

In the first instance you should consult your organisation's safeguarding policies and procedures and discuss with the safeguarding lead.

Key Safeguarding Messages:

Worried about a child?

If there are significant concerns about the immediate safety of a child call **999** as soon as it is safe to do so.

Everyone has a responsibility to refer a child when it is believed or suspected that a child:

- Has suffered significant harm and /or;
- Is likely to suffer significant harm and/or;
- Has developmental and welfare needs which are likely only to be met through provision of family support services (with agreement of the child's parent).

If you believe the situation is urgent but does not require the police, please call **0300 131 2 131** to make a telephone contact.

A written referral using the universal referral form must be completed and submitted within 24 hours of your telephone call.

Find out more:



Worried about the behaviour of someone who works or volunteers with children?

If you have concerns about the behaviour of someone who works or volunteers with children and young people then you should speak to the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO).

In accordance with Working Together (2023), where an organisation has received an allegation that a volunteer or member of staff who works with children has:

- behaved in a way that has harmed a child, or may have harmed a child
- possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child
- behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates they may pose a risk of harm to children
- behaved or may have behaved in a way that indicated they may not be suitable to work with children

You should contact the LADO on 01609 533080.

Find out more:



Worried about an adult as a victim of abuse?

If you or the person you are concerned about is in danger and immediate action is required, you should ring the emergency services on **999**.

If you or the person you are concerned about is not in immediate danger, you should ring our customer services centre on **0300 131 2 131**. This includes outside of office hours.

All staff and professionals working with adults should use the Raising a Safeguarding Concern Form.

Find out more:



Training and learning

The following are available on the NYSCP website:

- Policies and procedures
- Practice guidance
- One-minute guides (covering a wider variety of safeguarding topics)
- Support services for children and families in North Yorkshire
- Training (including access to our free monthly safeguarding masterclass)

Find out more:



I have other concerns I want to share

The Police Community Partnership Intelligence Online Form is a key and safe way for professionals to share information about something that may be concerning them for example:

- Information about a concerning incident
- Suspicious activity
- An unusual exchange between two or more people
- Something that makes professionals feel uncomfortable.

This form is for professionals and volunteers working with young people/adults.

The partnership has produced a guide to support the submission of intelligence; the form and the guide can be accessed here:



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Get in touch

To make a safeguarding referral about an adult or child call: **0300 121 3 121**

If you have any further questions, or requests for additional resources or training please email us at nyscp@northyorks.gov.uk