

North Yorkshire

2017 Personal Injury Accidents and Casualties Summary Report

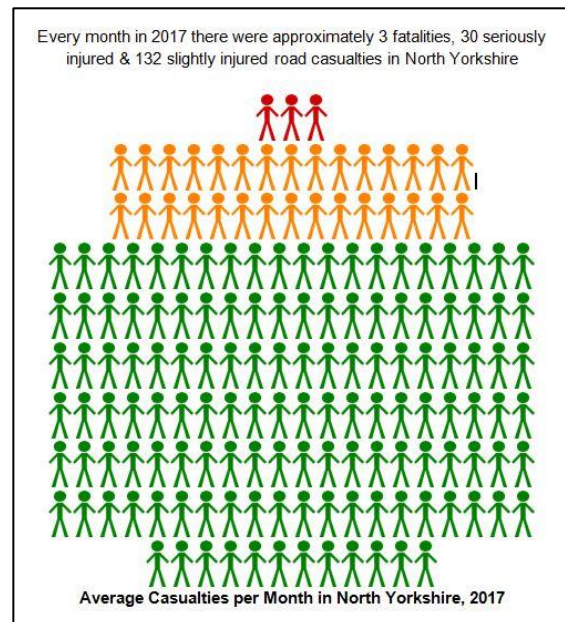
The key findings are as follows:

- A total of 1,428 road collisions that resulted in a personal injury were reported to the police in 2017, 9 per cent less than in 2016 (1560).
- The total number of casualties in road collisions reported to the police in 2017 was 2005, down 12 per cent from 2016 (2250) and continuing the overall downward trend since 2011.
- The number of people killed in road collisions increased from 28 in 2016 to 41 in 2017. The number of fatalities was higher than the baseline average of 39 (a rolling baseline is set on the 2012-2016 average). It is noted that the number of fatalities in 2016 was the lowest on record since 1990 and that the 2017 fatalities are similar in number to the previous base line average of 39.
- The number of people seriously injured decreased by 9 per cent from 403 in 2016 to 370 in 2017. The number of seriously injured casualties in 2017 was slightly lower than the baseline average of 413.
- The total number of slight casualties was 1594 in 2017, reduced by 14 per cent from 1819 in 2016.
- Total reported child casualties (ages 0-15) increased by 11 per cent from 128 in 2016 to 146 in 2017. 2016 saw a significant reduction in child casualties compared to the previous baseline average of 175 and 2017 follows the downward trend in child casualties.
- The number of children killed or seriously injured increased from 10 in 2016 to 22 in 2017 but continues the downward trend in child casualties (in 2016 the figure was less than half the baseline average of 23). Sadly, 3 children were killed in two road traffic collisions in 2017.

The first collision, in September 2017, occurred at Byram near Knottingley. A 12 year old girl had alighted from a bus on her journey home from school. The girl crossed the road at the rear of the bus into the path of a car driven by a man tested positive for alcohol. There were no recommendations for further action as a result of the fatal collision investigation.

The second collision, also in September 2017, involved a car travelling along the M62 near Eggborough which suddenly veered across the motorway, coming to rest

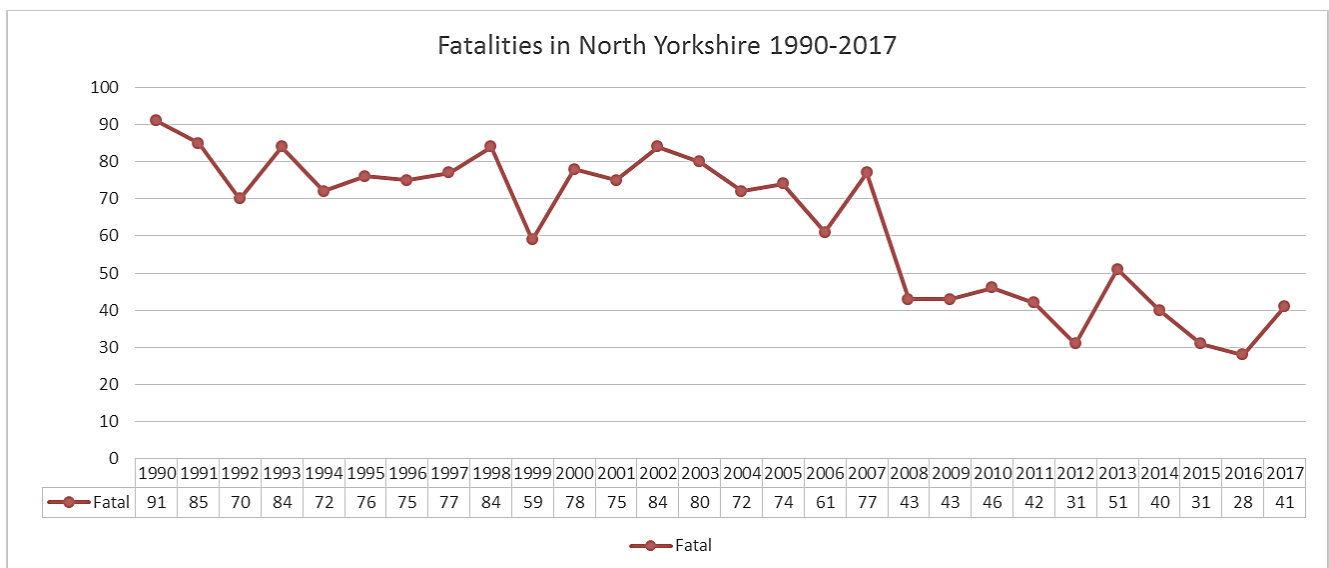
in a ditch. Sadly, a one year old boy and a one year old girl were killed in the collision. The M62 forms part of the strategic Roads Network and is managed by



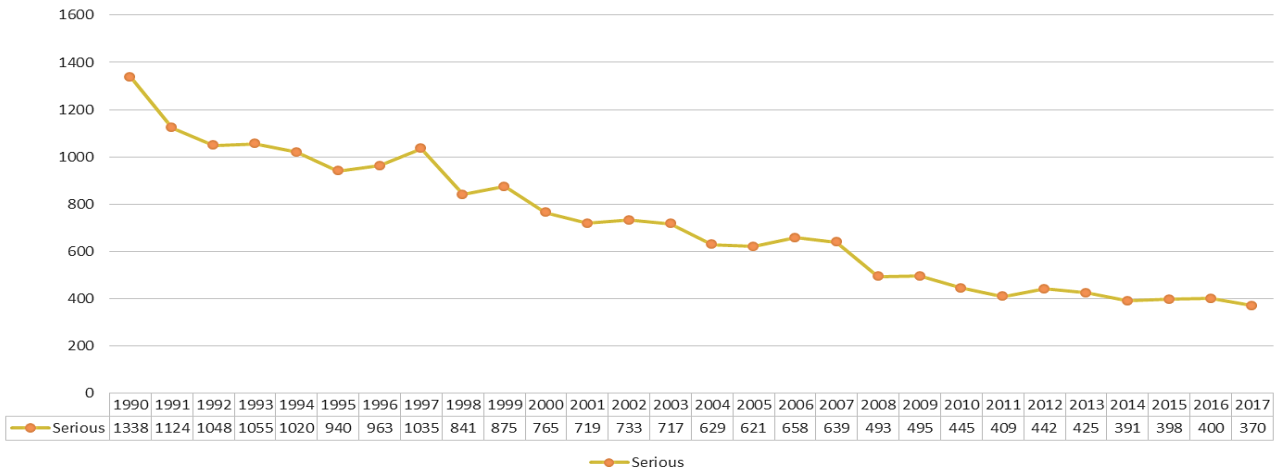
Highways England, therefore the Fatal Collision investigation did not recommend any actions for North Yorkshire County Council. Further details of the County Council’s Fatal Collision Investigation process can be found in section 4.2 of this report.

- In addition to the tragic death of a child at Byram already discussed above, there were a further 9 pedestrian deaths in North Yorkshire during 2017, all involving adults, taking the total to 10 pedestrian deaths, compared to a total of four in 2016.
- The number of seriously injured pedestrians increased to 50, from 28 in 2016. There were a total of 184 reported pedestrian casualties in 2017, an increase of 14 per cent in comparison to 2016 (161). It is noted that the 2016 numbers were significantly lower than the five year baseline average of 173
- The number of cyclists killed increased from one in 2016 to two in 2017, whereas the number of cyclists reported to the police as seriously injured decreased from 59 to 35. This is a change from the gradual upward trend in cyclists reported as seriously injured since 2004.
- The number of motorcycle riders killed reduced from eight in 2016 to five in 2017.
- The number of riders reported as seriously injured decreased by 30 per cent from 125 in 2016 to 96 in 2017.
- The total reported motorcycle casualties were 231 in 2017, down from 251 in 2016.

The charts below show the number of casualties, by severity, for the period covering 1990 – 2018.



Seriously injured casualties in North Yorkshire 1990-2017



Slightly injured casualties in North Yorkshire 1990-2017

