

Existing Early Help Services and functions

SERVICES WITHIN SCOPE			
Service area (A-Z)	Service summary	Total Budget (£,000s)	External Income (£,000s)
Castlegate	<p>“Castlegate for Young People” provides universal information, advice and guidance to young adults aged 16-19 (up to age 25 for disabled young people). This includes information regarding housing, benefits, sexual health and relationships. It offers a drop-in provision, signposting to services and some 1:1 support on issues raised.</p> <p>This service includes Connexions Advisors, a team of Personal Support and Inclusion Workers (PSIs), Information, Advice and Guidance Leads and Counsellors.</p>	470	3
Children’s Advice Team	<p>The Children's Advice Team provides city wide support and can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer advice and information on how practitioners can work together to support a child and their family through a Family Early Help Assessment (FEHA) and support plan • Help to bring in specialist support and assistance where necessary • Help to identify an appropriate Lead Practitioner in an Early Help process 	268	0
Children’s Centres	<p>The core purpose of the Children’s Centres is to reduce inequalities for children and families in the greatest need and to improve the following outcomes for children from pre-birth to primary school age:</p>	1,632	109

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • child development and school readiness • parenting aspirations and parenting skills • child and family health and life chances. 		
Children's Trust Unit	<p>The Children's Trust Unit acts as a resource and central contact point on all aspects of partnership working, early intervention and prevention. It provides support to deliver the outcomes of the Children and Young Person's Plan, the YorOK Board and a number of its sub-groups.</p> <p>The Children's Trust Unit includes a range of services including; the Children's Advice Team, Family Information Service, Family Focus, Parenting and the Speak Up Service.</p>	200	0
Connexions	<p>Connexions Advisors work in schools, colleges and in the labour market delivering the local authority's statutory duty to support vulnerable young people at risk of NEET, including those disabled, children and young people in care and disengaged from education aged 13 to 19 yrs (up to age 25 for disabled young people), focusing on providing careers advice, guidance support and challenge.</p>	434	0
Counselling Service	<p>The aim of the counselling service is to encourage good emotional health and well-being in young people who are 16 – 25 yrs. This is a referral based service offering sessions from Castlegate to build resilience in young adults, usually referred from GPs.</p>	Included in Castlegate allocated budget	
Duke of	<p>Support is provided to run the Duke of Edinburgh scheme across York. The DoE</p>	30	

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Edinburgh	award is open to all young people between 14 and 24 years old.		
Early Intervention Fund	The Early Intervention Fund provides funding to seven children's projects within the voluntary and community sector with the specific purpose of providing services and improving outcomes for children and families in the city. It is overseen by the Children's Trust Unit	95	0
Family Focus	The Family Focus programme aims to support families who have multiple and often complex needs through a whole family approach. This includes direct family work but mainly coordinates a wider approach to services meeting the programme requirements. This is the local model through which the national Troubled Families programme is currently delivered.	367.410	359.810
Family Information Service	<p>York Family Information Service is a free and impartial information service for mums, dads and carers of children and young people aged 0-19 yrs (or up to 25 for disabled children).</p> <p>Information can be given on any aspect of family life. The service maintains the YorOK website, YorZone website (for young people), the York Open Service Directory, the Local Offer, the disabled children's register and aspects of childcare sufficiency.</p>	176	13
Health Visitors*	<p>Health visiting teams lead and deliver the Healthy Child Programme (an early intervention and prevention public health programme) for all children aged 0–5 yrs.</p> <p>Health visiting teams provide advice, support</p>	NHS budget arrangement until 01.04.16	

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	and interventions to all families with children in the first years of life. They are well placed to identify the needs of individual children, parents and families (including safeguarding needs) and refer or direct them to existing local services.		
Parenting Support	The Parenting Support Team organise and deliver a range of parenting programmes across the city. Some of these parenting programmes are directly delivered by the parenting support team but in recent years the service has developed greater use of independent facilitators and partners to deliver programmes.	143	3
Personal Support and Inclusion Service: Castlegate	The PSI's provide post 16 advice and support from Castlegate for Young People, on employment, housing, benefits and health. They support young people who are NEET by providing a holistic service to help young people to address barriers to education, employment and training.	Included in Castlegate allocated budget	
Personal Support and Inclusion Service: Community	<p>The Personal Support and Inclusion (PSI) Service is a targeted provision for vulnerable young people aged 11-17 years (up to 21 years Learning Disability). There is a core of work that runs throughout the service: building up young people's social and emotional capabilities so they can successfully take charge of their own lives.</p> <p>PSIs will take on the role of the lead practitioner or be part of a package of support for a young person where appropriate.</p>	343	74

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School Nursing*	School nurses are specialist public health nurses, who deliver public health interventions to school-aged children and young people. They deliver the Healthy Child Programme (HCP) for all children and young people aged 5-19, picking up from health visitors (0-5).	NHS budget arrangement until 01.04.16	
Volunteer service	<p>The volunteer service sits within the Youth Offending Team and provides support with the recruitment and training of a wide range of volunteers. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Visitors • Appropriate Adults • Community Panel Members • Missing from home return interviews • Mentors • Advocates for the Rights and Advocacy Team (Speak Up Service) • Youth Workers for CYC provision and community sector. 	Included in PSI: Community allocated budget	
Youth & Community Development Team	<p>The Youth and Community Development team support all youth groups across the city through a range of resources to develop and sustain provision for young people and the community.</p> <p>The team provide grants and support to voluntary and community sector partners to develop services for young people. The team also directly delivers some key programmes for children and young people's voice such as the Youth Council and Young Inspectors.</p>	507	6

* It should be noted that School Nurses and Health Visitors will formally be transferred over to the local authority from the 1st April 2016. It would be expected though that these services will be part of the new operating model for early help over the coming years.