



**Supporting
Victims**
in North Yorkshire

**Helping victims in
North Yorkshire
to cope after crime**

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About Supporting Victims

Being a victim of crime can have a big impact. Depending on the circumstances, it can leave you feeling confused and vulnerable. Or you may face very practical problems that need to be solved for you to feel safe again.

Julia Mulligan is the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, and she is funding a new service, called Supporting Victims, to help people living in North Yorkshire to cope after crime, and get their lives back to normal as soon as possible.

In this leaflet you can find out about Supporting Victims and the specialist help that we can offer.

Who can we help?

We can provide support for anyone affected by crime. That includes people who have been a victim of crime themselves, people who have suffered a bereavement as a result of crime, people who are the family spokesperson for a victim, the parents or guardians of victims under 18, and members of staff where their business has been subject to crime.

If you have suffered as the result of a crime and you are finding it hard to cope, we can help you - even if you have decided not to report that crime to the police.

How does it work?

The first step is to get in touch with the Supporting Victims team. You can do this by phone or by email.

Our contact details are on the back of this leaflet.

Experienced Supporting Victims Co-Ordinators will listen to you, and will ask you a few questions to help us to understand what has happened, and how you have been affected by crime. We will then tell you what we can do to help, or explain what support services you can access from other organisations, and build this into a personalised plan.

What help can we offer?

The help we provide is tailored to you, and your circumstances. It might include:

- Information about the criminal justice process
- Referral to a Supporting Victims Volunteer based in your community, who can give you guidance and emotional support to get your life back on track
- Signposting to another support organisation in North Yorkshire that can provide the help you need
- Referral to one of the four Supporting Victims specialist services. These include:
 1. Practical and emotional support if you have been a victim of sexual or domestic abuse
 2. Practical and emotional support if you have been a victim of another type of very serious crime, or if you have been persistently targeted or if you feel vulnerable or intimidated
 3. Counselling, where this would benefit your recovery
 4. Victim/offender conferencing - where you could meet your offender to explain the impact of their actions on you, supported by a professional.

Getting in touch

If you live in North Yorkshire, you have been a victim of crime, and you would like some help coping, Supporting Victims is here to help.

You can contact us in a number of different ways.

Call us on:

01904 669 276

Visit our website at:

www.supportingvictims.org

Or email us on:

help@supportingvictims.org

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