

Message from North Yorkshire Police

Over the last few weeks North Yorkshire Police have received an increased number of reports regarding young people congregating on the **Little Knavesmire, York** (postcode YO23 1EW).

Incidents include violent disorder, assaults, youth substance misuse, littering, urinating, anti-social behaviour which is causing distress and sometimes intimidation to the local Community.

From Police attendance, we can confirm that many of the Young people encountered are from across City and not just the local Community.

North Yorkshire Police will be increasing patrols to the area and a **Dispersal Authority is in place for this weekend**. This means that anyone in the area causing antisocial behaviour will be directed to leave the area and if they refuse, will be arrested and prosecuted.

North Yorkshire Police are wanting to prevent further incidents and hoping our Youth Community, Schools and Parents will support this work.

If parents could encourage their children not to congregate in the area or drop them off at the location, it would be greatly appreciated.