



The Communication and Interaction Team are part of NYCC's Inclusive Education Service, offering support to educational settings for children and young people with Communication and Interaction difficulties. We are a team of Consultants, Specialist Teachers and Specialist Practitioners with a wide range of backgrounds, specialisms and experience. We are a needs-led service so children and young people do not require any diagnosis to receive support from our team.

Referrals can be made using a 'Request for Involvement' form (CYPSinfo website).

Details on advice and specialist support for a child or young person with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) can be found here: [NYCC Local Offer](https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/send-specialist-support-and-provision): <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/send-specialist-support-and-provision>

## News :

**We wish you a warm welcome back and hope you had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

## Events:

### Early Years

### Communication and Interaction

### Drop-in for Parents

**Come and talk to us at the Children's Centres for advice and support around all aspects of your child's communication skills.**

### When and Where

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.	Whitby Children's Centre, Byland Road, Whitby, YO21 1HY
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	10.00 a.m. to 12.00 a.m.	Eastfield Children's Centre, Link Walk, Eastfield Scarborough, YO11 3LR
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.	Sherburn-in-Elmet Children's Centre, c/o Sherburn Library, Finkle Hill, Sherburn-in-Elmet, LS25 6EA
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.	Selby North Children's Centre, Flaxley Road, Selby YO8 4DL

### Up and coming events:

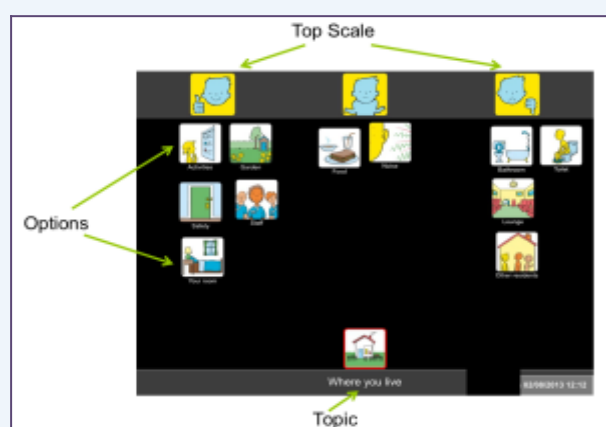
- Bespoke 'Post 16' professional drop-ins to start soon.
- NAPLIC conference in Birmingham on the 11th of May details on website.

## Talking mats:

Were designed by a team of experienced Speech and Language Therapists and Social Workers, who have combined their clinical experience, gained through work in the NHS, and their programme of research at Stirling University.

Talking Mats is an interactive resource that uses three sets of picture communication symbols – topics, options and a visual scale – and a space on which to display them. This can either be a physical, textured mat, or a digital space, for example a tablet, smart board or computer screen for which the team have created one of the best apps for communication disability.

Once the topic is chosen e.g., ‘activities’ or ‘people’, the participant is given the options one at a time and asked to think about what they feel about each one. They can then place the symbol under the appropriate visual scale symbol to indicate what they feel.



## Websites:

- ◇ Free crisis text service for CYP

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/get-urgent-help/youngminds-crisis-messenger/>

- ◇ Good site for secondary / college students - simple visual activity to look at what I can / cannot control

<https://www.counselorkeri.com/2017/10/06/what-can-i-control-a-simple-visual-activity-for-school>

### Central Team staffing details for this year as follows:

Area		
Hambleton	Claire Forgan	Kathy Pajak
Richmondshire	Philippa Hoose	Mandy Ewers
Craven/Harrogate Rural	Julia Dickason	Katharine Rice
Harrogate/Ripon/Knaresbrough	Emma Bibby	Carol Moxon
Scarborough/Whitby/Ryedale	Katie Andrews	Deb Myers
	Callum Foster	
Selby	Sam Gray	Katie Collins