

Mowbray School Safeguarding Bulletin - July 2022

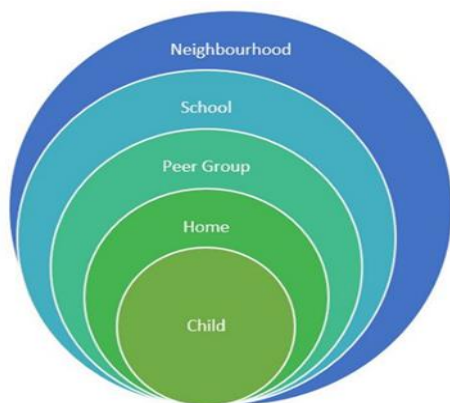
Contextual Safeguarding and Be Aware Campaign

Dear Parents and Carers

The North Yorkshire's Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP) is asking everyone in North Yorkshire to be alert to changes in children and young people that could suggest they are suffering "hidden harm" or abuse. It is helpful for parents and carers to be aware of the concept of Contextual safeguarding and the newly launched NYCC Be Aware campaign.

What is Contextual Safeguarding?

Contextual Safeguarding is an **approach to understanding, and responding to, young people's experiences of significant harm beyond their families**. This approach recognises the different relationships children have in their schools, peer groups, online and in their community.



Children and young people may encounter risk in any of these environments. Sometimes the different contexts are inter-related and can mean that children and young people may encounter multiple risks.

Contextual safeguarding is particularly important for adolescents, because as young people age, they spend more time socialising away from their families. Consequently, their social networks – and any harm associated with them – become more significant

Read more about how to spot the signs of hidden harm on the NYSCP website here:

www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/parents-carers/what-is-hidden-harm

NYSCP have also produced a podcast about Hidden Harm – listen [here](#).

You can report any concerns about a child or young person anonymously on 01609 780780.

Launch of North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership's new child exploitation knowledge hub – Be Aware.

www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/beaware



North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership are proud to launch their new **Be Aware** Knowledge hub.

Be Aware is a knowledge hub designed to help prevent and tackle child exploitation in North Yorkshire. It has been used by professionals across North Yorkshire as a key source of knowledge and information about child exploitation since March 2021. The site has now expanded to include vital information designed for young people, parents, carers and local communities so we can all help to tackle child exploitation in North Yorkshire together.

The site has been developed in consultation with young people and families across North Yorkshire, ensuring the information is shaped in ways that will have the biggest impact.

It's designed specifically for **parents, carers, and young people** to raise awareness and provide a one-stop shop of information about of child exploitation by highlighting

- What child exploitation is and what it can look like.
- Highlighting the different types of child exploitation – including County Lines and online exploitation.
- How to talk to your children about what child exploitation is, and things young people can do to stay safe.
- What the signs are that child exploitation and grooming may be happening.
- What help and support is available in North Yorkshire if you are worried.

There is also a specific section for **businesses** and **communities** to highlight some of the signs of child exploitation and encouraging people to share any concerns or information that may prevent or disrupt perpetrators targeting young people in North Yorkshire.

Stories and experiences of child exploitation have also been shared, so families and residents can see what child exploitation can look and feel like, and the impact it can have on victims.

If parents and carers would like further information, please click on the link below

www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/beaware