



Joint area review

Report for children and young people

Report for children and young people about the services they receive in North Yorkshire

- Being healthy
- Staying safe
- Enjoying and doing well at school and as they grow up
- Making a positive contribution to society
- Being successful in whatever they choose to do when they are adults

Why should I read this?

The law says that inspectors must look at and then report on how well local services serve children and young people in an area. This is called a "review". Inspectors visited your area recently. You might like to read this, or the full report which you can find on Ofsted's website, to find out what they had to say.

What did the inspectors do?

Eight inspectors visited North Yorkshire in July and September 2006 so that they could get a feel of what life is like for children and young people in the area. They:

- ❖ talked and listened to a number of children and young people they met at youth clubs, youth activities, and a children's centre in Scarborough, and also met with groups of young people from across the county
- ❖ talked with adults working with children and young people (like social workers, teachers, youth workers, nurses, health visitors, doctors, and police officers)
- ❖ spoke to parents and other people caring for children
- ❖ met with school councils' representatives
- ❖ heard from the council and other agencies what it thinks about the services it provides for children
- ❖ read a lot of reports
- ❖ visited services used by children to see things for themselves.

The inspectors also looked at how well particular children are doing, like those children in council care or those who have a learning difficulty or disability.

How well are children and young people doing in North Yorkshire?

- ❖ They are healthy.
- ❖ Most appear safe.
- ❖ They achieve very well in school.
- ❖ They enjoy school and many take part in sports, arts and music.
- ❖ Many get involved in giving their views and in making decisions about what should happen.
- ❖ High numbers of young people at 16 stay on in education or training.
- ❖ Very young children with disabilities get good support.

What were the main things children and young people told inspectors about your area?

- ❖ Most feel quite or very healthy.
- ❖ Most feel safe and happy at school and in their local area.
- ❖ Most find it quite easy or very easy to find things to do in their local area.
- ❖ Most find it quite easy or very easy to get information and advice when they need it.
- ❖ Many get involved in activities in their schools and local areas.
- ❖ Most think they can make some difference to the way things are run in their school but not in their local area.

What things did the inspectors say are good for children and young people in my area?

- ❖ Most services for children and young people are good. Education is very good. The council and all the other organizations are working hard. Inspectors felt services will continue to get even better.
- ❖ Young people receive good advice and support to help them get healthy and stay healthy.
- ❖ Children and young people who might be at risk of serious abuse or neglect all have social workers to support them and try to protect them.
- ❖ Pupils get excellent results in school, and their attendance is very good, as is their behaviour.
- ❖ There is good support at school, in the youth service and in children's centres to help with problems.
- ❖ Children and young people with learning difficulties and disabilities are included well in mainstream activities.
- ❖ Most children have good access to play and leisure facilities.
- ❖ There are more opportunities for young people to stay on in education and training.
- ❖ In some areas, there are lots of activities to help young people behave better and avoid getting involved in crime.
- ❖ The views of young people in the care of the council are listened to and some things have changed as a result.
- ❖ Young people who leave care are well supported.

What things are not so good for children and young people?

- ❖ Some young people, particularly those with learning difficulties and disabilities, have difficulty in getting the help they need to support them if they have mental health problems.
- ❖ Children and young people who are at risk of serious abuse or neglect do not always get the right kind of support to make sure that the risk is reduced.
- ❖ Some children and young people, including those with learning difficulties and disabilities, have to wait too long for their needs to be assessed and for services to be put in place.
- ❖ Not enough young people in the care of the council are involved in their own reviews.