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## Universal Healthy Child Service

### NORTH YORKSHIRE HEALTHY CHILD PROGRAMME *Growing up healthy in North Yorkshire*

#### Harrogate and District Foundation Trust Children's Services 5-19 Healthy Child Programme

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to introduce you to our new 5-19 Healthy Child Service which has been established for all children and young people within North Yorkshire. This service will work in universal and community settings such as in schools, youth venues and in the family home. The Healthy Child Team will conduct health checks on children entering school and on transfer to secondary schools. We will be the first point of contact for schools where there may be concerns about a child's health and wellbeing, we will offer advice and information to parents and work directly with children and young people. The service will have a named nurse linked to each GP practice in your area. This service will also be responsible for measuring and weighing children as part of the National Child Measurement Programme and will undertake immunisation and vaccinations and help improve their health and wellbeing.

The Service is resourced with a range of health care professionals with the skills and competencies required to deliver an accessible and professional service. This will include:

- Specialist Community Public Health Nurses (SCPHN); Known previously as School Nurses
- Healthy Child Nurses(HCP);

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- Assistant Practitioners (AP)
- Screening Technicians and Administrators

We work closely with our colleagues within the Prevention Service, Compass REACH, and the Healthy Lifestyle Service so that Children, Young People and Families receive consistent information about all services available and do not experience a disjointed relationship with either the Healthy Child providers or the Prevention Service.

During the year you will receive on going communication and information from us and we will be developing our website information on the schools and NYCC websites. We look forward to working with you and your families and please don't hesitate to contact us on the number or email below if you need any more information about the Healthy child service or have any health concerns regarding your child

HDFT Healthy child Service can be contacted by emailing [hhc-tr.5-19admin@nhs.net](mailto:hhc-tr.5-19admin@nhs.net) or by telephoning 01423 557711

Yours Sincerely



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