

- The Salvation Army which has headquarters close by agreed to lead on a Community Event 'Freedom & Respect Day' to reclaim the green area for wider community, this event was supported by the Community Safety Hub, North Yorkshire Police, the Women's Centre and Coast and Vale Community Action (CaVCA). We also supported the Salvation Army in securing Inspire funding for the event.
- CCTV to be reinstated in the area due to the increase in the ASB incidents.
- Joint licensing checks to nearby businesses that sell alcohol providing support and engagement.



The Plans aim and objectives will be measured and monitored over the next six-month period

- Reduction of reports of anti-social behaviour in Alma Square by 20%
- Reduction of reports of crime in Alma Square by 20%
- Increase public confidence in the police and willingness to report from 25% to 50% of cohort.

## Children and Young People Service, North Yorkshire Council - School Improvement Service

### Key achievements supporting the strategic priorities

- Healthy Schools Award and Healthy Early Years Award. Capture how schools meet statutory requirements of Relationship and Sex Education, (RSE) curriculum which includes information on healthy relationships
- Monitoring schools' PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) curriculums as part of their culture of safeguarding (Preventing Serious Violence, Domestic Abuse, Community Safety Hubs and Tackling Hate Crime, Radicalisation and Extremism)
- Support for ensuring completion of Safeguarding Audit by all schools in 2024-25 academic year (Preventing Serious Violence, Domestic Abuse, Community Safety Hubs and Tackling Hate Crime, Radicalisation and Extremism)

### Future planned activities to support the Safer North Yorkshire priorities

- Monitoring schools' PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) curriculums as part of their culture of safeguarding (Preventing Serious Violence, Domestic Abuse, Community Safety Hubs and Tackling Hate Crime, Radicalisation and Extremism)
- Ensuring that areas of development raised by the Safeguarding Audit in 2024-25 are actioned. (Preventing Serious Violence, Domestic Abuse, Community Safety Hubs and Tackling Hate Crime, Radicalisation and Extremism)

## Children & Families Early Help

“ Our ‘Strength in Relationships’ Early Help interventions & activity continues to be delivered with children & families experiencing difficulties. We are providing helpful early intervention & diversion activity that is having a positive impact on the Safer North Yorkshire Partnership priority areas and are promoting information, awareness and understanding about the effect and impact that Trauma has on human behaviours.”

### Key achievements supporting the strategic priorities

- Active engagement in Operation BEAT, a national programme for local initiatives with a proactive approach for short-term or recurring operations focused on, visible patrols, ASB, street crime, shoplifting, or burglary and community reassurance and engagement – providing intelligence in relation to identified individuals.
- Delivering Elevate Programme - initiative designed to help young people facing mental health related challenges.

### Future planned activities to support the Safer North Yorkshire priorities

- Work to seek an agreement and consistency with Community Safety Hubs on a ‘best practice’ approach for Children and Family Services involvement in local Multi Agency Partnership meetings.
- Use more local intelligence from Community Safety Hubs to screen referrals for the TURNAROUND programme which aims to stop children entering the youth justice system by providing targeted early interventions addressing behaviour, wellbeing, risks, and vulnerabilities.

## Operation Divan

A police led partnership initiative to challenge and discourage the carrying of knives by young people in North Yorkshire.

When North Yorkshire Police receive reports or intelligence about young people carrying knives, this is initially investigated to establish whether a crime has occurred, and if there is sufficient evidence for criminal charges. If this is the case, the Police are required by national crime reporting rules to process it through criminal channels. This may be by referral to the Youth Outcomes Panel or by charging directly to Court.

Operation Divan arises when the circumstances do not establish that a provable crime has occurred, but there are general concerns that the young person or others may be at risk through association with knives. Operation Divan is a preventative intervention and offers positive support to young people.

## Op Sceptre Knife Crime Awareness Week - Empowering Change Through Virtual Reality

Virtually There is an immersive 360-degree virtual reality film designed to create a deep emotional understanding of the devastating consequences of knife crime among children and young people.



## MACE Summit Report June 2025

The summit was hosted and funded jointly by North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership and the Community Safety Partnership with 160 attendees from a wide number of agencies including schools, health, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (NYFRS), children's homes, commissioned services and representatives from a number of charitable organisations.

The event included speakers from Public Health, Community Safety, North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership, National Working Group, St Giles Services, Counter Terrorism Police, North Yorkshire Police (Serious and Organised Crime) and Children and Families Service. Delegates shared that the speakers were informative and engaging with a strong pace, which kept partners connected throughout the day.

Feedback from one partner stated that they were particularly impressed with the positive use of trauma-informed and non-victim-blaming language from all the presenters, along with other positive comments around increased understanding and knowledge of services based on discussions that had taken place during the event.

To encourage the development of partnership links and communication throughout the day, a marketplace was in place to enable partners to learn about different services that were available across North Yorkshire.





## North Yorkshire Housing

### Key achievements supporting the strategic priorities

- All Housing Management staff received training on ASB from a specialist practitioner in January 2025
- Further specialist ASB training was carried in February and March 2025
- A new North Yorkshire anti-social behaviour policy and procedure for the landlord service approved in April 2025 together with an accompanying Good Neighbourhood Management policy and procedure
- A new ASB case management system went live in May 2025
- Ongoing activities relating to the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) accreditation process and trauma informed training
- Hate Crime training to front line staff

## Building strong partnerships to deliver meaningful outcomes for local communities, driving progress on our Domestic Abuse priority

Our Strategic Vision:

“ We will not tolerate domestic abuse within North Yorkshire and York, 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. ”

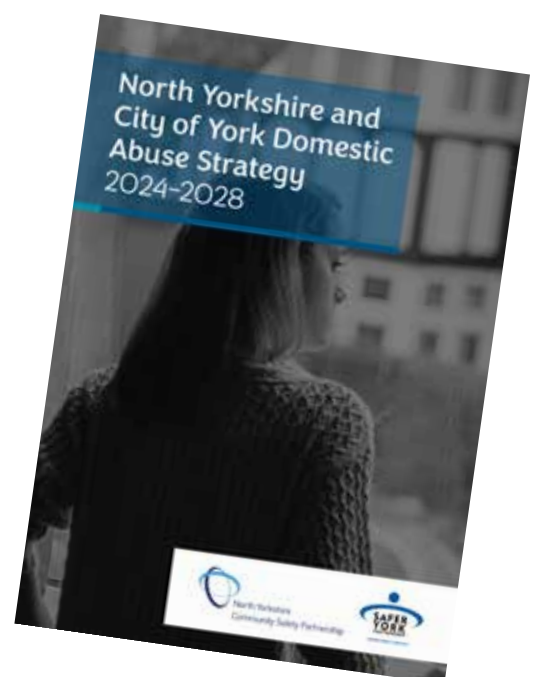
### Domestic Abuse Strategy Update

Priority Detail: Quarterly delivery plan updates provide assurance that the North Yorkshire & York Domestic Abuse Strategy 2024-2028 is actively driven and supported by all partners, ensuring commitment, accountability, and sustained progress across all the priorities.

Outcome: Through strengthened partner engagement, the delivery plan has successfully consolidated and reported over 700 updates across all four of the strategic priorities. This achievement reflects a robust, collaborative approach and demonstrates a shared commitment to driving the Strategy forward.

Challenges: Initial engagement from partners was limited, with only 9 of 25 responding to the first request for updates. Targeted work to strengthen collaboration has delivered a significant improvement, with responses rising to 19 for the second request and now averaging 20 per quarter. This sustained engagement demonstrates commitment across the partnership to the Strategy.

Looking ahead: The key challenge will be maintaining this momentum while transitioning from activity-based reporting to a more outcome-focused approach, ensuring measurable impact against strategic priorities, and should reflect the impact on people and not just service delivery.



## Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance – DAHA



**DAHA's vision is to support all local authorities and housing providers across the UK to offer a safe, consistent, and effective response to domestic abuse**

In working towards the DAHA accreditation North Yorkshire Council have made a number of significant achievements which include.

- Introduction of a Domestic Abuse Policy for the Housing Service [Domestic Abuse Policy for the Housing Service | North Yorkshire Council](#)
- Introduced a Domestic Abuse Policy for North Yorkshire Council staff
- Worked with North Yorkshire Police to develop training for external partners
- Developed and delivered a comprehensive suite of training for Housing and Community Safety staff
- Improved our partnership working across North Yorkshire
- Signed up to the Chartered Institute of Housing Pledge [Make a stand campaign: Tackling domestic abuse](#)
- Arranged webinars during Safeguarding Week 2024 and 2025 on topics relating to domestic abuse
- Worked with experts in suicide prevention to raise awareness of the issue of domestic abuse related suicide and training and support available
- Recommissioned our specialist domestic abuse services jointly with City of York and the Mayors Office
- Raised awareness at public facing events
- In 2025 started to create regular social media posts around DA



**16 Days of Action December  
Ropery Car Park, Pickering  
Partnership working with  
Community Safety Hub,  
Domestic Abuse Champion,  
Commissioned Service – IDAS,  
North Yorkshire Police, NYFRS**

## 16 Days of Action Scarborough Library

Community Safety Hub, North  
Yorkshire Police, IDAS, North  
Yorkshire Council Domestic  
Abuse Officer, St Giles Trust



## MATAC - Multi-Agency Tasking and Coordination

**A collaborative approach involving police and partner organisations aimed at tackling domestic abuse by identifying and managing high-risk perpetrators.**

MATAC has continued to strengthen as a multi agency framework for managing serial and high risk domestic abuse perpetrators across North Yorkshire. The shift to weekly partnership meetings has improved the depth and consistency of case discussions, increased agility in decision making, and enabled earlier identification of emerging risk patterns. This has contributed to a steady rise in adoptees, supported by Recency, Frequency, Gravity, Victims (RFGV) analysis, referrals, professional judgement, and stronger multi agency intelligence. York, Scarborough & Ryedale, and Harrogate continue to demonstrate strong partner engagement.

Aims: Strengthening MATAC will require clearer attendance expectations and an escalation process for recurrent non attendance. Standardising information sharing templates, improving data integration across MARAC, Personal Protection Orders and stalking pathways, and embedding more consistent voice of child processes will enhance decision making. By improving attendance, capacity, and information flow, MATAC can continue to mature as an intelligence driven model that reduces harm, improves oversight, and delivers better outcomes for victims and families.

## MARAC - Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference

**A meeting where representatives from partner agencies, including Police, health, child protection come together to discuss and share information on high risk domestic abuse cases.**

Across 2025, MARAC activity in North Yorkshire and York demonstrated strong multi agency coordination, effective case identification, and growing demand pressures. Overall case volumes continued to rise, with referral pathways functioning well and repeat case rates consistently within expected national thresholds. Partner agencies - particularly IDAS, Adult Social Care/HAS, and health services - maintained high levels of engagement, while Children's Social Care attendance strengthened following management intervention. Several areas, most notably Harrogate and Craven, showed exemplary partnership working, contributing to consistent, informed, and creative safety planning.

Operationally, MARAC Coordinators enhanced processes for action tracking, improving the timeliness and clarity of updates. Engagement with Probation services also progressed, with plans to broaden training to strengthen their future contributions. Increased attendance from Local Authority Housing and ongoing work to integrate Housing Associations mark further improvements in information sharing and safeguarding oversight.

## IDAS- Independent Domestic Abuse Service

### A specialist charity supporting and accommodating victims and survivors of domestic abuse across North Yorkshire

IDAS received over 9,000 helpline calls, 7,657 referrals for all services into the Hub, some of whose needs are met at the Hub. Longer-term 1,834 adults supported in the community, 427 adults and 177 children supported by Families service. 85 adults/85 children in safe accommodation services. In addition to providing services to Victims/Survivors of domestic abuse through our core contracts in North Yorkshire, IDAS has focussed on some key areas within our own strategy that support the North Yorkshire Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategies, including purchasing 5 additional properties in Scarborough, the launch of "Project rise"; working with serving military personnel and their families and working with Health to increase early identification and improve the response to domestic abuse training and awareness raising has been provided, including working with the Regional Organised Crime Unit to provide training on tech abuse. National influence includes working with the national Family Court Working Group and refreshing our Family Court report. We have continued to provide training for court personnel and now have court desks in York, Scarborough and Harrogate.

## Domestic Abuse Services Communications Development

**Priority Detail:** To deliver effective communication around domestic abuse and VAWG. A priority is to develop clear, consistent, and inclusive messaging that strengthens partner collaboration, raises public awareness, and ensures accessibility for all communities.

**Outcome:** To deliver unified, accessible, and sensitive communications that significantly increase public awareness of domestic abuse and VAWG, evidenced by improved public awareness via engagement data. Partner collaboration - highlighting multi-agency working, reducing duplication, and increasing efficiency. Enhanced accessibility through resources available in multiple formats, with an emphasis on the harder to reach communities.

Over the past year we have delivered a series of successful awareness campaigns, including Stalking Awareness and 16 Days of Action. For both initiatives, we worked closely with our dedicated comms officer to develop clear, impactful messaging. This included the creation of a Stalking Awareness leaflet, targeted social media content, and coordinated internal comms, all of which helped amplify our reach across multiple platforms.

## Partnering across North Yorkshire to prevent hate crime and counter extremism through specialist, multi agency collaboration.

The week included online webinars supported by partners covering Antisemitism/Extremism, INCEL, Misogyny/VAWG and Hate Crime Champions. A whole day conference organised by City of York and North Yorkshire Councils with approaching 90 attendees, with presentations covering a diverse number of subjects including Disability Hate Crime, Faith, Fear and Fabrication – dismantling the roots of Anti-Muslim Hate along with an incitive overview of the Gypsy and Traveller experience of Hate Crimes.

The feedback from the sessions has been overall very positive, with themes and recommendations for the 2026 campaign to look to include Prevention and Community Cohesion, Hate Crime & Vulnerability and LGBTQ+/Trans Inclusion.

- “Informative and interesting presentations, with some excellent speakers”
- “Useful to know aspects of the bigger picture. Some uncomfortable moments but makes you think more about practice”
- “The speakers were inspirational. Particularly Abbas Najib, I wish every member of our community could hear his speech to understand more about the Muslim faith and how this aligns with British values”

A significant part of the Hate Crime Conference was the official launch of the York & North Yorkshire Hate Crime and Community Cohesion Plan a Page.

[York & North Yorkshire Hate Crime and Community Cohesion Plan on a Page 2025-2028.pdf](#)



## Inclusive Communities Joint Co-Ordinating Group

The group meets on a quarterly basis bringing together multi-agency partners to build safer, more inclusive, and more cohesive communities across the region, providing a strategic partnership approach to prevent, identify and respond to hate crime and hate incidents across York and North Yorkshire whilst raising awareness of hate crime, supporting victims and strengthening confidence in reporting.

Key initiatives from 2025 have been the formation of a ‘Celebration of Culture’ task and finish group around addressing community cohesion issues in the Richmondshire area, Hate Crime Awareness courses and schools pilot delivered by Restorative Solutions workshops. There is a continuous joint delivery of the Hate Crime awareness and Hate Crime Champions sessions by North Yorkshire Council and North Yorkshire Police.

Better Communities Bradford’s Project Faith initiative designed to combat Anti-Muslim Hate by engaging and educating non-Muslim audiences has taken a positive approach by delivering a number of workshops across the county through 2025, challenging misconceptions and helping build meaningful dialogue that strengthens community connections.

**Local Counter Terrorism Local Profile –(CTLP) workshops** were held face to face in October/ November. This was a new approach to help increase local intelligence and to provide some consistency across the local groups. The workshops were delivered within each locality and engaged with over 100 professionals across a variety of organisations. Coordinated by the local Community Safety Hub and led/supported by Selby’s Community Safety Officer and Senior Development Officer. Positive feedback was received from those who attended the sessions.

**North Yorkshire ‘Below Threshold’ Pilot** is a multi-agency approach to manage referrals that fall below the Prevent threshold but present a potential risk of serious or mass violence. This group met monthly from May – December 2025 with case reviews concluded end of March 2026.

**Prevent Partnership Board** – North Yorkshire Council are leading on the Prevent agenda with three local Prevent groups supporting the recommendations and actions from the board. The North Yorkshire Council Prevent Group is represented from across its directorates sharing the responsibility in ensuring the councils fulfils its requirements as outlined in the Prevent Duty.

**Channel Panel** – A multi-agency approach to focus on providing support at an early stage to people who are at risk of radicalisation, supporting terrorism or committing acts. North Yorkshire Council’s Head of Service for Community Safety and CCTV chairs the meeting.

## A partnership approach to understanding and reducing serious violence and identifying the nature of violence within our local communities in North Yorkshire

A multi-agency response strategy and implementation plan have been developed to support the delivery of key priority areas in tackling serious violence.

- Awareness raising and public perception
- Children and young people
- Possession and use of weapons
- Alcohol, violence and the night time economy
- Violence against women and girls.

In March of 2026 York & North Yorkshire Serious Violence Duty (SVD) Working Group produced the Serious Violence Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA) partners, include North Yorkshire Police, City of York & North Yorkshire Councils, Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board, Probation Services and other responsible authorities. This ensures building a clear, evidence based picture of the scale, nature, causes and drivers of serious violence in a local area.

[www.northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Strategic-Needs-Assessment-2025-26-v5-Final-Public.pdf](http://www.northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Strategic-Needs-Assessment-2025-26-v5-Final-Public.pdf)





# Priority 1 – Community Safety Hubs

Dealing with crime, fear of crime, ASB, community tensions and creating safer communities through a problem-solving approach this will actively remain a core function of Community Safety Hub partnership activity.

## Headlines

### **York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority, Policing, Fire and Crime Directorate -**

Improved coordination, funding support and reporting to strengthen community safety delivery across North Yorkshire.

**North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue -** Strengthening NYFRS involvement in Community Safety Hubs to improve multi agency case discussions and coordinated support.

**North Yorkshire Probation -** Strengthening community based interventions and improving coordinated responses for vulnerable people and priority cohorts.

**North Yorkshire Police -** North Yorkshire Police has embedded Community Safety Hub partnership working into daily operational governance and strategic oversight, ensuring shared ownership of risk, priorities and joint action.

## Key Details

### **York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority, Policing, Fire and Crime Directorate**

- Target hardening and communications funding provided to support Hubs' responses to local and strategic issues.
- Joint working to involve Community Safety Hubs (CS Hubs) in grant funding decisions and support links between partners to address service gaps.
- Collaborative work to ensure a joined up approach to case management through Orcuma FiRST.
- Provision of performance reporting to demonstrate Hub impact.

### **North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue**

- NYFRS has reviewed and strengthened its role within Community Safety Hubs to ensure meaningful input into multi agency discussions.

- Joint Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSVs) have continued with partners, especially for vulnerable individuals identified through hub referrals.
- Outcomes include earlier identification of higher risk individuals/households and more targeted, coordinated interventions.

### **North Yorkshire Probation**

- Improving interventions aimed at reducing offending and the wider impact on local communities.
- Enhancing targeted treatment provision for individuals with substance use needs, mental health issues and neurodivergence.

### **North Yorkshire Police**

- Daily Management Meetings take place across NYP commands with cross department representation, where safeguarding concerns, anti social behaviour, domestic abuse, hate crime and serious violence are routinely reviewed and actions set, including partnership activity where required.
- Community Safety Hub Officers attend Daily Management Meetings, strengthening alignment between policing priorities and Community Safety Hub activity.
- Fortnightly multi agency partner meetings are held to discuss current priorities and agree joint actions, providing structured partnership governance and accountability.
- Co location arrangements with partners support timely information sharing, joint problem solving and improved coordination of responses to community harm.
- A force wide review of the Community Safety Hub model has been undertaken, led by Superintendent Lam and Chief Inspector Williamson, to strengthen consistency and embed the model more effectively within North Yorkshire Police.

## **Partner Contributions**

### **York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority, Policing, Fire and Crime Directorate**

- Community Safety Hubs participate in funding decisions and ongoing case management
- Partners utilise shared systems (eg FIRST) and engage in improved communication and reporting processes.

### **North Yorkshire Police**

- Close working with Community Safety Hub teams, local authorities and CSP managers ensures priorities are aligned and responses are jointly planned and delivered

### **North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue**

- Partners provide referrals into Hubs, enabling NYFRS to conduct joint safety visits.
- Campaign delivery is coordinated across agencies to ensure aligned messaging.
- Multi-agency case discussions supported earlier intervention and better information sharing.
- Schools, Youth Justice and community partners support delivery of youth engagement sessions and identification of at risk people.

### **Children & Families Early Help**

- Targeted trauma informed support to children & young people identified as at risk of becoming first time entrants/re-entrants into the criminal justice system.

# Priority 2

## - Preventing and reducing serious violence across the whole of the geography of North Yorkshire

Work together as a partnership to understand the extent of violence throughout North Yorkshire, implementation of the Serious Violence Duty to prevent and reduce serious violence, including identifying the kinds of serious violence that occur within our communities.

### Headlines

**Serious Violence Duty** – Development of multi-agency Serious Violence Strategy and implementation plan addressing weapons, youth violence, night time related violence and VAWG. 457 residents completed the 2025 Serious Violence Survey, informing a refreshed strategic Needs Assessment. £221,692 invested into local interventions addressing serious violence for 2025-26

**York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority, Policing, Fire and Crime Directorate** – Leading strategic and operational delivery of the Serious Violence Duty through research, partnership coordination and funded interventions.

**North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue** - Embedding the Serious Violence Duty across fire service prevention work, with a strong focus on youth engagement and early intervention.

**North Yorkshire Police** – North Yorkshire Police has strengthened prevention and enforcement activity through neighbourhood uplift, hotspot policing and targeted partnership interventions aligned to serious violence risk.

**North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NYSAB)** - Strengthening safeguarding practice through trauma informed approaches, professional curiosity, and multi agency awareness to prevent escalation of serious harm.



**North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership** - Strengthening safeguarding practice through practitioner insight, improved multi agency coordination, and cross cutting strategies linked to serious youth violence.

**Children and Young People Service** - CYPS, North Yorkshire Council - School Improvement Service - Improving early identification of risk and reducing serious violence through school safeguarding monitoring and curriculum development

**North Yorkshire Probation** - Reducing serious harm by safely managing high risk individuals and strengthening partnership work on reoffending, release arrangements and safeguarding.

**NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB)** - Embedding Serious Violence Duty awareness and strengthening system wide safeguarding through training, resources and governance.

## Key Details

### York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority, Policing, Fire and Crime Directorate

- Lead partner in convening organisations to respond to the Serious Violence Duty (SVD).
- Lead responsibility for completing and returning all Home Office requirements.
- Oversight of review, update and refresh of the Serious Violence Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA) and strategy.
- Design, development and analysis of the Violence Survey.
- Responsibility for serious violence related communications.
- Management of all funding for interventions aligned to SVD priorities.
- 2025 Violence Survey received 457 responses feeding into the 2025 SNA.
- 2025 SNA refresh nearing completion with initial analysis showing positive trends.
- £221,692.32 allocated to further SVD investment for 2025–26.

### North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue

- NYFRS Director of Community Risk & Resilience chairs the Serious Violence Duty Multi Agency Working Group, promoting collaboration and best practice
- Increased work with partners to identify young people at risk of fire related antisocial behaviour, offering diversionary activities where suitable.
- Developing Resilience course delivered in Nov 2025, with additional courses planned for 2026 and discussions underway with Youth Justice

### North Yorkshire Police

- An uplift to Neighbourhood Policing Teams has increased capacity to focus on prevention, visible policing and partnership activity in areas most affected by serious violence and anti social behaviour.
- Home Office funded ASB hotspot patrols are delivered in identified high risk locations, using additional patrols and GPS monitoring to evidence targeted activity, running until March 2026.

- The NYP Licensing Team works proactively with North Yorkshire Council licensing to review incidents linked to licensed premises and undertake preventative and enforcement action to reduce violence and disorder.
- Delivery of the “Virtually There” knife crime virtual reality intervention commenced in September 2025, supporting early intervention and prevention activity around serious violence.
- North Yorkshire Police is developing an ASB Action Plan, reportable to the Home Office by April 2026, setting out the use of ASB powers, prevention activity and a partnership based approach to tackling repeat victimisation and harm.

### **North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NYSAB)**

- Safeguarding Week activities included awareness sessions such as Understanding and Recognising Stalking and Multi Agency Tasking and Coordination with a focus on repeat and serial perpetrators.
- Developed new professional curiosity guidance and launched an ongoing priority to embed trauma informed practice, enhancing early identification and practitioner confidence.
- Distributed practical safety tools such as drink spiking prevention toppers to engage the public in conversations about staying safe.

### **North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP)**

- Cross cutting strategies directly link to serious violence, including Early Help, MACE & Contextual Safeguarding, Harmful Sexual Behaviour.
- MACE arrangements, especially Risk Outside the Home developments and the MACE Strategy action plan, support responses to child exploitation and youth violence.
- School safeguarding audits and partnership development days strengthen early identification of risk across education settings.

### **CYPS, North Yorkshire Council - School Improvement Service**

- The Growing Up in North Yorkshire - GUNY survey captures young people’s experiences around parental conflict and healthy relationships, generating insight relevant to violence prevention.
- Safeguarding monitoring assesses schools’ understanding of contextual safeguarding concerns linked to youth violence risk.

### **North Yorkshire Probation**

- The Young Adults Pilot was implemented across North Yorkshire and Leeds, securing partner support to deliver specialist interventions for this vulnerable group.
- Continued management and supervision of all High and Very High Risk of Serious Harm cases in the community and pre release, adapting plans in response to changes in releases and recalls.

### **NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB)**

- Delivered Lunch and Learn sessions and shared Serious Violence Duty (SVD) resources to promote awareness across the health system.
- Integrated SVD content into safeguarding training and multi agency conferences.

## Partner Contributions

- York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority, Policing, Fire and Crime Directorate
- Partners participate in SVD planning and delivery groups.
- Organisations deliver funded interventions addressing local serious violence priorities.
- Partners provide data and insight for the SNA and contribute to communications and survey engagement.

The Community Safety Serious Violence Fund 2025/26 list of projects awarded can be found via: [Community Safety Serious Violence Fund 2025/26 - York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority – Policing, Fire and Crime Team](#)

### North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue

- Contribution to the Serious Violence Duty working group and sharing of data, intelligence and best practice.

### North Yorkshire Police

- Joint working with CSP partners, local authorities and licensing teams enables coordinated prevention, enforcement and community reassurance activity in areas most affected by serious violence.

### North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NYSAB)

- Partners collaborated in delivering Safeguarding Week sessions and promoting shared learning.
- Agencies acted on updates about emerging risks and legislative changes.
- Multi agency involvement ensured a joined up approach to preventing serious violence through early intervention and safe practice.

### North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP)

- Schools, Early Help providers, and contextual safeguarding partners support strategy delivery and help embed responses to serious youth violence.
- MACE partners coordinate intelligence sharing, risk management and targeted interventions.

### NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB)

- Health providers participate in Serious Violence Duty focused training, strengthening frontline recognition of risk.

# Priority 3 – Domestic Abuse

As a partnership to continue build on the North Yorkshire & City of York Domestic Abuse Strategy 2024-2028 with a multi-agency approach to strive to raise awareness of what domestic abuse is, whilst engaging with our communities around what services are available to prevent, support and protect all those that are impacted.

## Headlines

**York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority, Policing, Fire and Crime Directorate** - Leading strategic commissioning and system wide responses to Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls across York and North Yorkshire.

**North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue** - Strengthening NYFRS's role in identifying and supporting individuals affected by domestic abuse through training, partnership work and safer home interventions.

**North Yorkshire Police** - Domestic abuse risk is embedded within daily governance and neighbourhood delivery, ensuring early identification, safeguarding and coordinated multi agency responses.

**North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NYSAB)** - Enhancing adult safeguarding responses to domestic abuse through partnership led awareness, aligned strategies, and strengthened community engagement.

**North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP)** - Using multi agency learning and inspection activity to strengthen safeguarding responses to children experiencing or affected by domestic abuse.

**CYPS, North Yorkshire Council - School Improvement Service** - Enhancing early identification of domestic abuse through school safeguarding audits, curriculum delivery and practitioner support.

**North Yorkshire Probation** - Improving safeguarding, information sharing and gender responsive community support for individuals at risk of or affected by domestic abuse.

**NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB)** - Improving domestic abuse response in healthcare through training, policy updates, multi agency coordination and workforce safeguarding.

## Key Details

### York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority, Policing, Fire and Crime Directorate

- Leadership of the Joint Addressing VAWG Strategy and Women's Whole Systems Approach.
- Lead role for the Joint Domestic Abuse Commissioning Strategy and the Domestic Abuse Joint Commissioning Group.
- Acting as Lead Commissioner and Contract Manager for co commissioned Domestic Abuse Support Services.
- Commissioning and management of grant funding for DA services, interventions and projects.
- Launch of Start Safe Stay Safe app enabling reporting of street harassment and promoting access to independent support/advice.
- Ongoing challenge: demand continues to exceed service capacity.
- Refreshing of the VAWG local approach following the release of the updated national VAWG Strategy.

### North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue

- Prevention staff have received Domestic Abuse training to better recognise and respond to concerns.
- Domestic abuse awareness is now embedded within Home Fire Safety Visits, enabling quicker identification and onward referral.
- Outcomes include increased staff confidence and more accurate, timely safeguarding referrals.

### North Yorkshire Police

- Domestic abuse is a standing priority within Daily Management Meetings, with the DA Coordinator in attendance to ensure high risk cases are identified, reviewed and managed appropriately.
- School Liaison Officers deliver targeted interventions to individuals and small groups based on incidents and intelligence, supporting early intervention and reducing future vulnerability to domestic abuse.
- Diversionary and preventative activity, including Op Choice (drugs), Op Challenge (VAWG and misogynistic behaviour) and Op Divan (knife crime), contributes to reducing risk factors linked to domestic abuse and serious violence.
- Planned joint patrols and activity with Community Safety Hubs in relation to the night time economy aim to reduce both serious violence and domestic abuse harm.

### North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NYSAB)

- Supported implementation of the North Yorkshire & City of York Domestic Abuse Strategy, ensuring adult safeguarding pathways remain clear and accessible
- Integrated domestic abuse considerations into Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs), inviting relevant professionals to shape recommendation

### North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP)

- Learning from Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) and Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) is incorporated into children's practice through the Safeguarding Practice Review Group.
- Awareness activities run through training, learning reviews and audits strengthen practitioner confidence in identifying and responding to domestic abuse.

## **CYPS, North Yorkshire Council - School Improvement Service**

- GUNY survey content includes questions linked to parental conflict and healthy relationships, contributing to awareness of domestic abuse risk factors
- Multi agency safeguarding networks enable appropriate referrals and coordinated responses when domestic abuse risk is identified in school settings.

## **North Yorkshire Probation**

- Develop closer partnership working around safeguarding and domestic abuse to improve information sharing and knowledge of roles and responsibilities
- Reinforce and strengthen community provisions and interventions for priority cohorts and vulnerable people, especially young adults and women

## **NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB)**

- Organised a multi agency Domestic Abuse Conference and Masterclass for health professionals.
- Active participant in MARAC and contributed to the Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) on children affected by domestic abuse.
- Updated the Primary Care Domestic Abuse policy template and disseminated it to all GP practices.

## **Partner Contributions**

### **York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority, Policing, Fire and Crime Directorate**

- Local authorities and specialist providers co commission and co manage domestic abuse services.
- Partners contribute to the delivery of VAWG and DA strategies.
- Organisations promote and use new tools (e.g., Start Safe Stay Safe) to support victims.
- Partners adjust services and planning in response to national VAWG policy developments.

### **North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue**

- Multi agency safeguarding partners enable coordinated response for high risk individuals.
- Shared risk assessments help integrate fire safety planning with domestic abuse safety planning.

### **North Yorkshire Police**

- Multi agency safeguarding arrangements and CSP engagement ensure domestic abuse risk is managed collaboratively, with shared oversight and coordinated intervention.

### **North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NYSAB)**

- Partners collaboratively delivered public facing engagement events and shared resources.
- Domestic abuse specialists contributed to SAR panels, shaping learning and improvement.
- Safer North Yorkshire and NYSAB worked jointly to raise awareness, improve visibility, and signpost victims to support.

### **North Yorkshire Probation**

- Domestic abuse services collaborate with probation to improve risk identification and multi agency response plans.

# Priority 4

## - Standing together to tackle hate crime, radicalisation and extremism

The Prevent duty aims to stop people from becoming terrorists and supporting terrorism, and community cohesion plays a vital role in this by fostering strong, positive relationships between people from different backgrounds. Through multi-agency delivery partners will work together, building relationships and encouraging interaction with communities, to reduce marginalisation and isolation, and strengthen arrangements to support vulnerable people and communities.

### Headlines

#### **York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority, Policing, Fire and Crime Directorate -**

Strengthening early intervention, cohesion and youth voice in tackling hate crime, radicalisation and extremism.

**North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue** - Improving safeguarding awareness and community engagement to better identify risks of hate crime, radicalisation and extremism.

**North Yorkshire Police** - North Yorkshire Police delivers a proactive response to hate crime and extremism through specialist teams, strong neighbourhood oversight and community engagement.

**North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NYSAB)** - Promoting awareness of hate crime and improving safeguarding responses for vulnerable adults through community engagement and partnership led events.

**North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP)** - Strengthening safeguarding through cross cutting work linking contextual safeguarding, Prevent, and exploitation arrangements.

**CYPS, North Yorkshire Council - School Improvement Service** - Strengthening schools' PREVENT awareness and safeguarding practice to identify and respond to risks of radicalisation, extremism and hate related harm.

**NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB)** - Strengthening Prevent compliance, radicalisation awareness and multi agency safeguarding around extremism.

## Key Details

### York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority, Policing, Fire and Crime Directorate

- Management and provision of grant funding for interventions addressing hate crime and community cohesion.
- Connection of the Youth Commission with countywide groups to embed young people's voices in hate crime work.
- Financial support provided to the Wake Up Call project to enhance early intervention work.
- Launch and implementation of the Youth Commission-created hate crime training film Inclusivity.

### North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue

- All Prevention staff have completed .GOV Prevent training, with a request submitted for all staff to complete it
- Engagement through events, open days and targeted sessions has strengthened trust with underrepresented and minority communities
- With increased visibility, this has giving reassurance to vulnerable groups, and stronger community relationships.

### North Yorkshire Police

- A dedicated Hate Crime Team (Sergeant, 2 Constables) undertakes proactive community engagement, bespoke partner training and reviews all hate crime incidents to ensure quality of service and appropriate safeguarding.
- Neighbourhood Inspectors review all hate crime incidents within their areas, providing local accountability and assurance that appropriate action has been taken.
- Officers engage with refugee council sessions and community groups, including York Mosque, Jewish Community to raise awareness of reporting channels, provide reassurance and build trust.
- North Yorkshire Police supports the development of community champions through partners to improve identification, reporting and prevention of hate crime and extremism.

### North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NYSAB)

- Supported Hate Crime Awareness Week by attending events and using social media to raise awareness of hate crime and safeguarding.
- Partners participated in a high profile event at Northallerton Town Hall, organised by Mencap and the Safer North Yorkshire Partnership, spotlighting hate crime realities and available support.
- Improved practitioner understanding of safeguarding responsibilities related to hate crime.

### North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP)

- Ongoing alignment with national reforms (Families First Partnership Programme) explores developing multi agency child protection teams, which would strengthen earlier identification of extremist or hate related risk factors.

### CYPS, North Yorkshire Council - School Improvement Service

- Monitoring explicitly assesses PREVENT understanding, contextual safeguarding awareness and links with wider extremism related risks.

## **NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB)**

- Delivered training to recognise and respond to radicalisation risks.

## **Partner Contributions**

### **York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority, Policing, Fire and Crime Directorate**

- Partners deliver grant funded hate crime and cohesion initiatives.
- Youth Commission works with partners to co produce training materials and contribute to strategic work.
- Organisations coordinate with Wake Up Call to enhance early intervention efforts across the county.

### **North Yorkshire Police**

- Close collaboration with CSP partners, community organisations and faith groups strengthens prevention activity, reporting confidence and victim support

### **North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue**

- Community organisations facilitate engagement opportunities and support NYFRS to access minority and rural groups.
- Multi agency Prevent structures help identify individuals at risk and coordinate intervention.

### **North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NYSAB)**

- Community Safety Partnership, Mencap, and NYSAB worked together on public events to improve awareness.
- Practitioners applied shared learning to improve safeguarding responses for victims of hate crime.
- Partnership engagement created opportunities to build trust with underrepresented groups and encourage reporting.

### **North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP)**

- MACE and contextual safeguarding partners help identify children vulnerable to hate related harm or extremist grooming.

### **CYPS, North Yorkshire Council - School Improvement Service**

- Schools work with safeguarding advisers specialising in PREVENT to strengthen staff training and compliance
- Cross agency working supports contextual safeguarding responses to hate related behaviours or radicalisation indicators identified in education settings.

## **NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB)**

- Ensured NHS providers meet their statutory duties under the Prevent strategy, inclusive of training for staff to recognise and respond to early signs of radicalisation, sharing intelligence appropriately, and participating in Channel Panel discussions to safeguard individuals at risk

# Safer North Yorkshire Partnership – Best Practice and What Works Well

Across the partnership, a number of successful approaches have clearly strengthened community safety this year:

- **Early intervention models**, including trauma informed practice, multi agency problem solving, Children's MAPS, and preventative policing initiatives such as Operation Divan and hotspot patrols.
- **Multi agency forums** - MACE, MARAC, MATAAC, MAPPA, Community Safety Hubs, and the Inclusive Communities Group - providing robust risk management and coordinated safeguarding.
- **Enhanced intelligence sharing**, with targeted local action informed by real time data, lived experience and community insight (e.g., knife bin analysis, drug related harm intelligence, serious violence surveys).
- **Community focused engagement**, including joint campaigns, school programmes, awareness weeks, targeted comms, and events that increase visibility, confidence and trust.
- **Improved governance and strategic alignment**, demonstrated through shared strategies (DA, VAWG, Serious Violence) and consistent partner involvement in delivery plans, audits and inspections.
- **Innovative tools**, such as VR based knife crime education, new case management systems, specialist roles, and strengthened safeguarding frameworks across children's and adults' services.
- stronger engagement with young people, improved early intervention, and more consistent partnership responses.

**These approaches collectively demonstrate that prevention, partnership, and community involvement remain essential to tackling harm.**



# Safer North Yorkshire Partnerships – Key Challenges for Partners Going Forward

Despite this progress, partners continue to navigate several complex and evolving challenges:

- **Rising demand and capacity pressures**, particularly across domestic abuse, safeguarding, and specialist support services.
- **Variability in engagement**, with some localities requiring improved consistency in attendance, information sharing, and adoption of best practice models.
- **Increasing complexity of cases**, including intersecting issues such as trauma, exploitation, substance use, mental health, and community tensions.
- **Evolving threats**, including serious violence, extremism, online harms, and exploitation of children and adults.
- **Geographical disparities**, where rurality and access differences require innovative delivery models and targeted support.
- **Data and evidence gaps**, which highlight the need for deeper, more integrated analysis to underpin future decision making.
- **Social media and online activity** – ongoing risks around the every increasing online activities
- **New sentencing provisions** - likely to come into force in spring will present further challenges to the resourcing of the staff group

**These challenges underline the importance of sustained system leadership, shared accountability, and long term commitment to prevention.**

# Safer North Yorkshire Partnership's – Future Focus and Forward Priorities

Looking ahead, the Partnership is committed to embedding continuous improvement and responding proactively to emerging needs. Key areas of focus include:

- **Strengthening workforce capacity and capability**, including trauma informed training, specialist roles, and multi agency upskilling.
- **Using data more intelligently**, ensuring interventions are targeted, evidence led, and demonstrate measurable impact on people, not just services.
- **Further integration of safeguarding and community safety**, particularly around domestic abuse, exploitation, serious violence, and contextual safeguarding.
- **Enhancing community cohesion**, responding to national and local factors including migration patterns, extremism risks, and increased visibility of hate crime.
- **Improving equitable access**, with a focus on rural communities, diverse groups, and harder to reach populations.
- **Sustaining and deepening partner engagement**, ensuring all agencies remain fully committed to shared priorities and consistent practice.
- **Embedding new models and legislative requirements**, including Martyn's Law and ongoing statutory duties across Prevent, Protect & Prepare, Domestic Abuse, and Serious Violence.
- **National Reform through the Families First Partnership Programme** – particularly considering how we might develop Multi-Agency Child Protection teams and work more closely in localities with partner agencies.
- **Performance Dashboard** – To ensure the strengthening performance management for the Safer North Yorkshire Partnership the development of a dashboard
- **Probation Services** - Implement the Young Adults Pilot for North Yorkshire and Leeds and canvas support from partner agencies to provide specialist interventions to meet the needs of a vulnerable group.
- **Safely manage the implementation of new arrangements for the release and recall of offenders in the community** – roll out of briefings, guidance and audits of work continue across the NYPDU with initial feedback that there has been no increase in risks to the public.

# Conclusion



The performance highlights across the partnership strong prevention and early intervention work, data driven improvements in serious violence and domestic abuse responses, significant multi-agency activity delivered despite demand and capacity pressures, tangible community impacts demonstrated through reduced risk, increased engagement, and strengthened cohesion.

The Safer North Yorkshire Partnership has continued to demonstrate the power of strong, multi agency collaboration to prevent harm, protect vulnerable people, and build safer, more confident communities. Across all four strategic priorities - Community Safety Hubs, Serious Violence Duty, Domestic Abuse, and Hate Crime & Community Cohesion - partners have delivered meaningful progress, strengthened local intelligence, and enhanced early intervention approaches that are rooted in trauma informed, person centred practice.

The achievements outlined throughout this report demonstrate the commitment, adaptability and determination of all partners working across North Yorkshire. By maintaining a shared vision, strengthening multi agency collaboration, and focusing on early intervention and prevention, the Partnership is well placed to meet future challenges and continue making North Yorkshire a safer place to live, work and visit.



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