
SAFER ROTHERHAM PARTNERSHIP

ANNUAL REPORT 2017 TO 2018



The Safer Rotherham
PARTNERSHIP

FOREWORD FROM THE CHAIR

Cllr Emma Hoddinott, Cabinet Member for Waste, Roads and Community Safety

This year has been an opportunity for the Safer Rotherham Partnership to strengthen and develop relationships between all partners on the board.

A key part of the progress has been to check that we are developing the board and the partnership in the right way, and as a result we participated in an independent health check conducted by Blackburn with Darwen Council during the previous year. This gave assurance that our development was going in the right direction and highlighted areas for further development such as strategic alignment of resources and commissioning, which we have been focussing on over the previous year.

This enabled the board and community safety to come out of formal Commissioner intervention, though they will retain oversight over our activities and a power of direction in relation to domestic abuse.

Domestic Abuse has therefore been a key area of focus for the board over the last year, and will remain so. Though we are confident of excellence in particular services, partners need to be more joined up in their response to victims and our data sharing needs to improve.

Building Stronger Communities has also been a key focus, with a concerted effort to provide a better experience for those that report Hate Crime. We have also overseen greater partnership working through co-locating teams and new structures to ensure issues arising from neighbourhoods are dealt with and monitored by all partners. As a board, we have also reviewed our approach to Prevent.

Now the board has entered a period of stability with partners, the focus for the next year moves to outcomes and delivery. The board also over the next year will need to be clearer on its unique role in tackling child abuse and in particular child sexual exploitation, as well as the growing number of sexual offences that are being reported.

Personally I would like to thank all board members for their hard work and participation over the last year, and look forward to another year, where we continue to strengthen our partnership for the benefit of all of Rotherham.

The Safer Rotherham Partnership Explained

The Borough's Community Safety Partnership, as defined by the Crime and Disorder Reduction Act

Key Facts

- Community Safety Partnerships exist in every area of the Country. In Rotherham, this is known as the Safer Rotherham Partnership.
- The partnership has legal responsibilities to produce an annual crime audit and this is called the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment. It allows partners to analyse and review crime patterns, alongside emerging issues, to pick priorities for local partners to focus on.
- There are several statutory agencies including the Council, the Police, the Probation Service, the Clinical Commissioning Group, the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire Service, who are all part of the Safer Rotherham Partnership.
- There are many other agencies that support the work of the Safer Rotherham Partnership, including a range of voluntary organisations, represented on the Board by Voluntary Action

Headline Performance

20% increase in recorded crime. Despite a continuing decline in incidents. This is due to improving crime recording standards, which means more calls to the Police are being dealt with as crimes

1% increase in general satisfaction

3% decrease in overall outcomes

Priority 1: Preventing Child Sexual Exploitation

Priority Lead: Vicky Schofield, Head of Safeguarding, Children's Services, Rotherham Metropolitan

Key Achievements

The focus over the previous year has been to continue to support victims and survivors and to continue to strengthen the partnership response. During this year the Council received a full inspection from OFSTED and received a rating of GOOD, which is a significant improvement and a reflection on the hard work amongst partners and within statutory services. South Yorkshire Police were also rated as good following their review under the Police Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy (PEEL) inspection. The sub-group that leads this area of work has also refreshed its action plan and performance measures to ensure it remains focused in the right areas. The co-location of community safety services will help to enhance the collection of information and intelligence which will allow greater prevention, disruption and enforcement in relation to Child Sexual Exploitation.

Performance

11% Reduction in current offences

100% Completion of Taxi Safeguarding Requirements

8% Increase in abduction notices

Projects

Evolution Dance Event 200+ Young People Engaged

Priority 2: Building Confident and Cohesive Communities

Priority Lead: Sam Barstow, Head of Community Safety, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Key Achievements

A number of initiatives under this priority areas have focused on increasing reporting of hate crime, with a project led by Rotherham Ethnic Minority Alliance (REMA), funded by the Partnership delivering awareness raising to over 2000 people across all strands of hate crime and over 100 victims supported through the process of reporting. Significant work has also been undertaken by partners to strengthen our shared understanding of community tensions and to improve how we respond. This priority has also had strong links with the Council led Building Strong Communities Group, which over the previous year has secured £1.3 Million in funding to strengthen integration and reduce the impact of migration.

Performance

33% increase in reported Hate Crime

276 Awareness raising sessions

Increase in satisfaction with Police handling of incidents

Outcome Report—REMA Project

The project has been well received by the communities supported and the Voluntary Community Sector and Faith organisations. The project has developed a strong approach to hate crime reporting and supporting victims of hate crime

Priority 3: Reducing the Threat and Harm of Domestic

Priority Lead: Sam Barstow, Head of Community Safety, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Key Achievements

Significant progress has been made in this area over the previous year including; the development of a partnership Domestic Abuse Strategy; an Independent Peer Review; the launch of a Perpetrator Programme across South Yorkshire; Up2You programme delivered by Rotherham Rise and the reduction of waiting list for support for victims of domestic abuse. One of the key activities this year has been the independent peer review, which was led by Bradford Council and partners and gave broad assurance regarding domestic abuse services but importantly, also gave us some challenges and areas we need to consider moving in to the new financial year.

Performance

180 Waiting list down to 0

28% Increase in domestic abuse crimes

8% Reduction in high risk cases

6% Reduction in repeat high risk cases

Projects

Perpetrator Programme Agreed (to be launched in 2018-19)

Up2You: 52 women have received 1:1 support

30 Perpetrators received support

40 Children accessing group work

Priority 4: Reducing and Managing Anti-Social Behaviour

Priority Lead: Chief Inspector Paul Ferguson, Steve Parry, Crime and ASB Manager RMBC

Key Achievements

This year saw the introduction of Rotherhams first public Space Protection Order at the end of 2017. This order covers the Town Centre and Clifton Park and places various restrictions including; not to consume alcohol; not to use foul or abusive language and to keep dogs on a lead, amongst other things. Early review of this order has suggested some small reductions in the area covered but it is too early to understand the longer term trend. Another significant development over the past year has been the development of co-located teams. Anti-social behavior is a very broad area and requires joint work from a number of partners to resolve. The introduction of co-location and revised multi-agency working arrangements will strengthen our response in this area.

Performance

27% Reduction in ASB Incidents

13% Increase in deliberate fire

1% Reduction in criminal damage

Projects

Kicks Project has supported in excess of 70 young people across a range of sporting activities and experiences, with many engaging outside the project

Priority 5: Reducing Violent Crime and Sexual Offences

Priority Lead: Detective Chief Inspector Lee Berry, South Yorkshire Police

Key Achievements

Reports have continued to increase over the previous year and this has been significant within this priority area. In large part, this is due to improvements in crime recording standard, which is having an impact across a range of crime types and across a number of Police forces. There have been some initiatives over the previous year in this area and in particular, partnership working around serious organised crime, which is often a contributor to acts of violent crime, as is alcohol and substance misuse. In relation to the latter, this year has seen the recommissioning of drug and alcohol services and an increased effort to engage service providers with community safety services. This work will continue in the coming year.

Performance

**42% Increase in Violence
Against The Person crimes**

**23% Increase in Sexual
Offences**

**9% Reduction in Outcome
rates for Violent Offences**

Projects

**Independent sexual abuse
advisors are working across
the County to support
victims of sexual abuse, this
includes historic victims.**

Attendance at the Safer Rotherham Partnership Board

	Chair	South Yorkshire Police	National Probation Service	SYF&R Authority	RMBC Public Health	Community Rehabilitation Company	RMBC Community Safety & Street Scene	South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service	Voluntary Action Rotherham	Local Criminal Justice Board	Victim Support	RMBC CYPs	Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
09.04.18	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
05.02.18	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
04.12.17	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
09.10.17	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
07.08.17	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
12.06.17	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	A	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
24.04.17	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X

Contact Information/ Support Services

South Yorkshire Police Emergency: 999
Non Emergency: 101

Safeguarding Concerns 01709 336080

Rotherham Rise (Domestic Abuse) 0330 202 0571

Rotherham Abuse and Counselling Service 01709 835482

RMBC Environmental Complaints 01709 336003