



Being Safe Task Group
Thursday 4th September 2025
10:30am – 12:30pm

Minutes of the meeting



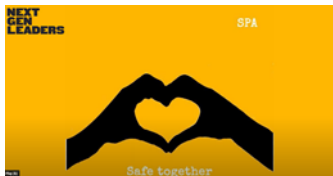
The people who came

- Cath Lee (Aspire CBS, Business Development Manager) - Chair
- Chris Charlton – Chair
- Caroline Armstrong (LCC Working Age Adults)
- Thomas Chalk (Connect in the North)
- Tania Woodhouse
- Hannah Coley, WY Police, Hate Crime Coordinator, Leeds East
- Mahreen Hussain, WY Police, Leeds Community Cohesion Sargeant
- Rachael Boucher – Yorkshire Ambulance NHS Trust
- Becks Wheatley, Next Gen Leaders, Programme Manager
- Stella Chan, WYCA, Project Officer



Apologies

- Leah Burch (Liverpool Hope University)
- Claire Nixon – Forum Central
- Rachel Koivunen – (People in Action)
- Zoe Bawn (Aspire CBS)
- Dominique Burley (Forum Central)
- Alex Toothill (Advonet)
- Sarah Wheatley (CiTN)
- Beverley Adams (WY Police)
- Rita Hanson (Yorkshire Ambulance Service)
- John Hudson/Marc Walton (Bright Sparks Theatre Arts)
- Richard Cotton (West Yorkshire Police – Safer Travel Sargeant)

	• Lucy Wild (West Yorkshire Combined Authority – Safer Travel Officer) • Councillor Kevin Ritchie (LCC elected member) • Christine Sharpe (People Matters) • Imogen Day (Asking You!)
	Welcome and introductions We welcomed everyone to the meeting.
	Agreeing the minutes from the last meeting Cath went through the minutes from the last meeting on 5th June 2025 highlighting the key discussion points and actions. Everyone who was at the last meeting agreed that the minutes were accurate.
	Safe Together project Becks Wheatley from Next Gen Leaders gave a talk on the Safe Together Project which has been running in Sheffield. The project has been developed by young people and it addresses issues around street safety. It is aimed at Key stage 2 and 3 students. One aspect of the project is the development of an 'Ask for Nik' scheme with Asda and provision of funding for a bleed control kit. The project has also involved the students working with younger students so that the project can continue once older students involved move on. The project has gained a lot of media coverage eg. BBC Look North, Radio Sheffield. The group are keen to extend the reach of the project to buses and trams. The presentation slides are attached. The group noticed the positive impact on the young people who are involved with the project in relation to increased confidence and skills they have developed. The group had a discussion about similar projects taking place in Leeds and what links could be made. There are some similarities with the Safe Places scheme, run by Aspire. Links could also be built with Matt Woodall and Robin Hughs from WYCA who are leading a school safety project called Curb the Crime. BW explained that there are other project strands including a strand on transport, wellbeing and mental health and women feeling safe while running. Links could also be made with the Safer Travel team. CL to put BW in touch with Richard Cotton.



Learning Disability People's Parliament

Council Chambers Takeover – Thomas Chalk fed back to the group about the Council Chambers Takeover event had taken place during Learning Disability Week.

The questions that had been prepared covered a wide range of topics. The questions broadly followed the themes of the Task groups. There had not been many Councillors or Officers at the event to answer questions and so many of the questions had been taken back to be answered later. Thomas asked if there had been any feedback from the council. **CL will follow up.**



Feedback from the Learning Disability Partnership Board meeting – focus on travel

CL had not been able to attend the meeting. The minutes will be circulated when received.

The group discussed the Learning Disability Partnership Board in order to feed into discussions with the council about how it can be improved and reinvigorated. The group felt it is vital that the LDPB links the different themes up so that there is progress towards achieving the Being Me strategy. The group felt it is important to make sure issues that cut across themes are picked up at the Partnership Board. The group felt it is important that there are clear pathways with children's services. They would like to see Transitions included as a theme as this is a crucial time for young people moving to adult services. The group discussed how essential Forum Central are for linking organisations and networks up. Helen Bradshaw who is the new Joint Commissioning Manager will be leading the Learning Disability Partnership Board from the council.



Staying Safe and Feeling Safe

Mahreen Hussain updated the group on the arrangements for the event at Elland Road police station. MH confirmed that the Fullerton Car park, which is opposite the police station would be open for attendees to use. Speakers have been arranged to cover:

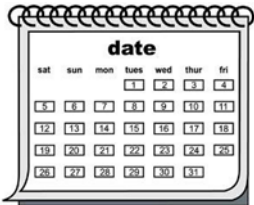
Hate Crime

Domestic Violence

Cuckooing

ALDASO

Safer Travel

	MH explained that her plan is to be able to run 2 events a year as there are plenty of topics to be covered. MH confirmed the timing of the event – 10am – 1pm with talks starting at 10.45am. Thomas Chalk updated on attendees. The event is fully booked! TC has produced some easy read information on cuckooing and he will bring printed copies to the event. MH noted that the information will be referenced at a national police conference.
	Partner updates Citn – Thomas Chalk reported that a lot of work has been done to promote the ALDASO website including some nationwide promotion. Becks Wheatley said she'd be interested in talking to Mick Lambert about the website as she is interested in accessibility of information given the average national reading age is 11. CL to link BW up with ML. WYCA – Stella Chan noted that she is working with 100% digital around digital inclusion on a working group around healthy lives and digital inclusion. Stella asked that anyone with any data that would be useful to get in touch with her. SC agreed to feedback on progress. Thomas Chalk thought he could highlight some information about gaps in support for SC and BW said she'd forward some data. Tania Woodhouse informed the group that Rachel Davies is no longer involved in the Being Well Task Group.
	Next steps/actions • CL to put BW in touch with Richard Cotton. • CL will follow up on responses to questions raised during the Council Chamber take over. • CL to link BW up with ML.
	Future Meeting Dates Thursday 27th November – in person