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Annual Report 2021-2022

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to ensure the
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Foreword



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Councillor Saghir Alam OBE

I am pleased to present the Safer Rotherham Partnership Annual Report for 2021-2022.

The report describes the priorities, work and achievements of the Partnership over the year as we have worked to achieve our core ambition for all people in Rotherham to be safe and feel safe as they go about their daily lives.

I am proud to see the progress that has been made against our commitments to protect vulnerable children, protect vulnerable adults, build confident and cohesive communities, prevent domestic abuse and sexual offences, and tackle serious and organised crime. However, there are no easy answers to the challenges we face and there are constant new challenges to deal with. Therefore, the report sets out where we still have work to do, and what we need to do as we move forward into 2022-2023.

This year has seen partners undertake extensive research and assessments of the main risks and threats facing our communities in relation to crime and community safety. We have carried out engagement and consultation with many stakeholders, including a public survey and meetings and focus groups with diverse community members and organisations, the business sector, Councillors and partner organisations. These have helped us to review our priorities and inform our new Safer Rotherham Partnership Plan 2022-25.

I would like to thank all board members for their hard work and participation over the last year and I look forward to working with you over the coming year where we will continue to strengthen our partnership to make Rotherham a safer place.

Councillor Saghir Alam OBE
Chair of the Safer Rotherham Partnership Board



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Our priorities for 2021-22

The Safer Rotherham Partnership brings together partner organisations within the Borough to protect local communities and help people feel safer. Our vision is:

Working together to make Rotherham Safe, to keep Rotherham safe and to ensure the communities of Rotherham feel safe

The Safer Rotherham Partnership is a multi-agency strategic partnership made up of senior leaders. Together partners work out how to deal with crime and local issues like anti-social behaviour, drug or alcohol misuse and reoffending. They assess local crime priorities annually, consulting with partners and the local community about their priorities, and monitor progress in achieving them.

Organisations represented at Safer Rotherham Partnership Board meetings in 2020-21 were:

- Probation Service
- Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group
- Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
- South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue
- South Yorkshire Police
- Voluntary Action Rotherham
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Yorkshire

Whilst each of the above organisations has individual responsibilities and priorities to prevent crime and to keep people safe from harm, the Safer Rotherham Partnership is able direct additional activities and achieve additional value through combining expertise, experience and resources. Each priority is led by a senior leader drawn from our partner organisations.

Our priorities in 2021-2022 were:

Priority	Objective Areas	Strategic Lead(s) in 2021-22
	Tackling child criminal exploitation	Laura Gough
	Prevent child sexual exploitation	Head of Service, Safeguarding, Quality and Learning, Children and Young People Services, RMBC
	Prevent online offending	
	Reduce the number of repeat missing children	Steve Chapman
	Preventing offending	Chief Superintendent South Yorkshire Police



Priority	Objective Areas	Strategic Lead(s) in 2021-22
 <p>Protecting Vulnerable Adults</p>	Preventing offending	Andrew Wells Head of Service, Safeguarding and Mental Health Adult Social Care, RMBC
	Mental health	
	Substance misuse	
	Preventing modern slavery 'mate crime' and 'cuckooing'	
	Reduce repeat victims of crime	
 <p>Building Confident Cohesive Communities</p>	Making communities safer – tackling community safety priority locations	Steve Adams Group Manager South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Rotherham District Command
	Protecting people vulnerable to being drawn into extremism and terrorism	
	Preventing hate crime and increasing reporting	
	Effective response to community tensions	
 <p>Preventing Domestic Abuse</p>	Domestic violence and abuse	Sam Barstow Interim Assistant Director Community Safety and Street Scene, RMBC
	Violence Against Women and Girls.	
	Rape and serious sexual offences	
	Honour based abuse (including FGM and forced marriage)	
 <p>Preventing Serious and Organised Crime</p>	Violent crime	Andy Wright T/Superintendent South Yorkshire Police
	Drug supply	



Protecting Vulnerable Children



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What we did in 2021-2022

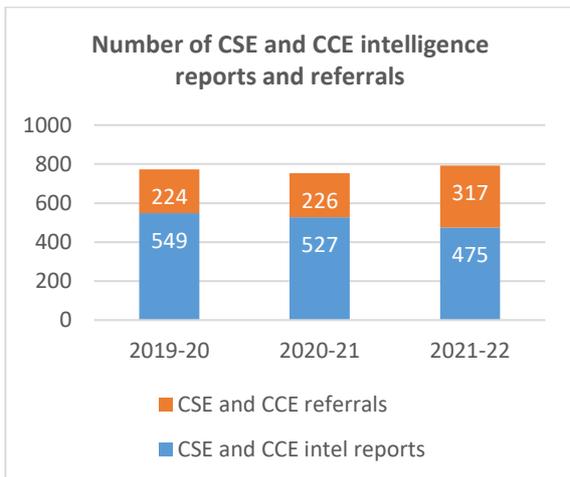
Protecting children from child sexual exploitation (CSE) and child criminal exploitation (CCE) and bringing offenders to justice remained a key priority for the Safer Rotherham Partnership.

The multi-agency Evolve team leads work to understand the prevalence of CSE and CCE in Rotherham, share information, agree strategies to intervene and protect victims, and disrupt and prosecute perpetrators. Driving an increase in intelligence reports and referrals to the Police and children’s services is key to this.

The number of intelligence reports, referrals and offences are closely monitored by the Safer Rotherham Partnership Board to ensure continuous improvement. Action has been taken throughout the year to ensure data collection processes are effective, including contact with the National Police Chief’s Council Lead for Child Protection and Abuse Investigations, to improve the national data available for benchmarking.

Over the year, training was delivered by the Evolve team to help increase intelligence reports and referrals by making sure workers can spot the signs and know the correct referral pathways where there are concerns of exploitation. Over 150 professionals were trained, including education providers, residential providers, child exploitation champions, Hallam University students, and the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub and duty teams.

Additional training was delivered to children and families’ workers and professionals across a range of sectors during Safeguarding Awareness Week and throughout the year. This has included online child exploitation training and training on child exploitation and contextual safeguarding. There was also Online Safety training and Sharing Images Online training delivered to 120 professionals. Further training for parents, carers and professionals is being developed to provide guidance on how to better protect children from online risks.



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Number of CSE and CCE linked offences in 2021-2022

103 CSE offences and 78 CCE offences were recorded in 2021-22.

Feedback from Online Safety Training

“I found this really informative. Online safety is a big issue of concern for our adoptive parents and we have had requests for support with this. I feel I now know how to respond and where to signpost to.” – **Team Manager, Adoption Service**

The ‘Spot the Signs’ communication campaign has been running throughout the year. It was refreshed for Safeguarding Awareness Week (SAW) in November 2021 and social media posts shared via RMBC reached over 18,000 people with over 400 people visiting the link to the RMBC child protection web page. Information on signs to be aware of in education settings has been shared with all schools for display in staff areas. Information cards were printed for frontline workers including signs of exploitation and contact numbers for reporting and these have been distributed through Neighbourhood teams and to Ward Councillors.



Protecting children from exploitation in hospitality has been taking place through a joint operation with the Police and Council. Guidance was provided to hotels through a video produced by the Evolve team and South Yorkshire Police and information posters for staff areas to remind them to spot the signs. This was followed up with assurance visits to four hotels in November 2021. Further visits showed that two of the hotels had implemented additional measures to protect children on their premises including the use of a code word for staff and additional mandatory training sessions.

Remedi were commissioned to carry out consultation with CSE victims in Rotherham, looking at their experience of services and how improvements can be made. The report has been presented to the Safer Rotherham Partnership Board detailing the outcomes of the consultation, key themes and recommendations. Several service users who took part in the consultation took the opportunity to feedback directly to members of SRP Board and continued engagement is being planned for the future. Improvements have already been made in response to learning from service users, including further training for the Evolve team around children with additional needs and the introduction of a feedback opportunity for all children at the point their involvement with Evolve concludes.

Evolve ran a 6 month pilot to bring all child exploitation under one pathway. The outcome was positive and will now continue with pathways and processes being further embedded going forward.

Engagement with programmes offered to young offenders through the Youth Justice Service has been increasing whilst the number of repeat offenders has been reducing. This shows that the programmes are having an impact and are educating young people and supporting them to make better choices.

Children and young people who are missing from home can quickly find themselves in dangerous situations. The number of missing episodes remains low. Missing Advocates continue to complete return home interviews in a timely manner and attend strategy meetings and other professional discussions.

Current and emerging challenges

Online safety is an increasing concern. Training has been provided to professionals who work with children and families and through this, we have been able to start building a Digital Champions Network to share information or concerns around specific online risks and schools have been sharing these with parents/carers.

Online offending



The number of online incidents recorded by Police against and by young people increased 28% compared to 2020-21

What we need to do

Continue the drive to increase referrals and intelligence reports for CSE and CCE by exploring further opportunities for training and other interventions, along with ways to evaluate the effectiveness of awareness raising work.

Build better links with schools to identify and intervene at an early stage in relation to online safety and provide relevant information and support to professionals, young people and families.

Continue to increase awareness of the signs of child exploitation amongst frontline workers and members of the public.



Protecting Vulnerable Adults

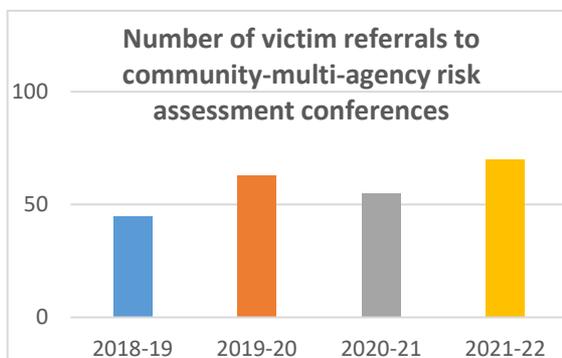


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What we did in 2021-2022

The dedicated Mental Health Clinical Specialist, based within the Police Safer Neighbourhood Service, has played a key role in providing interventions to reduce the risks of vulnerable adults becoming involved with the criminal justice system, as either a victim or perpetrator. These specialist interventions ensure that vulnerable adults are helped to access the most appropriate support services. During 2021-22 there were 805 mental health interventions ensuring that adults with mental health needs were provided with, or signposted to, the most appropriate support. This is an increase of 373 interventions compared to 2020/21.

How the partnership responds to people with complex needs has been improved further through the restructuring and additional resourcing of the Community Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (C-MARAC), working towards reducing offending against vulnerable adults. There were 70 managed referrals during the period, an increase of 15 cases compared to 2020-21 and 28 cases referred from the C-MARAC up to the Vulnerable Adults Risk Management Meeting (VARM). The support provides a bespoke multi-agency response for individuals to reduce risks and vulnerabilities.



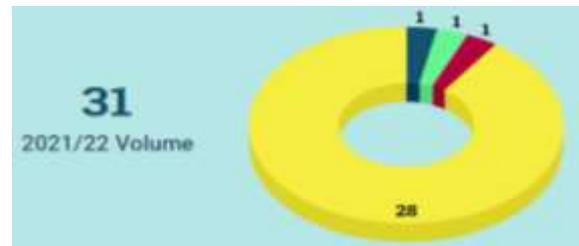
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Referrals to Vulnerable Adult Risk Management Meetings in 2021-22

Reducing offending of high frequency offenders continued to be a key focus of the partnership, with an emphasis on the provision of dedicated Offender Support Plans. During the period there were 143 support plans in place for all people managed under the Integrated Offender Management scheme who are in the community or coming up for prison release. The support offered through the plans resulted in reduced offending by the majority of those subject to them along with wider support in respect of employment and housing.

Modern slavery is a serious crime that violates human rights. It often takes place in plain sight and is difficult to detect. Collaborative multi-agency partnerships are vital to ensure that victims are identified, protected and safeguarded.

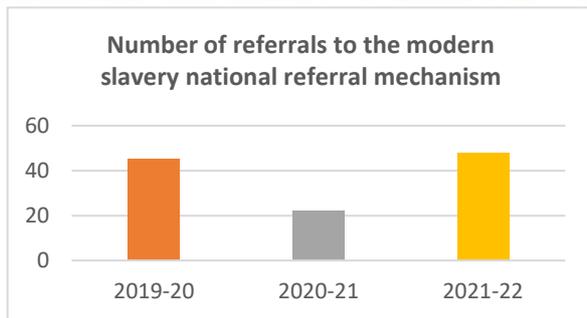
Modern Slavery Offence Types



Key: ● Arrange or facilitate travel of another person with a view to exploitation ● Commit offence other than kidnapping or false imprisonment with intention of arranging travel with a view to exploitation ● Hold person in slavery or servitude ● Require person to perform forced or compulsory labour

Rotherham is a member of the South Yorkshire Modern Slavery Partnership, a multi-agency group to strengthen the area's response to modern slavery.

In 2021-22 a total of 48 referrals were made to the Home Office National Referral Mechanism. This is a significant increase on last year, with improved information sharing, greater awareness between the partnership and the benefits of the dedicated council Single Point of Contact Officers having a positive impact.



Current and emerging challenges



During 2021-22 the partnership witnessed a significant month on month increase of the number of Vulnerable Adult Alerts resulting in questions around the operational and strategic management and governance of the process and whether our response could be further improved.

Maintaining contact and support by agencies with the cohort of repeat offenders has the potential to be improved through better inter-agency working and sharing of information.

What we need to do

Contribute to plans being developed by the Council's Head of Service, Safeguarding and Mental Health, to improve multi-agency work to addressing vulnerability.

Improve information sharing between Police, Probation and drug and alcohol service staff in respect of repeat offenders and support this with cross-agency training.

Deliver a Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking rolling training, awareness raising and communication plan.

Contribute to establishing a partnership-based drug and alcohol death review panel to identify learning for services.

Work with and support the Police and other agencies to raise awareness and improve our response to vulnerable/older people who are subject to crime, including online crime.

Case Study

X is a 67yr old male who lived alone. He was targeted by a male who 'cuckooed' (took over) his property, isolated him from his friends and family and began to both financially and physically exploit him.

Housing Officers identified that there were concerning issues at the property and referred the case into the Community MARAC process. Due to the risks and complexities identified, the case was escalated to the Vulnerable Adult Risk Management (VARM) meeting to provide a person-centred approach. The perpetrator had coerced the victim to such an extent that he believed he was providing him with care and support which prevented the victim from making a complaint.

The plan was to disrupt the situation by ensuring a regular police presence utilising local officers. Officers from Adult Social Care ensured that the appropriate care needs assessments were completed, and we began instilling trust back into the victim by highlighting the fact that we felt that he was the victim of exploitation.

The victim eventually accepted that he was a victim but was in fear of reprisals should he complain. He was assisted to move house away from the perpetrator to a new undisclosed address.

Unfortunately, the fear was so deep rooted that the victim refused to provide any witness testimony but did verbalise his experiences. On the back of the circumstantial evidence, Council ASB officers served the perpetrator with an injunction warning letter that seeks to prevent him engaging with vulnerable people.

Due to mental health input, the victim has been referred for social prescribing. He was introduced to Rotherham United Community Sports Trust who arranged an introduction to a fishing club, which in his words, he has "found a new lease of life".



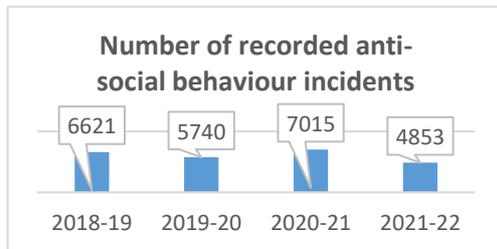
Building Confident and Cohesive Communities



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What we did in 2021-2022

Neighbourhood crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) have a very damaging impact on residents' lives and wellbeing. Good data and information sharing, achieved through Police and Council officers working together in co-located area based teams, has enabled "hotspot" areas to be quickly identified for responses. Following a significant rise in ASB during the Covid pandemic lockdowns, attributed to more people being at home and more neighbour disputes, the pre-pandemic achievements of reducing ASB are back on track.



Significant investment has been made to improve the Borough's CCTV camera system, providing a better deterrent to offending and to improve public use and feelings of safety in public spaces. The Government Safer Streets Fund has enabled innovative lighting to be installed in Clifton Park following consultation with women about safety.

There is growing recognition that hate crime has a particularly devastating effect on individuals and whole communities, causing emotional harm, long term trauma, a feeling that they don't belong and changing their lifestyles to avoid further incidents.

We have delivered some highly successful educational work with children and young people to explore and challenge attitudes that foster division and hate in communities, equipping our young people to be responsible citizens in the future.

The successful Remedi Step Up, Beat Hate project continued for a second year with workshops delivered to 1,719 young people. Content

included understanding hate crime and its impact on victims, families and communities; empowering young people to identify signs and report hate in a safe and responsible way and sources of support for victims. Schools taking part were Clifton Community School, Dinnington High School, Maltby Academy, The View Kelford School, Winterhill School, Rawmarsh Community School, Rotherham Aspire, St Pius X Catholic High School and Brinsworth Academy where all 1,225 pupils took part. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, examples are below:

Rotherham Hate Crime Service

'I didn't realise how many young people are hurt by hate crime and how we can all help to stop it'

Rotherham Hate Crime Service

"I really enjoyed it and would recommend it to others, it also makes me feel safe now that if I see a hate crime committed, I know how to report it"



STEP UP BEAT HATE



STEP UP BEAT HATE

Take up of the Rotherham Youth Cabinet schools hate incident charter has increased. The charter, developed by young people, contains eleven pledges for schools to demonstrate commitment to tackling hate through education, reporting and taking hate incidents seriously.

Tackling attitudes that drive hate crime is important to victims. 33 young people and 7 adults, involved in/at risk of being involved in hate crime offending, attended restorative interventions with Remedi. The programme addresses individuals' attitudes and behaviours, working through scenarios to understand the impact of their actions. Where identified, victims are offered separate restorative justice interventions which takes the form of victims questions being indirectly posed to the offender.

Safeguarding people from being drawn into harmful extremism or terrorism is a statutory duty of partners. Recent Home Office moderation shows Rotherham is performing strongly against



the "golden thread" benchmark areas, which are risk assessment, action planning, governance and Channel delivery. Channel is a confidential, voluntary, multi-agency programme that provides early support to safeguard children and adults who might be susceptible to being radicalised.

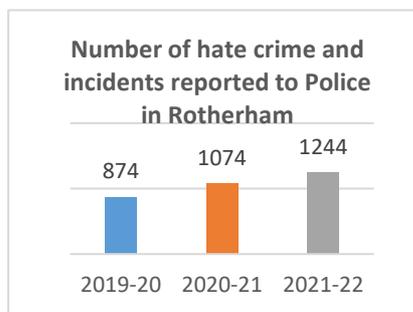
Specialist training was provided to teachers and professionals on Media Literacy and Extremism and Holding Difficult Conversations

New structures are in place anticipating the new "Protect Duty" which will become law by early 2023. The duty was championed by victims' groups following the 2017 Manchester Arena terrorism attack. Our partnership Protect and Prepare Group will support local organisations and businesses to protect the public.

Current and emerging challenges

Neighbourhood crime and anti-social behaviour remains a continuing priority and focus for improvement.

Rotherham has followed the national trend of increasing hate crime reports. Influencing factors are attributed in



part to increased neighbour disputes during the covid pandemic and global and national events that have increased public awareness of reporting. Police positive "action taken" outcomes to hate crime reports is also an area of close monitoring.

What we need to do

Continue to improve partnership problem solving of crime and ASB in local neighbourhoods.

Improve victims' experiences of reporting hate.

Implement a programme of community engagement to promote dialogue and community cohesion.

Engage with schools to develop and deliver a range of educational activities and interventions on the Harms of Hate.

Continue to develop our approach to keeping people safe from harmful extremism and terrorism.

Case Study



The adult service user was referred following a post court outcome after she was arrested for assault and shouting racial abuse.

The programme helped her learn different ways to deal with conflict and manage her emotions. She particularly related to the 'compass of shame' which helped her to understand how she currently dealt with negative feelings and talk about how to do this in a more positive way.

She opened up about the views of her family members and stated that she spent a lot of time when she was a child around racist and homophobic views. She stated that she does not agree with these views but finds that she can sometimes use offensive language as a way of hurting other people. This led to discussing how hateful words affect victims and other people around them.

The service user fully understood the impacts of her actions and felt a lot of remorse. She decided to engage with restorative justice (RJ), and referrals were made to the RJ practitioner.

At the end of the programme she said

"I have learnt a lot doing this programme. I have learnt how to be more self-aware and different ways to deal with my emotions, whilst learning about the different elements of hate crime, I would recommend this programme to others it is very useful, and you learn a lot"



Domestic Abuse and Sexual Offences



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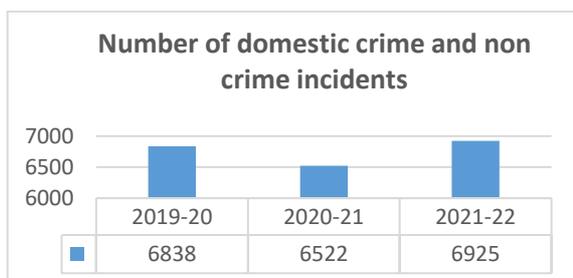
What we did in 2021-22

A new partnership Domestic Abuse Strategy was published in January 2022. Significant investment has been made in enhancing domestic abuse support services for victims. New central government funding has supported the implementation of new duties under the Domestic Abuse Act 2021. The strategy's delivery plan sets out partners' commitments to improving services.

Rotherham now has 23 properties for domestic abuse victims, which are all occupied. The victims and children living in the properties have full wrap around support from specialist Domestic Abuse Officers. There are eight more properties in the pipeline, helping victims and their children find solace and independence in a space they feel safe and supported.

Complementary to this, is a pathway for victims to receive funds for target hardening to keep them safe within their own homes, which is currently utilised well by all support services.

Domestic abuse reports have increased this year. This is a likely factor of Covid lock down restrictions being lifted, giving more freedom to victims to report and more media attention locally and nationally on domestic abuse. 3039 victims were referred into domestic abuse support services and 1533 accepted support.



A range of voluntary and charity sector services were commissioned to: deliver counselling, housing and refuge support to domestic abuse

victims and survivors; additional support for young people witnessing/experiencing domestic abuse; and support for perpetrators to change behaviours.

Partners are continuing to access domestic abuse training. 766 places were taken up across a variety of courses.

The re-commissioning of domestic abuse outreach services which commenced in 2021-22 has now concluded. Rotherham Rise will provide the new service from 1st October 2022 which aims to:

- Safeguard victims and dependents
- Empower victims to have a voice and take control of their lives
- Break the cycle of abuse by working with individuals affected by domestic abuse
- Build on the strengths of the individual to help them to live well in the community where they have choice and control about how their needs are met
- Support victims to develop coping strategies and a support network which will help them to achieve their optimum level in independent living and social engagement
- Reduce the risk of homelessness through preventing further abuse and fleeing their home.

Work is continuing on the re-design of the Council in-house domestic abuse service which will support victims with more complex needs.

Partners are working together to tackle rape and sexual offences, including work to build trust with victims to encourage early reporting to avoid evidential difficulties and maximise convictions.

Planning to address male violence against women and girls is underway. Early work includes engaging with licensed premises and promotion of the Ask for Angela campaign. Stamp Out Drink Spiking training was delivered to staff and management (including pub landlords/staff, security, street pastors, licensing officers) working with the South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit.



Current and emerging challenges

Reducing the number of repeat victims is a continuing challenge. Numbers of repeat referrals increased last year as below:

Repeat referrals to the domestic abuse Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference	
2020-2021	2021-2022
186	208

What we need to do

Continue implementation of the Domestic Abuse Strategy Delivery Plan 2022-25.

Mobilise the new out-reach service contract which will provide a single pathway for victims to access services, and monitor victim engagement and acceptance of support.

Develop and initiate an in-house complex case domestic abuse support service.

Continue partnership work to reduce repeat victims, including tackling repeat offending through a more targeted approach with perpetrators.

Continue to monitor domestic abuse services and build on their strengths and the work they deliver. We will continue to listen to victim voices ensuring they are at the heart of services we commission and ensure a trauma informed approach is adopted.

Ensure our communication / media plans are aligned with the South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit and South Yorkshire Police, ensuring engagement is maximised to its full potential.

The new Safer Rotherham Partnership plan 2022-25 strengthens our commitment to tackling rape and sexual offences and male violence against women and girls.

Case Study Domestic Abuse Support Service Rotherham Rise

Client background

The client is a female who self-referred to our service. She had left an abusive relationship a few months prior to the call and was feeling low and having thoughts of suicide.

Support Needs

In the initial call we completed a domestic abuse and suicide risk assessment whilst offering emotional support. We contacted the Crisis Team who were able to give the client some immediate support around her thoughts of suicide. Support included:

- Domestic abuse awareness- specifically coercive control and gaslighting behaviour
- Safety planning and keeping safe when at home and work
- Self-esteem and confidence
- Trauma and its effects on the brain
- Looking at the stereotypical 'victim' and how this is not accurate and how with support she can start to view herself as a survivor
- Expectations around the criminal justice system, next steps, timescales and liaison with the Police officer in charge to make sure the client was kept updated.
- Grounding techniques

Outcomes

The client has now completed support with Rotherham Rise and has had a remarkable outcome. The client is now able to see that she is not to blame and has, with support, been able to rebuild her life and relationships with family members. The client is no longer having suicidal thoughts, better able to manage her emotions and free from domestic abuse.

Survivors voice:

"I felt heard and believed"



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime



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What we did in 2021-2022

A successful multi-agency task force has tackled cannabis grows combining the enforcement powers of all partners. From October 2021 to March 2022, £9.6 million worth of plants were seized, 34 arrests made and 60 prohibition notices served to landlords.

The Safer Rotherham Partnership funded an Organised Crime Partnership Coordinator from 1 November 2021 to strengthen partnership work to:

- prevent individuals and groups becoming involved in organised crime
- improve information sharing
- coordinate action to disrupt organised crime
- target those causing the highest harm to individuals and communities.

Communication about organised crime has been improved, including education on information sharing. Plans to tackle individual organised crime groups have been revised with a refreshed focus on developing multi agency approaches to disruption.

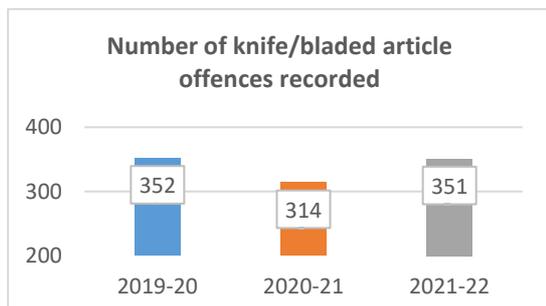
Collaborative work is taking place with the South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit to take a public health approach to preventing and reducing violence.

Additional Police extra high visibility “Grip” patrols are taking place in hotspot areas.

Current and emerging challenges

Cannabis production continues within Rotherham despite intensive enforcement.

Knife crime is not reducing.



What we need to do

Continue collaborative working with the South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit on initiatives to tackle violence targeted to local needs.

Increase awareness of organised crime, how organised crime groups operate and the harmful impacts on communities, to increase intelligence and prevent people being drawn into harm.

Focus on proactive work utilising analytical data and partner knowledge to identifying opportunities for disruption.

Build trust and confidence in reporting.

Increase collaboration to protect vulnerable and exploited individuals connected to organised crime.

Case Study

Organised Crime Group Members Jailed

Eleven members of a Rotherham organised crime group were convicted for their part in criminal activities including the possession of cannabis and money laundering.

In 2017 and 2018, multiple search warrants were executed which saw police seize large amounts of cash and thousands of cannabis plants. Intelligence at the time suggested that the group were using the funds from producing and supplying drugs to fund their lavish lifestyle and substantial property portfolio. Further enquires led police to establish the hierarchy of the group which includes numerous members of the same family.

Seven people received prison sentences, three received suspended sentences and one received a community order.



Rotherham Violence Reduction Action Plan



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What we did in 2021-2022

The Rotherham Violence Reduction Partnership Manager, working with the South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit, brings together the police, council, health and community sectors to deliver a plan of action to tackle violent crime and its root causes. A snapshot of some of this year's achievements is below.

'Plan B' Custody Navigators located in police custody suites and A&E Navigators at the hospital engaged with people attending due to violence - maximising 'reachable and teachable' moments

Investment in upskilling professionals in Rotherham saw 1159 training places accessed on modules covering adolescent to parent abuse; suicide prevention; and Foundation Stage Evidence Based Non-Violence Resistance Parenting Programme.

Launch of the innovative use of smart water (forensic marking) to protect domestic abuse victims where abusers deny they are contacting the victim, by providing evidence of offending.

Funding support for multi-agency 'Operation Keepsafe' work with young people and street-based activities to reduce anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and raise awareness of crime and consequences.

Engagement with young people at risk of child criminal exploitation through residential outdoor learning and adventure activities.

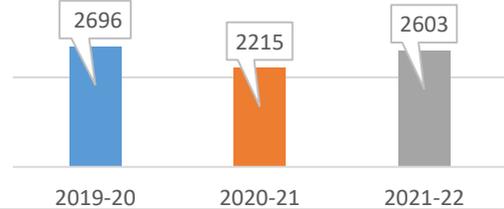
8 young people took part in the Ambassador of Hope Campaign, remembering Damilola Taylor.

Following data analysis and consultation two knife bins were installed in Rotherham town centre.

Licensed venues were engaged in the "Drink Spike Aware" campaign by providing training and follow up, with 25,000 drink-protectors/bottle stoppers and 600 drink spike aware posters distributed.

Current and emerging challenges

Number of violence with injury offences recorded by Police



What we need to do

Priorities for 2022- 2023 are:

- Support effective rehabilitation, providing ways out for those already entrenched in violence, or who have been in prison
- Reduce violence through victim identification, care and support programmes
- Reduce access to lethal weapons and work to change social norms that support violence
- Continue to promote the adoption of trauma informed practices to an approved standard

Case Study

Young People's Boxing and Fitness Classes

250 young people, ages 10 to 19, accessed gym classes supported by the Violence Reduction Unit, where they received coaching and mentoring from positive role models.

After building trust, the young people began to disclose aspects of difficult family lives to the staff. Some found it hard to do school homework at home; some were hungry as families couldn't always afford food. The gym provided a 'home learning' area for homework which is well utilised, and now provides food and water at classes.

Boxing builds fitness, self discipline, confidence, structure, work ethic and friendship. For some it provides a safe place and an alternative to gang related activity. One young person said:

"I see people with drugs, see it around, it's their choice, just don't get involved - come to here (boxing gym) cos no one in here (is) trying to make you try stuff"



Other highlights

Engagement and consultation

During 2021/22 consultation was carried out to inform the Safer Rotherham Partnership Priorities 2022-25. This included visiting a number of community organisations including Rotherham Sight and Sound, Rotherham Ethnic Communities Network, Apna Haq and Sense. We also organised specific consultation events for women to discuss the issues which were important to them, met with young people at a local boxing gym and engaged with local LGBT+ community members. This gave an important voice to the community in shaping future priorities.

Learning to improve services

100 practitioners attended a half-day webinar in January 2022 to discuss and respond to learning from a recent domestic homicide review (DHR) involving the death of a young East European male. The Independent Chair of the DHR drew on national and international research and local information to reveal how new migrants may be at particular risk if living precarious lives and are invisible to local services. There were lessons for improving safety and health outcomes as well as responding to domestic abuse. Public health specialists provided input about self-harm. Actions for improving practice were identified.

Communications and campaigns

Hate Crime Awareness week saw partners work with Remedi and Rotherham United Community Sports Trust. Young people working with Remedi carried an anti-hate banner onto the pitch at half time during a Rotherham United match. The Ask For Angela campaign was promoted in pubs. Safe Places provides support for vulnerable people when out and about. A campaign highlighted the dangers of using Laughing Gas. Social media channels take safety messages into the community.

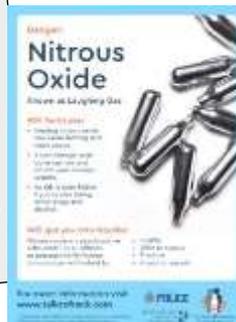
Community Payback

Community Payback is a community sentence for people convicted of a crime and is an alternative to custody. It's a way of helping to create better outcomes for people on probation and better communities. The Rotherham project provides a dedicated team of up to 8 people with a supervisor for an average of 4 days a week to undertake projects directed by members of the public, Councillors and officers. The work helps participants learn new skills and benefits the community.

The team has worked at Thrybergh Country Park laying footpaths, resurfacing the car park, and maintaining the children's play area. They have carried out groundworks for the Hope Fields project, decorated a community centre, cleared litter in Maltby and supported the development of the LEAF centre in Rockingham.

"Working with Community Payback has been great but that's not just my opinion, that's also our visitors opinion. We have a number of people now who go up to the team and actually thank them personally and it's something that surprised me, that I didn't really anticipate, was this was a two-way process. Our visitors and our regulars are very respectful of the teams that come up here, that's been a real bonus for us. Some of the service users actually bring their families back to show them the work they've been doing, it's nice that they've got the same pride in the work they're doing for us as well."

Principal Officer, Thrybergh Country Park





CEASE. Creating Empowerment And Self Efficacy

Rotherham Restorative Domestic Abuse Project, Remedi

Being exposed to domestic abuse has serious consequences for children and young people. It can affect how they think, feel and behave and the consequences can last into adulthood. The Cease programme delivers support and restorative interventions with young people who are affected by domestic abuse. This is delivered in three ways:

CEASE 4 session programme for young people aged 13-24 years enables participants to: • better understand and recognise abusive behaviours; • better understand the role friends and relatives may play in supporting someone experiencing abuse; • be fully aware of actions that may be taken, the sources of local support and mechanisms and help for accessing that support. 27 young people completed this support.

Intensive restorative mentoring support for young people aged 13-15 years who are affected by Domestic Abuse. 7 young people completed the support which initially focuses on reducing risk, through safety planning and practical support. Restorative work then focusses on supporting the young person to move forward following the abuse. This may include emotional support, confidence building, self-esteem and positive body image exercises, healthy relationships, boundaries and expectations work. The aim is to reduce the risk of them becoming involved in a future abusive relationship and support individuals to be the people they can and want to be.

4 session CEASE perpetrator programme for young people aged 13-17 who are displaying controlling or coercive behaviours towards their parent/carer. 11 young people completed this programme which supports them to recognise abusive behaviours and understand the concept of choice and responsibility within a relationship. The impact of harm upon all individuals is explored with a view to developing voluntary behaviour change for the longer term. Restorative exercises are utilised throughout to improve communication and support the young person to express their feelings and needs safely.

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Supporting young people living with domestic violence and abuse.

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"Now the support has finished the words I would use to describe how I am feeling are; happier, appreciated, understood, more in control, informed, confident and better able to cope. I have enjoyed working with Laura, she has helped massively! Thank you" 😊

Safer Rotherham Partnership

Funding Overview



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The responsible authorities that make up the Safer Rotherham Partnership dedicate significant resources through mainstream services to preventing and tackling crime, improving community safety and safeguarding vulnerable people. These include children’s and adults safeguarding services across the Council and NHS services, Rotherham Council’s community safety function which supports and coordinates the work of the Safer Rotherham Partnership and a wide range of other Council services such as domestic abuse, community protection, housing, children and families services, neighbourhood engagement and public health. Police, Probation Service and South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue are also dedicated to reducing crime and anti-social behavior, reducing reoffending and keeping people in Rotherham safe. Other important contributors are voluntary, community, charity and faith sector organisations and the education sector.

Safer Rotherham Partnership partners also seek to identify additional funding for specific community safety initiatives, to maximise opportunities to pool resources and achieve added value. Below are some examples of additional funding contributions and how they were utilised.

Safer Rotherham Partnership - Community Safety Fund
Grant award from the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Yorkshire

Project No.	Project Description	Actual spend
P1	SRP Communication, Engagement and Training	£13,935
P2	Perpetrator Programme	£14,584
P3	Community Payback	£20,000
P4	Organised Crime Partnership Coordinator	£19,187
P5	Rothacs Taste of Recovery (domestic abuse counselling service)	£4,500
P6	CCTV Rosehill Park	£8,280
P7	Child Sexual Exploitation – Independent Victim Engagement	£10,000
P8	Drug Supply - multi-agency operations on Cannabis Grows in Ferham and Eastwood areas	£10,000
P9	Covert and Overt Re-Deployable CCTV	£27,900
	TOTAL SPEND	£128,386

SRP Priority:
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Priority Key:
1 – Protecting Vulnerable Children
2 – Protecting Vulnerable Adults
3 – Building Confident and Cohesive Communities
4 – Domestic Abuse and Sexual Offences
5 – Preventing Serious and Organised Crime



Safer Streets Funding

Project Description	Actual spend	SRP Priority:
CCTV	£81,522	3
Community Engagement	£10,000	3
Property marking	£14,479	3
Safer Streets 3 - Innovative lighting and CCTV in Clifton Park	£115,000	1, 2, 3, 4
Safer Streets 3 - Communications campaign targeting perpetrator behaviour	Additional £75,000 project led by PCC to cover all South Yorkshire local authority areas	1, 2, 3, 4

RDASH Funding

Project Description	Actual spend	SRP Priority:
Remedi Domestic Abuse - Restorative DA Role and Cease Project	£27,000	4
Remedi Restorative Hate Crime Service	£23,000	3
TOTAL SPEND	£50,000	
Mental Health Clinical Specialist post based within the Police Safer Neighbourhoods Team	£60,000	2

Home Office Crime Reduction Programme

Project Description	Actual spend	SRP Priority:
Community Crime Coordinator	£52,068.62	1,2,3



South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit Funding

VRU funding allocated to Rotherham

Project Description	Actual spend	SRP Priority
PAPYRUS: SP-EAK: Suicide Prevention, Explore, Ask, Keep Safe	£1,350	1, 2
Drink spiking - STOPTOPPS: Venue/ Manager Drink Spike Aware Course, versatile drink spike protectors	£3,110	2, 5
Early Help & Family Engagement: Targeted Interventions	£1,707	1, 5
In 2 Change: Music Mentoring Programme	£840	1, 2
Boxing & Fitness classes - sports and mentoring to high risk vulnerable young people	£2,993	1, 2, 3, 5
TOTAL SPEND	£10,000	

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, South Yorkshire - Prevention of Drink Spiking Fund	Actual spend	SRP Priority
STOPTOPP'S versatile drink spike protectors	£1,869	2, 3, 5
Bottle Stoppers	£120	2, 3, 5
Drink Spike Aware Posters	£11	2, 3
TOTAL SPEND	£2,000	

Priorities for 2022-23



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Protecting Vulnerable Children

Our commitments

Objective area:	We will:
Child Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase understanding of the potential signs of neglect and child abuse through training and awareness raising with partners • Raise awareness with the public around the signs of early abuse and mechanisms for reporting
Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase understanding of CCE, reporting and responses, with professionals and the public through training and awareness raising • Work together with partners and the public to reduce the risk of CCE and ensure accurate recording of investigations and quality outcomes
Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase understanding of CSE, reporting and responses, with professionals and the public through training and awareness raising • Work together with partners and the public to reduce the risk of CSE and ensure accurate recording of investigations and quality outcomes

Protecting Vulnerable Adults

Our commitments

Objective area:	We will:
Substance misuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase engagement and positive outcomes from substance misuse treatment services for offenders within the criminal justice system
Mental health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the use and impact of mental health treatment requirements in the criminal justice system • Review dual diagnosis pathways to support service users with mental health and alcohol/mental health and alcohol/drug use treatment needs
Modern slavery and Human Trafficking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase understanding of the potential signs of modern slavery through training and awareness raising with partners • Raise awareness with the public around the signs of modern slavery and mechanisms for reporting



Safer and Stronger Communities

Our commitments

Objective area:	We will:
Making communities safer – tackling community safety priority locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review and refresh the partnership approach to problem solving in local neighbourhoods, including thresholds and methodology for partnership activity.
Preventing hate crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus on the use of education and engagement to prevent hate crime by tackling the drivers of hate• Improve victims' experiences of reporting hate crime and incidents
Online crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore innovative ways in which partners and the public can be educated around online safety and digital technologies and develop engagement with young people, families and older people.• Identify best practice in embedding online activity within service user assessments

Protecting people from violence and organised crime

Our commitments

Objective area:	We will:
Domestic abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transform domestic abuse services, in line with the partnership strategy, to improve outcomes for victims• Ensure all those fleeing domestic abuse are able to access safe accommodation and appropriate support• Improve the use of criminal justice measures to better protect victims
Sexual abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review and refresh the sexual abuse delivery plan, focussing on victim engagement• Improve timely reporting of sexual offences to increase forensic opportunities
Male violence against women and girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce male violence against women and girls by focussing on hot spot locations and repeat perpetrators• Deliver awareness raising events, projects and promotions aimed at improving women and girls' safety and feelings of safety



Protecting people from violence and organised crime

Our commitments

Violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide ways out for those already entrenched in violence, or who have been previously incarcerated, to support effective rehabilitation• Reduce violence through victim identification, care and support programmes• Reduce availability and access to lethal weapons• Work to change cultural and social norms that support violence• Encourage all professionals and organisations to continue to work toward becoming trauma-informed, to an approved standard for South Yorkshire
Organised crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proactively identify and implement a whole system partnership approach to tackling organised crime• Prevent individuals and emerging groups from becoming involved in organised crime• Build stronger information sharing structures between partners and communities• Target our partnership approach to those causing the highest harm in our communities• Disrupt organised crime via a partnership approach, utilising the Pursue, Prevent, Protect and Prepare framework
Counter terrorism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce the risk of terrorism by taking a partnership approach to the Prevent, Protect and Prepare workstreams of the UK Contest Counter Terrorism Strategy• Achieve compliance with the Channel, Prevent, Protect and Prepare duties (under the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015) demonstrated through self-assessment using Home Office toolkits



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