

East Riding Safeguarding Children Partnership

Partner and Relevant Agency Meeting (PRAM)

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WELCOME





Keeping Safe – how to engage with young people

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Community VISION



Young people from across East Riding and sometimes neighbouring authorities, come together every 3 months, either as individuals or youth representatives from other agencies/services, to update on youth voice and influence work that is happening across the East Riding and discuss key priorities they are working on. This helps to coordinate youth voice work across the area and provide support to young people, as well as link with key leaders including Cllr. Aitken, Cllr. Whittle and Merlin Joseph. East Riding Members and Deputy Members of Youth Parliament also attend to update on their work.

The UK Youth Parliament provides opportunities for young people to represent their constituencies across the country and work on the top 2 elected Make Your Mark priorities during their 2-year term of office, as well as their individual manifestos. They participate in a range of activities at national and regional level, including the annual sitting in the House of Commons to debate upon key issues.

- Young Healthy Minds website development in partnership with ERYC Public Health – large focus on mental health and emotional wellbeing by various youth voice groups across ER
- **Keeping Safe including:**
 - **Working with the ERSCP to ensure youth voice throughout their current priorities**
 - **Raising awareness of issues faced by young people from the LGBTQ+ community**
 - **Domestic Abuse – healthy and unhealthy relationships**
 - **Violence Against Women and Girls – survey development and future training event**
 - **Anti-bullying strategy and future steps**
- Tackling Climate Change and helping the environment – working with ER Climate Change Strategy Manager
- Log on Move on – App development
- Red Box project

Who are the new East Riding Members and Deputy Members of UK Youth Parliament?

- Member of Youth Parliament - **George Jackson: Vote for me if you want better quality food and better prices with more varied choices.**
- Member of Youth Parliament - **Sophia Osborne: Lessons in life skills, such as independent living. Lessons on basic First Aid and how to spot common illnesses, i.e cancer.**
- Deputy Member of Youth Parliament - **Poppy Pacy: I will try to improve and change the lack of mental health support as well as more community engagement groups.**
- Deputy Member of Youth Parliament - **Charlotte Rogers: I would help East Riding cut down on paper but help kids get learning at the same time.**

Make your Mark

Topic	Tally
Health & Wellbeing	1139
Culture, Media & Sport	982
Jobs, Economy & Benefits	727
Crime & Safety	628
Education & Learning	417
Climate Change & Environment	414
Right, Equality & Democracy	262
Transport	232
Youth Work & Youth Services	172
International Relations	135

What were the Make Your Mark results nationally?

Make your Mark

- **Health & Wellbeing - 85,976**
- **Crime & Safety - 78,893**
- **Culture, Media & Sport - 69,261**
- Jobs, Economy & Benefits - 69,256
- Climate Change & Environment - 49,383
- Education & Learning - 48,713
- Right, Equality & Democracy - 40,452
- Transport - 29,849
- Youth Work & Youth Services - 24,130
- International Relations - 16,693

Webinar with young scrutineers: 31/01/24

Attended by 11 young people from 7 LSCPs from 3 geographical areas, 2 were from East Riding

What are LSCPs to you? / What does the term LSCP mean to you? (Local Safeguarding Children Partnerships: LSCPs)

- in a local context, local authority and originations have a obligation to take care and promote the safety of young people.
- different sectors: Health education and systemic levels of LSCP work
- was discussed how some practitioners in safeguarding underestimate the young people they serve

How do you think LSCPs should involve young people in their work? How well are they doing it?

- important to constantly involve young people in safeguarding efforts and dispelling misconceptions
- discussed various aspects of the participation of young people as LSCP members (Advisors/Scrutineers/etc.)
- Young people should have a voice at all levels

Now talking about the general work of LSCPs, do you think from your work and other experiences that LSCPs are successful in keeping children safe)? Why or why not?

- Participants find it challenging to definitively assess the success of LSCPs in safeguarding children.
- They expressed some concerns that more interest is put on serious life-threatening issues, but there is not enough attention to "lesser" problems such as bullying.
- The communication was again referred as a problem, this time specifically between the local authorities and the Education sector.
- Importance of avoiding tokenistic engagement and ensuring meaningful involvement of young people.

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How do you think that the success of an LSCP should be measured?

- Importance of avoiding tokenistic engagement and ensuring meaningful involvement of young people.

Measures of effectiveness could include:

- Overall pictures of the work that LSCPs are doing, along with timescales – annual report, quarterly updates to Youth council
- Compile all information and research into clear and understandable reports to assess how successful they have been
- Use of data, comparing indicators against the national thresholds

The effectiveness of LSCPs could be improved by:

- Improving promotion of safeguarding in venues visited by young people such as GP surgeries, youth centres, CAMHS, etc. The promotion could incorporate fliers with information on what to do and how to proceed if you have a safeguarding concern. Also, more promotion in schools and colleges. Young people trained as Safeguarding Ambassadors/Champions
- Sharing of power and direct participation of young people in local and national decision-making.
- Improving access to communication and closing the information loop.

Child and Family Voice:

- How do partners use children and young people's voice to measure our success as a partnership?
- How do we communicate with children and young people as a practice system – Both operationally and strategically?
- How do Partners involve children and young people in the work we do as a Childrens Safeguarding Partnership?
- Can your agency commit to join a further discussion about Youth Voice within the ERSCP?

