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Related subject: Proposed boundary changes

I'm concerned about the proposals regarding the wards in the West of York. Our organisation (Gateway York CIO) is based in a community facility in the Westfield Ward of the city.

I am concerned that the movement of 2 very deprived areas out of the Westfield Ward (Chapelfields into the Acomb Ward and Kingsway West area into the Holgate Ward) will effectively hide poverty. I anticipate that at a ward level, poverty statistics will suddenly look much better, because very deprived neighbourhoods will be moved into more affluent wards.

There are two issues with this.

Firstly, the West of York will suddenly look much less deprived, without anything materially happen to reduce deprivation. Poverty will be hidden rather than addressed.

Secondly, because of this, many organisations will find it harder to access funding. We, along with other organisations operating in the Westfield Ward at present, will no longer be able to say that we operate in a very deprived ward. This will likely mean that many organisations will struggle to find funders to help address the range of local issues that we are passionate about addressing.

Attached Documents:

None attached