

### Prevention or Safeguarding?

**The Prevention Route Map** is in addition to the recently revised **Safeguarding Referral Route Map**. It is for use when the child or young person is **not** at immediate risk of significant harm. If you are unsure which route to use then please seek advice from your line manager or :-

<b>Customer Advice Centre</b> City of York Council	10 - 12 George Hudson St York YO1 1ZE 01904 554141
<b>Information Sharing and Assessment ( ISA ) Project Manager</b> Children's Trust Unit	Mill House North Street York YO1 6JQ 01904 554268
<b>Service Manager or Senior Practitioner</b> Referrals and Assessment, Children and Families	Ashbank, 1 Shipton Road Clifton, YORK YO30 5RE 01904 555601

### The Benefits of Integrated Working

Identifying vulnerability and needs for all children and young people is essential for all practitioners.

**The Prevention Route Map** is a tool to help you at key decision and action points. It is one element of the Integrated Practice Guidance for all practitioners. The guide contains one page easy to use explanations on **all elements** of Integrated Working. Some benefits of integrated working are:

- Better Information Sharing through the YorOK Child Index
- A common way of assessing need using Your Info enabling a coordinated approach by all agencies
- A main point of contact for families and agencies through a Lead Practitioner
- Information about other services is easily available via the YorOK website and includes information about services for disabled children - [www.yor-ok.org.uk](http://www.yor-ok.org.uk)

### How it Works

Once you have identified a concern in relation to a child or young person the first step is to discuss this with their parents / carers or themselves if they are of sufficient age and understanding.

This may be enough to improve the situation. If not you can:-

- ask advice from your line manager
- ask advice from the ISA project Manager ( details above )
- consider the benefits of using Your Info
- search the Service Directory for what other services may be available to help

This may be enough to improve the situation. If not you could ask for consent from the parents or carers or the young person ( if they are over 12 years ) and contact the YorOK Child Index on 554268. They will tell you if

- Your Info has been completed in the last 12 months. If so they will give you the contact details for the practitioner involved and that person should give you a copy of that document.
- Your Info has not been completed in the last 12 months but there are other practitioners involved and give you those details. In this case you should discuss and agree whether Your Info will benefit the child / young person and if so who is the most appropriate person to do this.

If no one else is involved and you cannot meet the needs any longer within your service then complete Your Info with the child / young person / family. Agree and action plan and set a review date.

**NB.** Inform YorOK Child Index that you have completed Your Info.