

Invitation to take part in an online focus group to shape North Yorkshire's SEND Strategy



What are the focus groups for?

North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC), Parent Carer Voice and Local Clinical Commissioning Groups are developing a new SEND strategy and they want to hear the views and experiences of parent/carers of children and young people with SEND.

Who is running them?

The Council for Disabled Children (CDC) have been asked to run the sessions so they are independent and provide an open forum for all to share their views. The sessions will be led by CDC staff and supported by Parent Carer Voice (PCV).

What will happen in the sessions?

The sessions will be open conversations which will cover three main questions:

- What should a good life look like for a child or young person with SEND in North Yorkshire?
- What is currently helping children and young people with SEND to live a good life?
- What is currently preventing children and young people with SEND from living a good life, and how could this be improved?

How can I join a focus group?

You can register for the focus groups by clicking on the link below. **Please make sure to choose the area you represent from the dropdown list.** Alternatively, if your local area session is not suitable please use one of the 'All areas' sessions. Once you have registered, you will receive a Zoom invite for your session.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/160186428921>

Area	Date and time
Craven	1 st July, 10-11.30am
Hambleton and Richmond	7 th July, 10-11.30am
Harrogate	7 th July, 7-8.30 pm
Scarborough	12 th July, 1-2.30pm
Selby	15 th July, 1-2.30pm
All areas	1 st July, 7-8.30pm
	8 th July, 7-8.30pm

What happens next?



After the sessions, CDC will write up a report to share with NYCC, PCV and the NHS CCG's that captures the views shared.

NYCC will also host an online questionnaire which will look to capture as many views as possible from parents, young people and professionals.

NYCC, PCV and NHS CCG's will use the results from the focus groups and the questionnaire to write the draft SEND Strategy.

Parent, carers, young people and professionals will then be able to comment and make suggestions on the draft Strategy before it is finalised in the Autumn of 2021.