

Announcing the arrival of a New Service in April 2015

Children and Families' Service: Prevention

Offering early help for children, young people and families.

What is it?: It's a service offering early help for the 0-19 age range.

- The Prevention Service will bring together staff currently working in separate services (Integrated Services, Children's centre support, Youth Support Services, aspects of Education Social Work, aspects of Early Years support, and Healthy Child Services [5-19].)
- Staff who have a wide range of skills and expertise, will work together locally in one place to ensure that children, young people and families have speedier and easier access to the best possible support and help, when they need it.
- There will be 12 locally based Area Prevention Teams across North Yorkshire.
- The Prevention Service will only work with the agreed consent of the family or young person.

Why is it happening?: To improve the effectiveness of our services.

- Our belief is that by bringing services together in this way, we can increase the effectiveness of early intervention in the lives of children, young people and families whose need is greatest – and achieve healthier and happier outcomes for them.
- It also means we will reduce duplication in assessment practice.
- Additionally we will be able to provide more support for families of children whose needs do not necessitate statutory support arrangements.

How will things be different?: Support will be more joined up and available when it is needed, in order to make a real difference.

- There will be more targeted work and some programmes/activities for children, families and young people along with the places they are delivered in may change, (but not without consulting with you first.)

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- When families or young people are offered and accept support, they will have a named worker who will stay with them throughout the intervention.
- Help will be more joined up and provided where it is most needed so better information sharing between professionals will make sure the correct support is given when it can make the most difference.

What more can you tell me?: More information and publicity for the new service will be available soon. In the meantime:

- You can contact your local Area Prevention Team:
 - Craven – 01609 532412
 - Ripon & Rural Harrogate – 01609 532323
 - Harrogate Town & Knaresborough – 01609 533446
 - Richmondshire – 01609 533682
 - Hambleton North – 01609 536468
 - Hambleton South – 01609 536206
 - Selby Town – 01609 532385
 - Tadcaster & Rural Selby – 01609 534022
 - Whitby & The Moors – 01609 532479
 - Ryedale – 01609 536009
 - Scarborough Town – 01609 533139
 - Scarborough South & Filey – 01609 532927
- Go to the NYCC website and check out our regularly updated information on your local Children's Centre web page; [Children's centres - North Yorkshire County Council](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/23548/Childrens-centres)
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