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What does the CYSCP Partnership do?

- ▶ The Children Act 2004, as amended by the Children and Social Work Act 2017, and the associated statutory guidance Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018) replaced Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs) with new local multi-agency safeguarding partnership arrangements (MASA).
- ▶ This placed new duties on the three Statutory Safeguarding Partners (namely: the Local Authority, the Police and the Clinical Commissioning Group now ICS) in local areas, to make arrangements to work together, and with other relevant agencies locally, to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in their area.
- ▶ The City of York Safeguarding Children Partnership was established in April 2019 to oversee the new Multi-Agency Safeguarding Children arrangements (MASA).

Who are our three statutory safeguarding partners in the City of York?



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Michael Walker
Interim Assistant Chief
Constable (ACC)
North Yorkshire Police



Michelle Carrington,
Director of Nursing
Humber and North
Yorkshire Health and
Care Partnership

Independent Scrutiny

- ▶ Independent Scrutineer acts as a constructive critical friend and promotes reflection to drive continuous improvement and provides assurance in judging the effectiveness of multi-agency arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in a local area (WTSC18)
- ▶ Dr Maggie Atkinson has served as scrutineer in the City of York since September 2020. However, has formally given notice and steps down in December 2022
- ▶ Recruitment for a new scrutineer is underway

Key areas of activity of CYSCP

- ▶ Inspections:
 - Ofsted Inspection of Children's Social Care (March 2022)
 - HMICFRS National Child Protection Inspection (November 2021 with the final report published in March 2022)
 - Youth Justice Inspection (September 2022)
- ▶ New appointments across all statutory services including into Senior Leadership posts
- ▶ Despite challenges the CYSCP have continued to operate as per the requirements set out in Working Together
- ▶ Partner agencies representatives at the CYSCP Executive and subgroups throughout 2021-2022 are accountable and committed to ensure that work in all areas continues
- ▶ Voice of children and young people paramount in all areas work carried out by CYSCP - 'Right's Respecting City'

Challenges and Improvement

- ▶ Inspection
- ▶ Recovery following Covid-19 pandemic
 - Professionals: Staff wellbeing and recruitment
 - Children & Young People and their families
- ▶ Service Provision - specialist services for the most complex children and young people including CAMHS provision

Beyond

- ▶ Legislative/Policy changes
- ▶ Continuous Improvement following Inspection
- ▶ Recruitment to a new Scrutineer
- ▶ Development of the Children and Young People's Plan
- ▶ Commitment from Senior Leaders within the Partnership
- ▶ Post Pandemic
- ▶ Continued commitment by the Partnership to ensure that the voice of children and young people are listen to and acted on