

Rotherham Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Aim 4 update

Strategic priority 2: 'Ensuring everyone is able to live in safe and healthy environments'

March 2019

What's working well?

- £1,250,000 bid achieved.
- SRP funded mental health triage car was operational over the Christmas period, supporting the diversion of punitive action.
- Improved performance for reduction in ASB, victim satisfaction levels relating to hate crime, and disruptive activity for serious organised crime.
- Support given to schools and communities to counter extremist narratives.
- Improvements in neighbourhood working
- Housing first currently being piloted in partnership with South Yorkshire Housing Association.
- More new homes to meet local housing need.



What are we worried about?

- Public perception of ASB does not reflect the downward trend in ASB incidents and there are a number of hotspot areas for ASB.
- National increase in far right extremism and campaigns focussing on Rotherham.
- An increase of chaotic lifestyles; self-harm, suicide and drug use – how people with complex lifestyles can be supported through different agencies in a much more coordinated way.
- Complex issues increasing in areas of deprivation, but also seeing increases in areas which have generally been more stable.

What needs to happen?

- Continue to strengthen governance and coordination of locality based working to tackle ASB hot spot areas.
- Enlist partners in reinforcing and communicating good news stories and successes in relation to tackling ASB, to aim to address the disparity in public perception.
- Continue to counter far-right extremist narratives through community dialogue, identifying community mentors that can support cohesion work, upskilling staff and working with schools.
- Training and development for frontline staff dealing with chaotic lifestyles on a daily basis.
- Investment into housing and health support models such as housing first.

Aim 4: other key headlines

- Programmes underway with a focus on healthy, sustainable employment for local people.
- A new Equal and Healthy Communities Supplementary Planning Document is in development.
- The Cultural Strategy is on track to be launched in June.
- The Rotherham Activity Partnership is making progress.
- The pilot of the MECC loneliness training will commence in the South of the borough in April.

