

Meeting held on 4th December 2024
to discuss youth provision in West Craven

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| Councillor David Whipp | Pendle Council (PBC) |
| Councillor Susan Land | PBC |
| County Councillor Mike Goulthorp | Lancashire County Council |
| Tim Horsley | Community Safety Officer, PBC |

Concern was expressed about an escalation of youth ASB in Barnoldswick and a likelihood the Friday night sessions with older young people at the Civic Hall in Barnoldswick would have to be suspended (the Wednesday night sessions for the younger age group will continue). Although the new Police Community Support Officer for the area had been supportive, it was recognised he is both new to the area and currently working alone with no Neighbourhood Police Officer dedicated to West Craven.

The County Council is currently unable to resource universal youth services anywhere in the County. This is not unique to West Craven. Where universal services are provided, they are reliant on voluntary groups supported by the Children and Family Wellbeing Service and/or their commissioned service; Positive Action in the Community (PAC) is the provider in Pendle.

Children and Family Wellbeing Service (CFW) provides detached youth work through its own staff, PAC and its information bus. This is shared across Pendle including Barnoldswick and Earby.

CFW provides targeted youth support for young people with additional needs identified through Early Help.

There are currently no resources or plans to make any changes to universal provision without additional provision from central government.

There is currently no known group available to provide universal youth services at New Road Community Centre.