



North Yorkshire
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Summary

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Introduction

This document is a summary of the Young and Yorkshire 2 plan (the plan). The plan aims to improve the lives of children and young people living in North Yorkshire, as well as their families and those who care for them. The full version can be found at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/our-key-strategies-plans-and-policies>

The plan has been produced by the Children's Trust Board for North Yorkshire, a partnership that represents all the agencies working with children and young people across the county, at both a strategic and local level. References to "our" and "we" in this document are intended to refer to the Trust collectively, working together in close partnership with children and their families.

This plan is one of the council's nine key strategies, which feed in to the overarching council plan's ambition that 'every child and young person has the best possible start in life.'

Young and Yorkshire 2 provides strategic direction to statutory and voluntary agencies involved in delivering the plan and builds on the original 2014-17 plan. The new plan gives greater focus to some of the wider challenges that must be tackled to improve the life chances for all of North Yorkshire's children and young people, such as the school they go to, the community they grow up in, or their family circumstances.

The ambition for Young and Yorkshire 2 is to address longer term, complex and often intergenerational issues which affect a child's life chances. This means that the plan will be 'live' and evolving, rather than a static plan to deliver outcomes over a fixed time period. It will be kept under continual review, with an annual review to ensure it remains relevant to local and national priorities.

The plan covers:

- Our vision
- Our approach to all that we do for children and young people
- The key considerations that we will use to test we are truly making a difference
- The outcomes that we want to achieve for all children and young people
- The priorities and actions

Vision

Young and Yorkshire 2 is driven by a **vision** which sets out our hopes and ambitions for all children and young people in North Yorkshire. The plan's vision statement has been

developed in partnership with children and young people, and is for North Yorkshire to be “**A place of opportunity where all children and young people are happy, healthy and achieving.**”

Outcomes

Young and Yorkshire 2 acknowledges the need to retain a focus on those areas where the evidence suggests we need to improve outcomes and concentrate resources. The new plan retains the three key outcomes from the original plan.

These outcomes have been extended to enable broader issues and challenges to be tackled:

- A Happy family life – Strong families and vibrant communities (happy)
- A Healthy start to life – Safe and healthy lifestyles (healthy)
- Education as our greatest liberator – High aspirations, opportunities and achievements (achieving)

Priorities

A new set of nine **priorities** provide focus to deliver against the outcomes:

Happy

1. Empower families to be resilient and economically secure
2. Protect those at risk of harm
3. Encourage fun, happiness and enjoyment of life

Healthy

4. Promote health and wellbeing through positive choices from conception to adulthood
5. Improve social, emotional and mental health and resilience
6. Reduce health inequalities

Achieving

7. Children have great early years
8. Equip young people for life and work in a strong North Yorkshire economy
9. Raise achievement and progress for all

Key considerations

A short set of ‘key considerations’ has been introduced to underpin the outcomes and priorities in the plan. These help to develop a better understanding of the needs of diverse communities and different groups of children and young people. It will also act as challenge so that we can ensure that all children are able to reach their full potential without the artificial limits that may be imposed by the place they live or their individual or material circumstances. The key considerations are:

- **Place** - *We tackle differences based on where you grow up*
- **Inclusion**- *We recognise and address the needs of diverse groups of children and young people*
- **Deprivation**- *We confront material deprivation to improve life chances*

Overall Approach

This new plan also articulates an approach for all that we do, all of the time, working for children, young people and their families:

- *Celebrate diversity*
- *Listen and involve*
- *Think family and community*
- *Work creatively and innovatively in close partnership*
- *Provide early help, especially in the early years*

Actions

The actions against each of the outcomes and priorities are listed in the full version of the Young and Yorkshire 2 plan.

Key measures

As we progress, we will measure whether we have made a difference using the following benchmarks:

Happy – a happy family life

- Fewer children in need of help and protection by social care services
- Higher average household income with fewer children living in poverty

Healthy – A healthy start to life

- More children and young people with high resilience scores
- More young people making healthy behaviour choices

Achieving – Education as our greatest liberator

- More children achieving a good level of development in their early years
- More young people in education, employment or training
- Increase in progress 8 and attainment 8 at KS4

Actions and next steps

The plan will be officially launched in late 2017. It will be kept under continual review, and a formal annual review will take place in late 2018 to ensure it is achieving the intended outcomes for children and young people, and that it remains relevant to local and national priorities.