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Agenda item: 06

Performance Against Response Indicators

Community Safety Committee

Date: 12 July 2024

Submitted by: Director of Service Delivery

Purpose: To inform Members of the Community Safety Committee of the performance against the 2024/25 performance outcome targets. The report specifically looks at performance covering 1 April 2024 to 10 June 2024

Recommendations: That Members of the Community Safety Committee note the report

Summary: Members of the Community Safety Committee are presented this report as part of an ongoing commitment to demonstrate how the service delivery activities undertaken by WYFRS contribute to 'Making West Yorkshire Safer'.

Local Government (Access to information) Act 1972

Exemption Category: None

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Background papers open to inspection: None

Annexes: None

1. Introduction

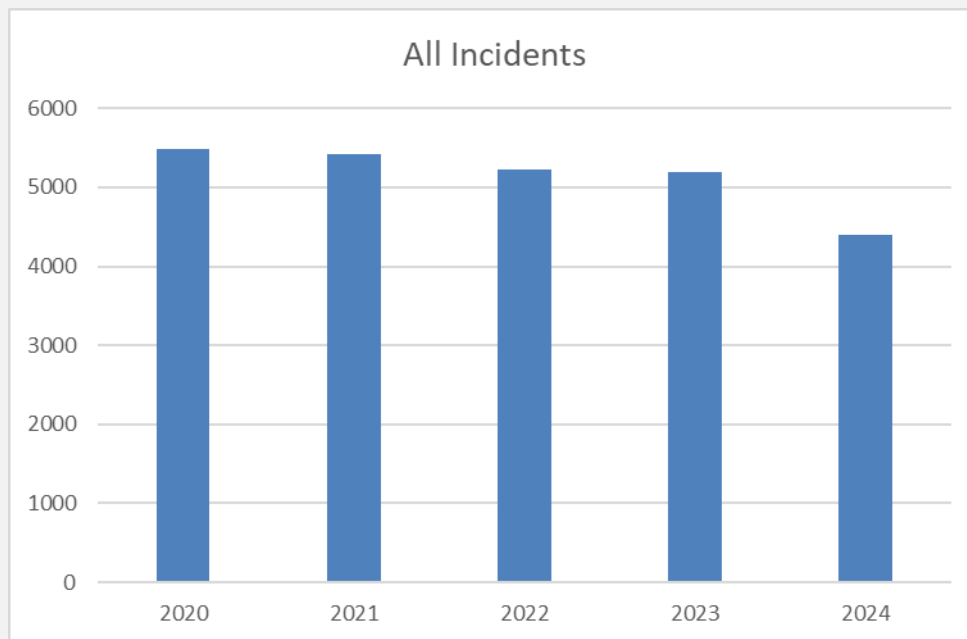
- 1.1 This performance report covers the period from 01 April 2024 to 11 June 2024
- 1.2 Full commentaries against district performance will be provided by the five district commanders in quarters' two and four (6 and 12 monthly).

2. Information

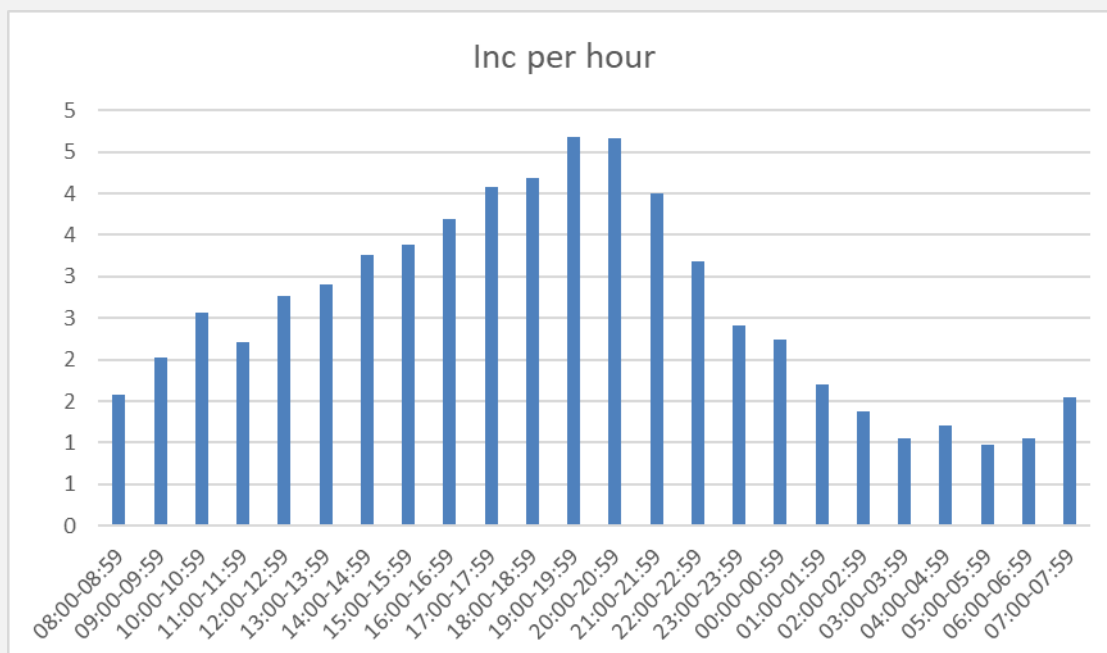
- 2.1 The OneView system allows managers and staff to monitor incident activity using real time data sets. Incidents are plotted geographically which allows for the identification of trends and a more through understanding of what is driving the indicators.
- 2.2 The attached reports provide the data sets against the three year average for a range of incident types in 2024/25
- 2.3 Previous reports to Community Safety Committee considered ten key performance indicators. The new methodology will report against 9 more detailed key performance indicators. The comparison can be seen below:
 - Non fires
 - Injuries and Fatalities
 - Incident Demand
 - False Alarms
 - Victims Rescued
 - Fire Related Injuries and Fatalities
 - All Incidents
 - Road Traffic Collisions
- 2.4 Fires
- 2.5 This report provides an update at service level. Performance reports at district level are included in the annexes and can be used to inform discussion with local district commanders.

3. Key Performance Indicators

- 3.1 **All Incidents** - In 2024 / 25 we have responded to 4395 incidents. This is 883 fewer incidents when compared to the three-year average and 802 fewer incidents than the same period last year. This is strong performance and continues the trends we have seen over the last 5 years for this reporting period.



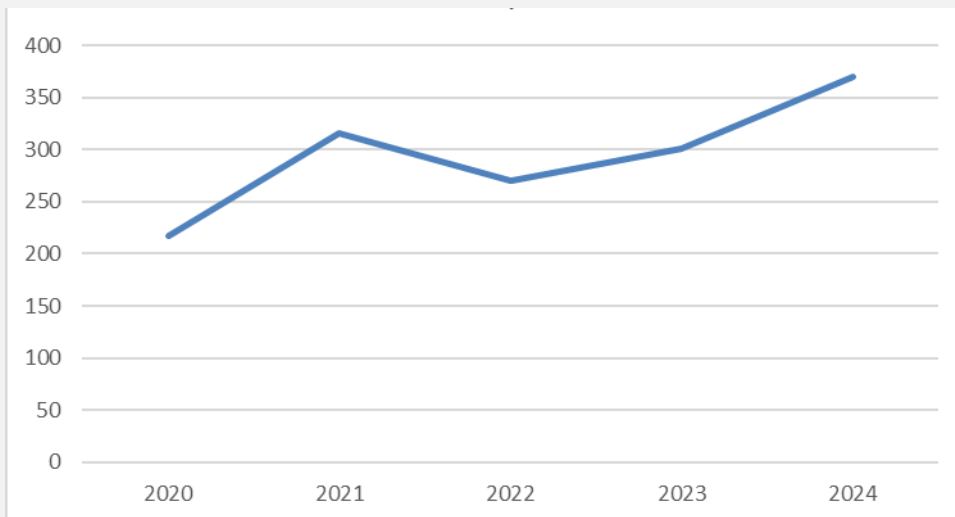
3.2 Incident Demand – The peak period for operational mobilisations is between 15:00 and 22:00. On average, operational demand over the weekend increases by 7% when compared to weekday. The busiest period of the day tends to be between 18:00 and 21:00 as shown below.



3.3 Performance against the Authority approved risk based planning assumption currently sits at 94%. This is 1% stronger than the same period last year.

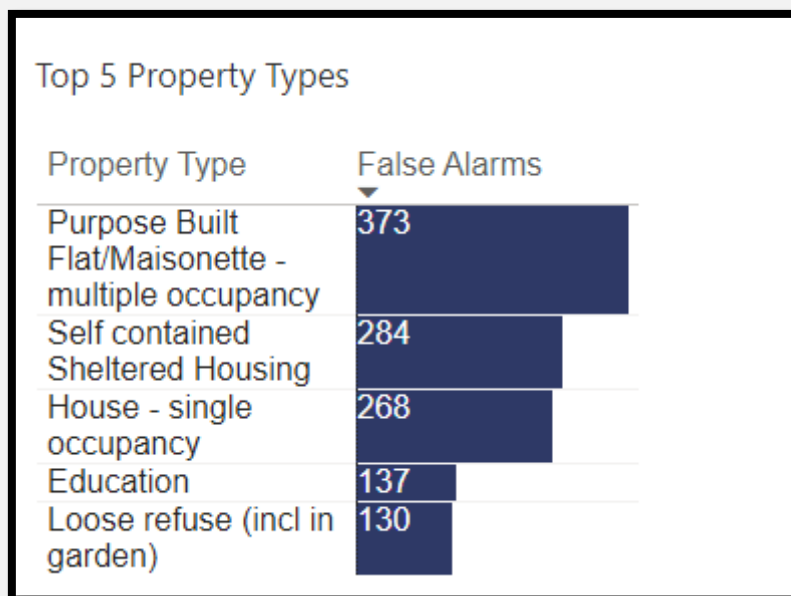
RiskScore	Incident s	Met RBPAs	% met	% missed	Av Response Time
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Very High	574	551	95.99	4.01	00:06:15
High	713	675	94.67	5.33	00:06:29
Medium	919	881	95.87	4.13	00:06:48
Low	996	948	95.18	4.82	00:07:11
Very Low	1193	1081	90.61	9.39	00:08:33
Total	4395	4136	94.11	5.89	00:07:14

- 3.4 **Fires** – We have responded to 1530 fires since 01 April 2024, this is 792 fewer than the three yearly average and 677 fewer than the same period last year. 35% of all incidents attended are fires.
- 3.5 There have been 925 fires thought to have been started deliberately of which, 216 are considered primary fires. 29 of these have occurred in secure accommodation. This is 21 more than the three year average. Work is ongoing through Leeds District and the prison service to address these issues.
- 3.6 679 of the deliberate fires attended have occurred outdoors.
- 3.7 There has been a 15% reduction in Accidental Dwelling Fires (165) when compared to the three-year average and 12 fewer than the same reporting period last year. We continue to target the people most vulnerable to fire in our communities. This is achieved through partnerships with key services and through a data led targeting approach.
- 3.8 The number of Safe & Well visits undertaken has increased by 15% when compared to the same period last year.
- 3.9 **Non-Fires** – ‘Non fires’ includes incident types such as effecting entry for partners, RTCs, lift rescues and other technical rescues Non fires make up 21% of operational demand.
- 3.10 The service has attended 939 non-fire incidents. This is 62 more than the three-year average and 65 more than the same period last year. 370 incidents result from the ‘Effecting Entry’ support we provide to the Yorkshire Ambulance service. This is an increase of 69 when compared to the same period last year. The chart below shows how we continue to see an increase in mobilisations to this incident type.



Effecting Entry Incidents

- 3.11 **False Alarms** – There have been 153 fewer false alarms (1926) attended when compared to the three year average and 190 fewer than the same period last year. False alarms are responsible for 44% of operational demand for this reporting period. The overwhelming majority of false alarms prove to be unwanted fire signals i.e an actuation of a detection device due to fault, poor maintenance or careless behaviour.
- 3.12 Since 18 March 2024, the service will no longer attend false alarms at commercial properties unless supported by a 999 call from site. This has led to a substantial reduction in mobilisations to this incident type. Commercial properties are no longer included in our top five false alarm groups.



- 3.13 **Fire Related Injuries and Fatalities** – In this reporting period there have been 31 fire related injuries and three fire related fatalities. This is one additional fire related injury when compared to then the three-year average

- 3.14 Fire investigation indicates one of the fatalities was a result of self-ignition and two were accidental with investigation ongoing.
- 3.15 **Injuries and Fatalities** – In this reporting period there have been 50 non-fire related fatalities. 40 fatalities are recorded as a result of the support we provide to YAS to effecting entry and other support to partner agencies, three following removal from water courses and five from suspected suicide.
- 3.16 There have been 252 injuries of which the major contributors are 91 linked to RTCs and 71 linked to effecting entry and cause for concerns from members of the public.
- 3.17 **Victims Rescued** – Over the reporting period 222 people have been rescued by firefighters. This is 5 fewer than the three year average and six more than last year. 213 of these were by firefighter not wearing breathing apparatus. This demonstrates how the balance has shifted in terms of ‘fire’ compared to ‘rescue’ service. That said, the requirement to train operational firefighters to the highest standard will remain a key priority.
- 3.18 **Road Traffic Collisions** – There have been 100 RTCs in this reporting period, 23 fewer than the three-year average and 33 fewer than the same period last year. RTCs are responsible for 2% of the service’s overall operational demand. Of these RTCs 43 have required firefighters to employ full extrication techniques.
- 3.19 We continue to work in partnership with District Road Safety Partnership and the service is represented at the West Yorkshire Vision Zero Board. There is innovative prevention and education activities being undertaken across the districts and by the Youth Intervention Team with aim of tackling the fatal five and reducing RTCs.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Monitoring Officer has considered this report and is satisfied it is presented in compliance with the Authority’s Constitution.

6. Human Resource and Diversity Implications

- 6.1 It has been identified through national datasets that higher levels of deprivation are a key factor in the occurrence of fire and other emergencies. By targeting prevention activities to those most vulnerable we are likely to support and reduce risk in the most diverse communities across the county.

7. Equality Impact Assessment

- 7.1 Are the recommendations within this report subject to Equality Impact Assessment as outlined in the EIA guidance?: No

7.2 ([EIA guidance and form 2020 form.docx \(westyorksfire.gov.uk\)](#))

8. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Implications

8.1 The health, safety and wellbeing of all WYFRS staff involved in responding to emergency incidents is one of the key priorities contained within the Your Fire and Rescue Service 2022-2025. The District Command teams actively monitor the health and safety of staff following incidents and have welfare provisions in place for any specific incident type where crews may witness distressing scenes with support available through local managers and the Occupational Health and Safety Unit.

9. Environmental Implications

9.1 Working in partnership has enabled WYFRS to relaunch the Bemooraware campaign to reduce the risk of wildfire across our moorland areas. This has proven extremely successful this summer in preventing significant wildfires and opened networks which we will use to improve our prevention and response activities in the future.

9.2 We will continue to monitor response activity related to climate change and through the CRMP process develop our operational response and prevention resource to manage the risk.

10. Your Fire and Rescue Service Priorities

10.1 This report links with the Community Risk Management Plan 2022-25 strategic priorities below:

- Improve the safety and effectiveness of our firefighters.
- Focus our prevention and protection activities on reducing risk and vulnerability.
- Collaborate with partners to improve all of our services.
- Continuously improve using digital and data platforms to innovate and work smarter.
- Plan and deploy our resources based on risk.

11. Conclusions

11.1 Members of the Community Safety Committee are presented this report as part of an ongoing commitment to demonstrate how the service delivery activities undertaken by WYFRS contribute to 'Making West Yorkshire Safer'. The performance for the first quarter of this year is strong when considered against three-year average and work is being undertaken at district level to manage local risks.

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Arson Convictions 2023/24

Community Safety Committee

Date: 12/07/2024

Submitted by: Director of Service Delivery

Purpose: This report gives details of the arson convictions for the year 2023 - 24, where the Fire Investigation Team from West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (WYFRS) provided expert witness statements to the Crown Prosecution Service.

Recommendations: That members note the content of this report.

Summary: The Arson Convictions where expert witness evidence from West Yorkshire Fire Investigation Officer was used for prosecution are included within this report

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Exemption Category: None

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Background papers open to inspection: None

Annexes: None

1. Introduction

- 1.1 For the period 1 st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (WYFRS) Fire Investigation Unit Officers (FIOs) investigated the origin, cause, and development of fire in 180 incidents.
- 1.2 For a number of these incidents the police required expert witness statements to assist them in the preparation of a case file for consideration by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) in relation to individuals being charged with arson offences.
- 1.3 West Yorkshire Police Witness Care routinely update Fire Investigation Officers on the progress of those cases whereby the Fire Investigation Officer has been notified that they may be required to attend court and give evidence. In many of the other cases, a robust expert witness statement has resulted in those accused of arson pleading guilty to the alleged offence and there has been a subsequent conviction.
- 1.4 The fire investigation unit is not routinely updated on the outcome of these cases, but the unit endeavours to follow up on them to ensure we can produce the most accurate statistics that closely reflect our value to West Yorkshire Police and the communities we serve.
- 1.5 This report provides an overview of the cases where expert evidence submitted by the Fire Investigation Team from WYFRS has been used by West Yorkshire Police and the CPS to aid in securing convictions.

2. Information

- 2.1 For 57 of the 180 incidents the WYFRS FIU supplied West Yorkshire Police with expert witness statements.
- 2.2 For the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 the following outcomes have been established:
 - 20 cases have been, or are being, progressed through the judicial system.
 - 8 cases have found 8 defendants guilty.
 - 7 cases have resulted in sentences totalling 46 years and 1 month.
 - 1 case resulted in a suspended sentence.
 - 4 cases resulted in the issue of hospital orders.
 - Sentencing information is pending on 2 cases.
 - 4 cases are pending trial.
 - In 1 case the defendant died before the trial could take place.

- 1 defendant was found not guilty.

Incident	Incident Date	Fire Details	Charge/Sentence	Prison / Community Sentence
2247014664	12/06/2022	Shed spreading to house	Arson	2 years 8 months imprisonment, and restraining order issued
2247022340	13/08/2022	House	Arson being reckless as to whether life is endangered.	8 years 8 months imprisonment, and issued with indefinite restraining order
224725490	06/09/2022	Flat	Arson being reckless as to whether life is endangered.	Detained under a hospital order
2247008445	10/04/2022	House (HMO)	Murder (Arson) Attempted murder Manslaughter	17 years 9 months. Arson 9 years concurrent. 4 years licence. (23 years 9 months total)
2247028568	11/10/2022	House	Arson	Section 37 hospital order with a section 41
2347001834	28/01/2023	House	Arson	Detained under a hospital order
2147005401	17/03/2021	House	Arson being reckless as to whether life is endangered	3 years imprisonment
2347000954	15/01/2023	House	Arson being reckless as to whether life is endangered.	20 months imprisonment
2347029824	29/11/2023	Flat (highrise)	Arson being reckless as to whether life is endangered.	2 years imprisonment suspended for 2 years, 25 rehabilitation days and a 9-month drug rehabilitation requirement.
2247016013	23/06/2022	Flat	Arson	3 years and 4 months imprisonment
2347005724	16/03/2023	House	Arson	3 years imprisonment
2347004382	26/02/2023	Flat	Arson being reckless as to whether life is endangered.	Detained under a hospital order
2347012151	29/05/2023	Flat	Arson	Guilty plea entered. Awaiting sentencing
2247030824	05/11/2022	Flat	Arson	Due to be sentenced in July 2024
2247028992	15/10/2022	Large Building	Arson	Trial date set for 27th January 2025
2447003460	14/02/2024	Flat	Murder. Arson with intent to endanger life.	Trial date set for 2nd September 2024
2147014690	17/06/2021	Shed	Arson	Awaiting trial date
2347006136	23/03/2023	Shed spreading to house	Arson being reckless as to whether life is endangered.	Accused died before trial.
2347000046	01/01/2023	Sheds	Arson	Not guilty

3. Financial Implications

3.1 There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

4. Legal Implications

4.1 The Monitoring Officer has considered this report and is satisfied it is presented in compliance with the Authority's Constitution.

5. Human Resource and Diversity Implications

5.1 There are no human resource and diversity implications resulting from this report.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 Are the recommendations within this report subject to Equality Impact Assessment as outlined in the EIA guidance?: Not required

7. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Implications

- 7.1 The work undertaken by the Fire Investigation Team supports Police investigation and plays a significant role in securing convictions for fire related incidents. Investigating the cause of fires provides the opportunity to identify emerging fire risks, inform prevention initiatives, understand fire development, and supports the West Yorkshire Firefighter Safety Strategy.

8. Environmental Implications

- 8.1 There are no environmental implications resulting from this report.

9. Your Fire and Rescue Service Priorities

- 9.1 This report links with the Community Risk Management Plan 2022-25 strategic priorities below:
- Improve the safety and effectiveness of our firefighters.
 - Encourage a learning environment in which we support, develop, and enable all our people to be at their best.
 - Focus our prevention and protection activities on reducing risk and vulnerability.
 - Collaborate with partners to improve all of our services.
 - Work in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way.
 - Continuously improve using digital and data platforms to innovate and work smarter.
 - Plan and deploy our resources based on risk.

10. Conclusions

- 10.1 The Fire Investigation Officers working within WYFRS are often provide vital evidence at court for criminal prosecution of arson cases. Their training and experience of dealing with fire investigation work is an essential element of the judicial process.

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Agenda item: 08

Spotlight On Reports

Community Safety Committee

Date: 12 July 2024

Submitted by: Director of Service Delivery

Purpose: To provide Members with examples of how the service meets the needs of vulnerable people within the community in its service delivery functions of prevention, protection and response.

Recommendations: That Members note the content of this report.

Summary: The 'Spotlight On' case studies highlight just some of the excellent work that is being delivered across the communities of West Yorkshire.

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Exemption Category: None

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Background papers open to inspection: None

Annexes: Spotlight On Reports

1. Introduction

- 1.1 WYFRS is committed to meeting the needs of West Yorkshire's diverse communities. Members are aware that we direct our resources particularly towards the most vulnerable groups and individuals who are most at risk because of their lifestyles, behaviours or the way their protected characteristics, such as race, or religion or gender, influence their day-to-day life.
- 1.2 The Spotlight On case studies allow the service to demonstrate to Members of the Community Safety Committee how we often go above and beyond in order to provide an excellent service to the people of West Yorkshire and keep vulnerable people safe.

2. Information

- 2.1 The cases attached to this report showcase how our staff are working across districts in order to reduce risk and where required, respond to emergencies to provide a first class service to people in their time of need.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report. The activities carried out in the development of the work described come from existing revenue budgets and are supporting through collaboration with key partners.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The Monitoring Officer has considered this report and is satisfied it is presented in compliance with the Authority's Constitution.

5. Human Resource and Diversity Implications

- 5.1 There are no human resource and diversity implications resulting from this report.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 Are the recommendations within this report subject to Equality Impact Assessment as outlined in the EIA guidance?: No
- 6.2 ([EIA guidance and form 2020 form.docx \(westyorksfire.gov.uk\)](#))

7. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Implications

- 7.1 The activities described demonstrate our commitment to improving the health, safety and wellbeing of target groups across the respective districts. All activities have been fully risk assessed and where necessary control measures implemented.

8. Environmental Implications

- 8.1 Several the risks highlighted in these documents could potentially have a significant impact on the environment locally and service wide, the plans show we have considered these risks and the actions we will take to mitigate the impact.

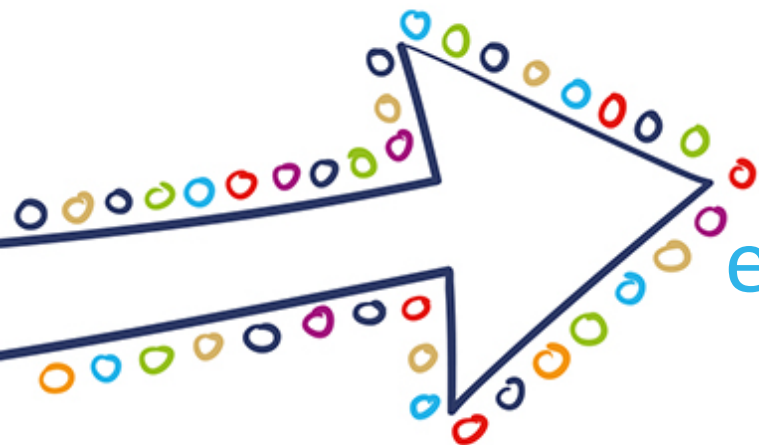
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- Focus our prevention and protection activities on reducing risk and vulnerability.
- Collaborate with partners to improve all of our services.
- Work in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way.
- Achieve a more inclusive workforce, which reflects the diverse communities we serve.
- Continuously improve using digital and data platforms to innovate and work smarter.
- Plan and deploy our resources based on risk.

10. Conclusions

- 10.1 The documents presented to Community Safety Committee demonstrates how West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service have found innovative ways to make a positive contribution to reduce risk for the communities of West Yorkshire.



Spotlight on...

e-bikes and e-scooter safety event



destroyed after being confiscated during police operations. As part of phase 1 we used these as props to help us deliver

The aim was to increase community awareness and safety.

➡ What was the need, how was it identified?

E-bikes and e-scooters are becoming increasingly popular. Most are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which can be charged in the home. The use of these batteries in a wide range of household products is becoming increasingly common. With an increased use of e-bikes and e-scooters, comes a corresponding fire safety concern associated with charging and storage. The use of these products is expected increase. Throughout West Yorkshire there has been a rise in e-bike and e-scooter battery fires. Bradford has seen a marked increase.



E-bikes & E-scooters

safety messages around charging, storage, buying, damage and disposal of batteries. This event was carried out at the Broadway Shopping Centre in Bradford.



Broadway Shopping Centre

➡ What did we do?

Working with officers from West Yorkshire Police, we were able to secure two e-bikes and three e-scooters that had been waiting to be

➡ What difference did we make?

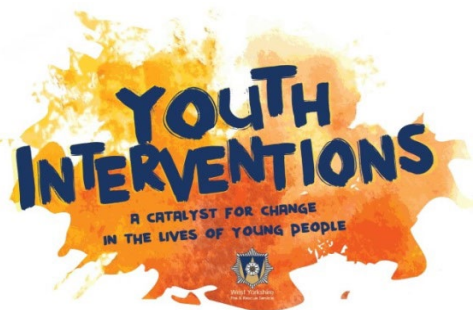
The event was well received by the community who engaged with fire and rescue personnel at the Broadway Centre. The public were keen to understand the dangers associated with lithium-ion

batteries and how to keep themselves and their families safe.

Phase 2 - we will support the community through educational material such as QR codes to our website and an education package created in house for delivery to target audiences including schools.

E-bikes & e-scooters pose other issues such as anti-social behaviour through use in pedestrian areas and speeding on roads across Bradford. Phase 2 will also see us working with other agencies across our Safer Roads partnerships in education using our Youth Interventions team.

The Youth Intervention team continue to be active across the higher risk areas in the district. Identifying vulnerable young people and provide proactive safety programmes – these include:



Fast furious and Fatal Targeted Intervention Days (TIDs)

Through a combination of direct education, open and honest discussions

and practical activities, young people learn about the consequences dangerous road behaviours can have for themselves and other road users such as pedestrians.

Crash & Burn programmes (3 days)

By working directly with new and prospective drivers we aim to help them to develop the confidence to ensure the safety of themselves and others by addressing potentially dangerous behaviours from their passengers. For those on the periphery of dangerous road behaviours the programme aims to help them develop the confidence to identify and remove themselves from potentially dangerous situations and challenge those involved.

What are the keys to our success?

We continue to work with all our partners using data to look at trends and identify hotspots. This helps us all in providing our communities with direct action where it is needed the most.



What are we doing next?

We will be supporting the Vision Zero strategy launch at Lister Park on the 13th August 2024. We will be continuing our drive towards reducing road incidents in the Bradford district with events throughout the year, concentrating on targeted education and awareness, particularly for those that have been identified through partner referrals.



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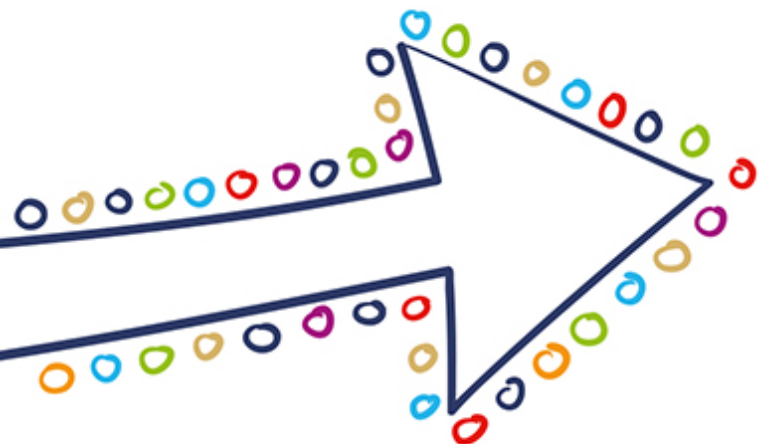
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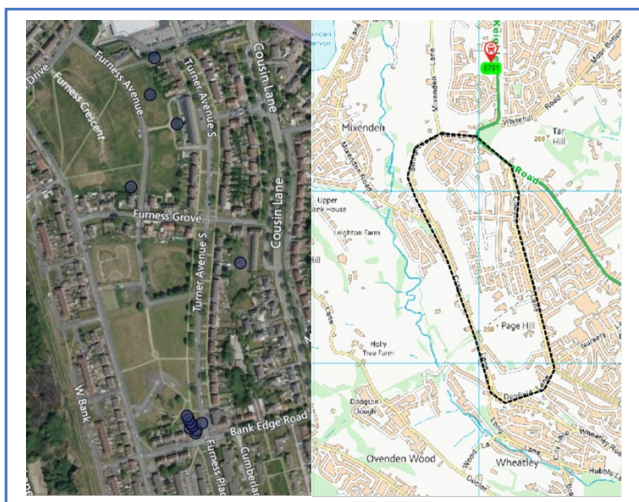
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Spotlight on...

North East Collaboration



What was the need, how was it identified?

Over a period of three months there were a number of attacks on firefighters and appliances in an area of North East Calderdale. In addition to this there was also a high number of secondary fires in the area. The incidents predominantly involve fires in open areas or involving refuse, often described as deliberate.

This trend was identified by Watch Managers at Illingworth station is being progressed through the Illingworth Safer Cleaner Greener forum.



What did we do?

It was identified that there were a number of young people in the areas at the times of the fire and some of the calls in to report the incidents stated that they had been seen setting waste on fire.

The multiagency team developed an action plan for the area with the objectives of:

- Reducing the amount of waste in the area which can be burned. This attracts a response from the FRS and causes conflict with crews and individuals involved.
- Targeted youth interventions in local schools, focusing on building relationships and sharing the impacts of attacks on Fire crews.
- Limiting access to the site.

Through the multi-agency meetings, it was identified that the land where waste was being dumped had been purchased by a developer. We worked with Calderdale Council to look at solutions for preventing access to the site this was achieved by placing obstructions on Furness Avenue, along with the deployment of cameras and EVA to deter the dumping and reduce waste accumulation.

Letters were distributed to the residents of the area to inform them about these plans and to emphasize the importance of

avoiding antisocial behaviour, particularly with respect to fires.

➡ What difference did we make?

The area was secured and all the waste removed by Calderdale Council. There were a number of schools visited by both crews and our Youth Intervention team which has had a significant impact and reduction in the number of incidents in the areas, as well as the number of incidents which resulted in attacks on crews.

➡ What are the keys to our success?

A multi agency approach ensured that we could remove the waste which was being used to start the fires, secure the site and prevent access as well as provide education and prevention activities.

This has led to a good working relationship with groups in the areas including local Youth Clubs which we have now started a Youth Interventions programme with based at Illingworth Station and funded through the North East Partnership.

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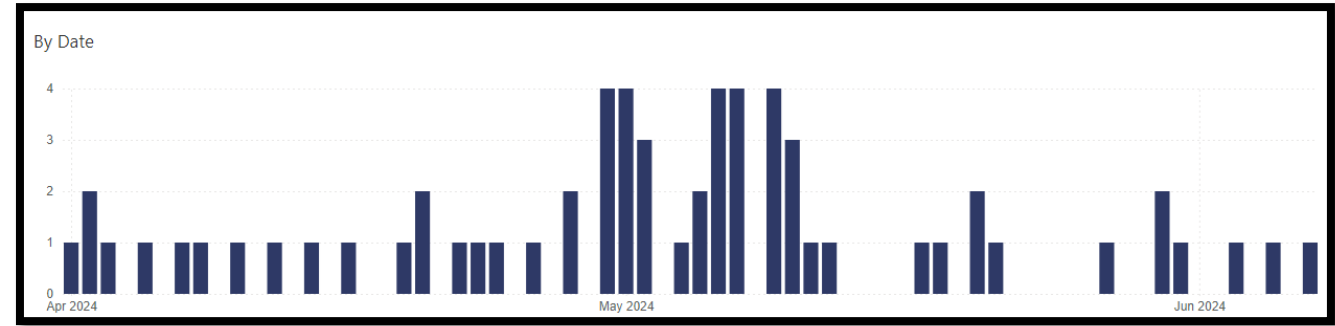
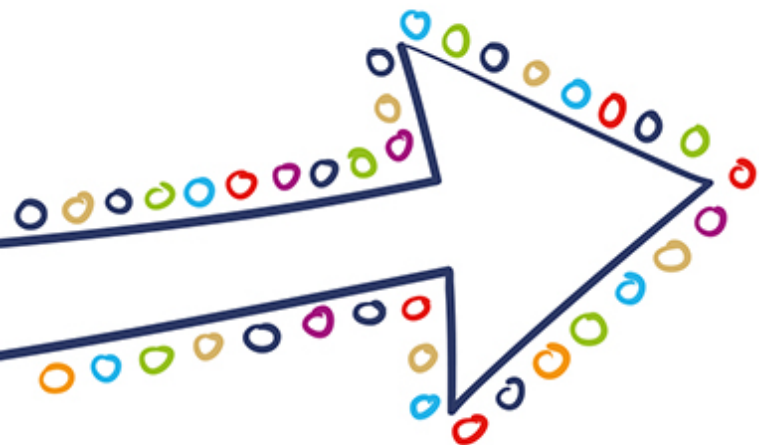


Figure 1 Illingworth Fires Apr - Jun





Spotlight on...

Wildfire Community Engagement Day



West Yorkshire
Fire & Rescue Service



What was the need, how was it identified?

In preparation for the summer season, and in light of the fires of this kind seen in 2023, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue brought together representatives from other organisations involved with and impacted by moorland fires for a day of engagement on Marsden Moor. This brought together a variety of partners and more importantly the local community.

The attendees agreed that it would be beneficial to develop a singular strategy of ***“trying to engage with all those who use the moor for leisure and educate them on the risk of wildfire and other moorland issues”***.

This way of working would attempt to further prevent moorland fires and to minimise their impact.

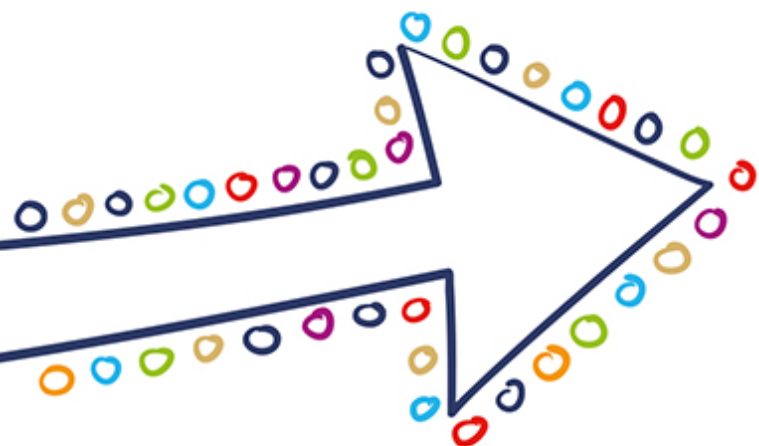


What did we do?

The plan was to continue with the ongoing campaign work currently undertaken by WYFRS and Kirklees District stations - building on this where possible and seizing opportunities to highlight our work, and also to approach our partners from the National Trust and Holme Valley Mountain rescue to work together – this would bring a number of benefits including additional resource for delivering the campaign and a much wider impact. We are covered 3 different locations these are: Brun Clough Car Park, Butterley Reservoir dam and the top of the Wessenden track at Wessenden Head Road.

We delivered joint messaging on the PSPO's regarding BBQ's and naked flames. We also offered advice on smoking and keeping dogs on a lead.





Spotlight on...

ESOL Students



What was the need, how was it identified?

Recent data shows that there has been an increase in E-Bike and E-Scooter fires. In Leeds we have had 6 in the last 6 months, resulting in the E-Bike catching fire and spreading to the dwelling. There has been an increase generally in West Yorkshire resulting in one death in the Bradford District. As a district we want to be proactive and prevent any dangerous occurrences.

A recent partnership we have formed with Illuminate College Group in Leeds means we now have access to data which assists in being able to target our campaigns.

The Enfield Centre is the home of the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and is based on Roundhay Road, located conveniently between Chapeltown, Harehills and Burmantofts. It houses over 500 students from all parts of the world. The students have arrived in the UK for a variety of reasons, and study English from basic learner level through to GCSE level. The success of the centre has resulted in plans to relocate to a larger purpose-built

building near Mabgate. It is proposed this move will be completed in the next few years.

This provision is for 18+ and such there is a significant number of these adult students working part time jobs such as delivery drivers for Deliveroo/Uber via E-Bikes / scooters.

Our attendance was as part of a wider partnership project focused on building links with all the 'Illuminate Campus' within Leeds, of which there are 3 others. (Park Lane, Mabgate Mills, and Quarry Hill being the others in addition to Enfield Centre.).

The Head of ESOL learning is keen to build both relations with WYFRS and a structured plan starting in September 2024 aimed at promoting safety messages to the students.

To achieve this, we would need to support translations of our safety messages and build relations with the people to further enhance our safety messages. This gave us the opportunity to get a broader



understanding of the requirements going forward.

➡ What did we do?

We attended the Enfield Centre and held a stall in the canteen and met with the head and other tutors. We were able to speak to many of the students coming through. We agreed to there being a need for future engagements with WYFRS and the need to address the concerns around E Bikes and the general safety in the places of residence. We established the best time for the engagements which was after the October half term. We will be given access to classes and accommodated into any other planned sessions that the college(s) may hold.

➡ What difference did we make?

The relationship with the staff and the students met on the day has further developed into a working partnership. We now have access to the college and the sessions where we can utilise our resources, build trust and deliver our safety messages to help reduce dwelling fires and E Bikes / Scooters by given direct access to students likely to be using them in conjunction with doing deliveries in the Leeds area.

➡ What are the keys to our success?

Regular contact / face to face visits are vital to ensure the building of trust. With the emphasis on being a **non-enforcement approach** – with this leading to other prevention work i.e Safe and Wells and fitting of smoke alarms in a staged approach.

"I have learnt so much from talking with you guys today. I had no idea of the dangers involving electric bikes. There are so many adults here who don't understand risk as they should."

➡ What are we doing next?

A requirement of prevention literature which is accessible to a wide audience.

Although there are 75 languages spoken at the centre – We were informed that Farsi

and Arabic are the main two languages and may be a good place to start.

We showed students a video of the E-bike fire in Halifax which was captured on the homeowners CCTV within their living room. These were very impactful in explaining the dangers in a universal understanding (non-audio videos from youtube).

Short videos / combined with short powerpoint presentations with images that are universally understood - are a cost-effective approach to delivering safety messages.

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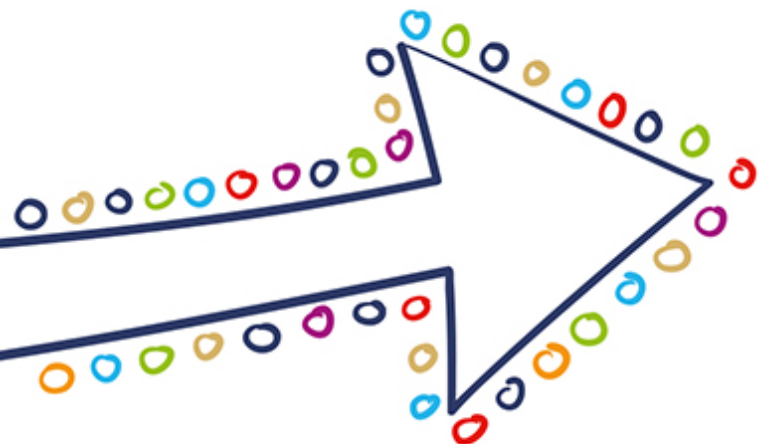
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Spotlight on...

Wakefield



Wakefield District – working within the community to improve safety.



What was the need, how was it identified?

A rise in road traffic collisions across the district was identified through WYFRS one view data system, our crews and information from West Yorkshire Safer Roads and other partner agencies.



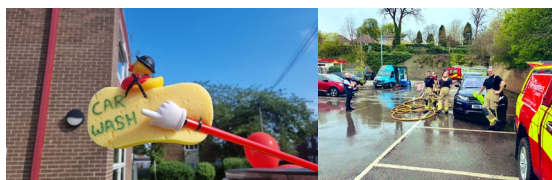
What did we do?

Working in conjunction with the Tyresafe charity which is supported by the NFCC we held 3 trial car washes across the district. As well as raising money through the car wash for the firefighter's charity each car was given a tyresafe check – in total over the 3 events 169 cars were tested – the results were as follows –

- 79 had no faults.
- 8 cars had faults with more than 1 tyre.
- 90 cars had at least 1 tyre issue.
- 74 tyres had low pressure.
- 29 had low tread depth.

A procedure has been put together by the district team to enable all stations to plan and carry out a Tyresafe car wash – this will be communicated across the service in the coming days.

The events tie in with our commitment to Vision Zero WY as we aim to make the roads of the district safer.



What was the need, how was it identified?

Following the incident in the River Calder last year where 16yr old Tyler Wilson tragically lost his life we have worked alongside his family and the Sams Army charity to fund a water safety board in his memory on the site where the incident took place. The environment agency kindly allowed us to fix the board to the wall of their gauging station.



The opening ceremony was well attended by the local community and gave us the chance to spread the important water safety message across several tv and radio channels.

Carrying on with the water safety message our crews were out and about across the district during April delivering our water safety messages during the national ~bewateraware week –



Finally on the water theme, Wc Richard Hames with the help of our crews has continued his cold-water shock awareness events at the 3 main colleges in the District. Over the last few weeks, he has managed to engage with 1000's of 16 – 18yr olds to warn them of the dangers of cold water and teach them some life saving tips.



In May we had a visit to Ossett Fire Station from The High Sheriff of West Yorkshire, Professor Adeeba Malik.

The visit allowed us to demonstrate the capabilities of our Mod 3 team at Ossett and show our guest around one of the new Scania appliances and discuss various topics including risk reduction, equality, diversity and inclusion.

What difference did we make?



'Thank you to West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service for showing me Ossett Fire Station in Wakefield. I learned a lot about water safety and the operations of the brand-new fire engines you have. You save lives at the risk of your own. Thank you to all staff for your service to West Yorkshire.'



What are we doing next?

We have lots planned over the next few months, some of the highlights are:

- Armed Forces Day @ Pontefract Park sat 29th June.
- Wakey Water Safety Weekend – Sat 13th & Sun 14th July
- Community Open Days at several of our stations to celebrate 50yrs of WYFRS.
- Tyresafe Charity Car Washes



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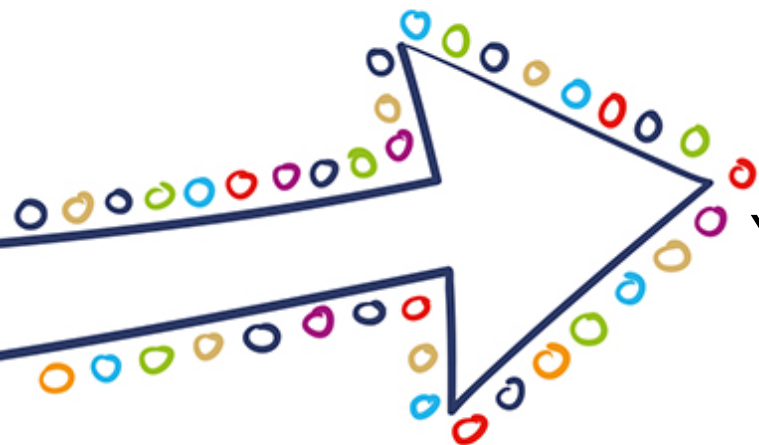
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Spotlight on...

Youth Interventions – Re🔥Action



What was the need, how was it identified?

There was a clear need for targeted work with young people under the age of 10 who were on the periphery of serious violence, crime and gang culture. This need was recognised through the Serious Violence Duty guidelines and through contact with partners in the community. Graham Jones, Deputy Headteacher at Castleton Primary, contacted the Youth Interventions Team following concerning behaviours from some students, and the discovery of a machete in school grounds. He was eager for work to be done with some of his students, but as they were under the age of 10, no other services would work with them on a 1:1 basis.



What did we do?

We designed a programme to focus on choices, risk, peer pressure and consequences with the aim to prevent risky behaviour as the young people got older and moved into secondary school. Alongside this, through the work with Youth

Interventions, we aimed to create in the young people a better relationship with an emergency service.

We approached Dave Walton with the request to run this programme as a pilot, working alongside Castleton Primary School. This was granted and staff at Castleton Primary identified 4 boys who had the greatest need of this type of work.

The programme was structured in such a way that each Youth Trainer worked 1-1 with two young people for some sessions, and then came together for some group work sessions. This gave consistency for the young people and allowed for the sharing of ideas and experiences.

The goal of the programme was to introduce the idea of safer and more positive choices and reward their hard work with a day on a fire station to climb the tower.

The young people all engaged well with the programme and were very open about their

lives and experiences. This allowed the trainers to tailor the work, so it was relevant to each young person.

➡ What difference did we make?

We met with Mr Jones to discuss feedback from the school and how we might take the programme forward. Mr Jones said that working with WYFRS had a positive influence on the young people, and this had been shown through their interactions in school.

He had attended a Governor's meeting, taking along the report on the programme. Three other schools within the cluster had already said they could benefit from similar work, and he was keen to promote our services within this cluster as well as the secondary schools they feed in to.

The feedback received from Mr Jones has been extremely complimentary, stating that we 'have put other services and professionals to shame'. It was highlighted that this was due to the smaller group and 1:1 work, which other services who had worked with the school were unable to offer.

It was also noted in the feedback that the work had been so valuable as other services did not work with any age under year 5 (age 9-10).

Looking at the behaviour of the young people following the programme, there was an improvement in the choices they were

making following their interaction with us. There was a need for us to revisit the young people following the initial sessions due to a dip in behaviour, however since then, they have continued to make better choices.

➡ What are the keys to our success?

Under the Prevention remit, to be able to work with young people Under 10 years old (the legal age of criminal responsibility), when other services will not engage with this age group, is a real unique perspective on preventing behaviours before they begin.

The experience and knowledge within the Youth Interventions team has meant a person-centre approach to all the activities we delivered, as well as being trauma-informed practitioners. This combination has led to the high level of engagement with the 4 young people, as well as the lasting impact of the sessions we delivered.

They each focused on their own lives, their own thoughts and their own choices they can make. This results in being able to challenge ideas and focus on positives on a 1:1 basis, rather than in a larger group, and giving each of them some ownership and responsibility for their futures was key.

➡ What are we doing next?

Based on the feedback received and through trainer evaluation, we have refined the structure of the programme, adding in more sessions and kept the format a mix of 1:1 and small group work.

Looking forward, we will offer another programme to Castleton Primary, as Mr Jones had identified more young people who could benefit from our input. We would also like to offer the same to a second school within the cluster who have similar issues and see the benefit in having us work with their young people.

This will allow us to see if the results of the initial pilot can be replicated and any changes that have been implemented.

To do so, we are applying for funding from Leeds City Council's Wellbeing Fund. This will allow us to offer this free of charge to both schools. If we are to be successful with our funding bid and the delivery of the programmes, we are looking at how to introduce this work throughout the districts.

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