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Review of SRP Plan 2018-2021

Summary of key activities and outputs

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 Protecting vulnerable children	• **Child criminal exploitation** - A successful South Yorkshire funding bid to central government secured **£1.7m** to address child criminal exploitation. In 2019-20 there were **82** referrals of child criminal exploitation and **324** intelligence reports. • **Child sexual exploitation** - CSE referrals and intelligence reports continue to be an area for close monitoring and improvement action to make sure activity is sustained and increased. In 2019-20, an average of **12** referrals per month were made in 2019-20 with a total of **225** intelligence reports. • **Repeat missing children** - Rotherham continues to perform well in comparison to other South Yorkshire areas with an average of **7** children per month (from April 2018 to June 2020) with three or more episodes. • **Preventing offending** - The rate of first-time entrants for Rotherham continues to fall significantly – from October 2018 to September 2019 there was a **30.3%** reduction. • **Online offending** - In 2019-2020 there were **314** online incidents against young people and **163** offences by young people.
 Protecting vulnerable adults	• **Preventing offending** - In 2019-20 the Safer Rotherham Partnership developed its focus towards reducing offending of high frequency offenders. **3** people have been de-registered from the high frequency offending cohort due to the positive progress made. • **Mental health** – The mental health clinical specialist within the co-located Safer Neighbourhood Team has made **583** mental health support interventions from April 2019 to June 2020. • **Substance misuse** - In 2019-20, **135** Drug Rehabilitation Requirement Orders were made, reflecting the drive to ensure tools to tackle substance misuse are used appropriately. • **Preventing vulnerable adults becoming victims of crime** - The Community-Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference is working successfully to reduce offending against vulnerable adults. Over the last 2-years (2018-19 and 2019-20), **108** vulnerable/repeat victims of crime were supported. • **Preventing modern slavery, 'mate crime' and 'cuckooing' -** Awareness raising to increase referrals and safeguard victims resulted in **45** modern slavery referrals to the National Referral Mechanism in 2019-2020.

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 Building confident and cohesive communities	• **Anti-social behaviour (ASB)/tackling community safety priority locations** – Sustained progress has been made including the creation of a more effective ASB service, with Police and Council officers co-located within three locality teams. **881** fewer ASB incidents were reported in 2019-20 than in 2018-19. Positive progress was interrupted by the Covid crisis between April to June 2020, which saw an **81%** increase in reported incidents compared to the previous three months. • **Protecting vulnerable people from extremism and terrorism** – raising awareness of staff is a continuing challenge. **209** counter extremism and Prevent engagement/training interventions were delivered between April 2018 and June 2020, this is in addition to training public bodies provide, as required by the Prevent Duty. • **Preventing hate crime** - On average, around **12** hate incidents are reported each week in Rotherham. Approximately **20%** of these result in positive action taken, such as a charge/summons, community resolution or caution (based on data from April 2019 to June 2020) - this is an improving picture. • **Effective response to community tensions** - A joint Police and Council tension monitoring process and community engagement toolkit has resulted in better information sharing and faster responses.
  Domestic abuse and sexual offences	• **Domestic violence and abuse** – Work has been undertaken to strengthen Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference co-ordination, provide a seamless service and increase engagement in domestic abuse support services. In 2019-2020, **2913 r**eferrals were made to support services. **248** people have successfully completed the Inspire to Change Perpetrator programme (to end of June 2020). • **Honour based abuse** – Honour based abuse has remained a particular area of focus for the Partnership from 2019-20. **1** Police order relating to Honour Based Abuse was recorded in 2019-20. • **Stranger stalking and harassment –** A stalking pathway has been developed for use by professionals and work is taking place to further develop our understanding of this crime and the behaviours of the perpetrators. • **Rape and serious sexual offences** - A sexual abuse strategy and action plan has been agreed which includes work to develop relevant reporting mechanisms and reduce the number of repeat victims. **649** rape and serious sexual offences were recorded in 2019-20.

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 Serious and organised crime	• **Identification and mapping; coordinated planning and disruption; shared prioritisation** – Enforcement and disruption activity has resulted in a gradual dismantling of some established crime groups, although improved mapping processes have resulted in the identification of new groups. To support identification and intelligence flow from partners other than the Police, awareness raising sessions have taken place through various channels, including social media. The number of individual disruption tactics utilised increased throughout 2018-2019 to a total of **112** actions. • **Violent crime -** There were **2696** violent crime offences and **352** knife offences recorded in 2019-2020. Work is taking place to tackle these offences through the South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit, which takes a public health approach to preventing and reducing violence, delivering a range of innovative initiatives with partners. • **Drug supply** – Significant progress has been made in tackling illegal drug use and activity through using wider partnership tools and powers, in addition to Police powers. Drug treatment services are also involved in the overall approach. There were **692** recorded drug offences from April 2019 to June 2020 and **1253** drug seizures to the value of **£2.9 million**.

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What we said we would do:

- Increase staff awareness
- Effective information sharing
- Targeted preventative measures
- Disruption opportunities in intelligence led 'hot spot' locations

Objective area	Performance indicators	What we have done
Preventing vulnerable children from becoming victims of crime	• Number of positive exits from Early Help (2018/19)	Reducing the number of vulnerable children becoming victims of crime was a key focus at the start of work on the Safer Rotherham Partnership Plan 2018-2021. In 2018 partners across South Yorkshire developed a successful bid to central government to deliver a £1.7m project to address child criminal exploitation. One further project delivered targeted work around organised crime within a school, in an area where the partnership identified a particular issue. Direct consultation was also undertaken with young people to identify the best ways to communicate, leading to development of social media messages. Early Help and Family Support is a key service in protecting vulnerable children. Improvements to this service achieved an average of 98% positive exits from Early Help over 2018-19.
Prevent child sexual exploitation	• Number of CSE linked investigations and/or referrals (2018/19) • Number of CSE linked referrals	The Safer Rotherham Partnership recognises its continuing role in helping to prevent child sexual exploitation (CSE). CSE referrals have continued to be an area for close monitoring and improvement action. An average of 12 referrals per month were made in 2019-20. The number of CSE intelligence reports are also being monitored closely. In 2018, concerns were noted from the South Yorkshire Police Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (JSIA) about a reduction in CSE related intelligence submitted. This may have been because less suspicious activity and concerns were being identified; however, it may also be that the intelligence requirement and CSE key signs needed reiterating for intelligence gathering purposes. In response, further work is continuing in 2019-20 and beyond to focus on promoting intelligence reporting across all partners and the public. Specialist briefings

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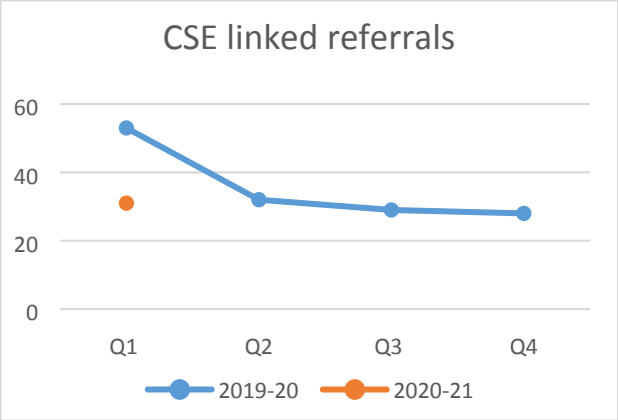
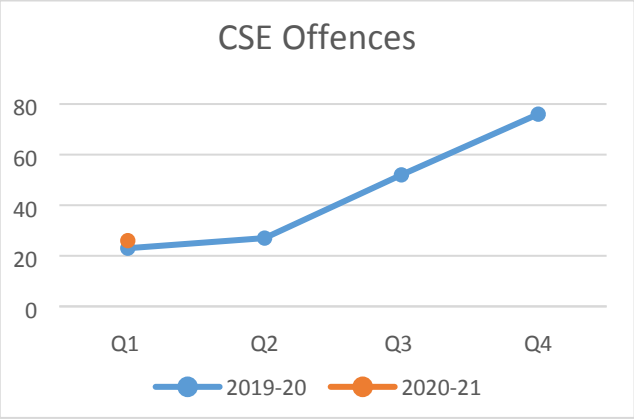
	(2019-20 and 2020-21) • Number of CSE linked offences (2019-20 and 2020-21) • Number of CSE intel reports (2019-20 and 2020-21) • CSE positive outcome rate (2019-20 and 2020-21)	have been provided to the priority group overseeing this issue. In 2019-20, 225 intelligence reports were received. The number of CSE linked offences continuously increased throughout 2019-20 to a total of 178. There is a need to give reassurance across the Partnership that all partners are offering the appropriate support and challenge to investigations, to maximise the opportunity for positive outcomes. An audit will begin to understand and seek to give this reassurance. Training and awareness raising for workers/professionals includes e-learning programmes "Keep them Safe – Protecting Children from Child Sexual Exploitation" and "Safeguarding Children from Abuse by Sexual Exploitation" A re-launch of the 'Spot The Signs' campaign is planned by November 2020 with a focus on the early warning signs. This will coincide with additional multi-agency training on spotting the signs. The "Make Safe" programme to raise awareness with hotel staff recommences in October 2020. The aim of training and awareness raising is to drive up referrals and intelligence to disrupt offenders and protect children.  

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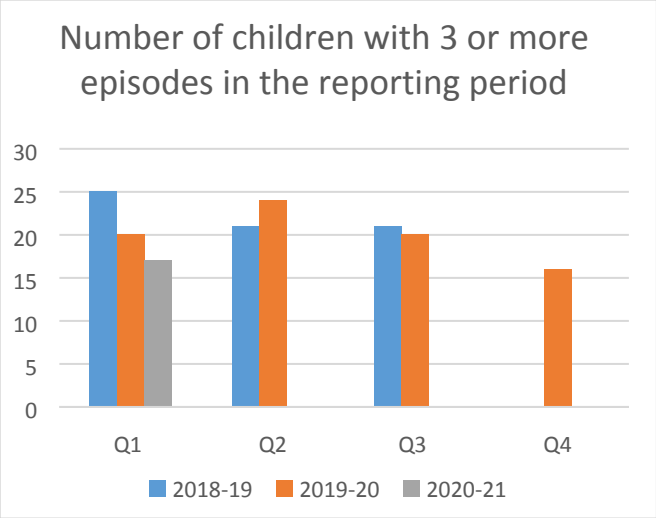
Ensure accessible and consistent mental health support to vulnerable young people	• Young people referrals to mental health services (2018-19)	In relation to accessible mental health support, agencies did not report any challenges in 2018-19. The Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (JSIA) did however highlight mental health as a factor in relation to cases of repeat missing children, who are generally Looked After Children. As a result of the recognition of the issue, the Chair of the SRP formally notified the Director of Children's services and additionally, officers made contact to raise the issue.
Reduce the number of repeat missing children	• Number of children with 3 or more episodes in the reporting period	Real success has been delivered in relation to reducing the number of repeat missing children. The partnership approach has focused on multi-agency work which seeks to solve problems. There has been an average of 7 children per month with 3 or more missing episodes. Rotherham continues to perform well in comparison to other South Yorkshire areas. This is a key area of work for the partnership in relation to preventing offending and critically, preventing these vulnerable young people from becoming victims of crime. 
Preventing offending	• Rate of first-time entrants into the	Preventing offending amongst young people has been a key area of focus since work started on the Safer Rotherham Partnership Plan 2018-2021. Young people referred into the Youth Offending Team (YOT) receive a holistic family assessment as well as an assessment of risk in relation to re-offending, serious harm and safety and well-being. Excellent links between neighbourhood policing and response teams with

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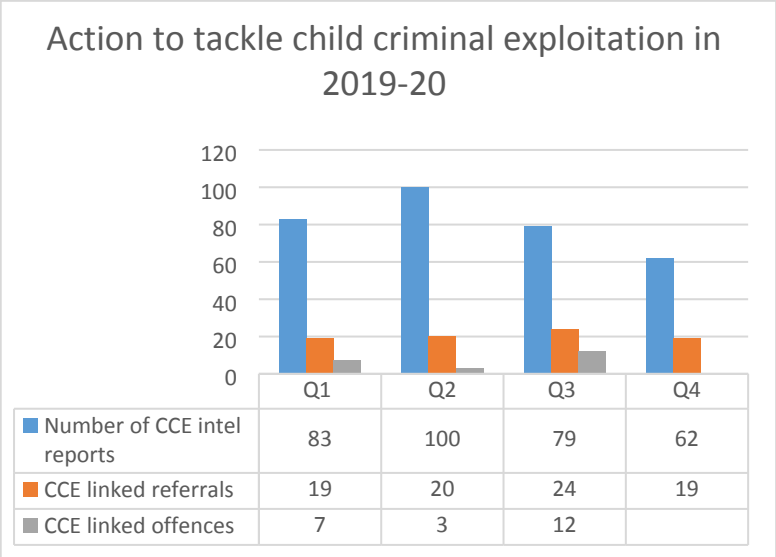
	youth justice system	the designated YOT Police Officer is allowing for a pro-active approach. The rate of first-time entrants into the youth justice system for Rotherham continues to fall significantly (by 30.3% between Oct 2018 to Sep 2019). Development of work in 2019-20 has sought to increase the use of diversionary tactics and understand the pressures in relation to Youth Offending Team support.
Tackling Child Criminal Exploitation	• Number of CCE linked offences • Number of CCE linked referrals • Number of CCE intel reports • CCE positive outcome rate • Oversee sub-regional project: number of schools engaged/ intel reports (PIs introduced in 2019-20)	The Safer Rotherham Partnership has worked alongside the Safeguarding Children Partnership to develop a cross-partnership strategy to tackle Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE). The strategy provides a focus for the delivery of core operations and the delivery of the government grant across the sub-region. The sub-regional CCE project was completed in March 2020. Rotherham saw significantly more referrals overall than other areas during the full course of the project and almost 12,000 secondary age pupils in Rotherham were engaged with, exceeding the target originally set of 6,500. The Safer Rotherham Partnership has sought to support the delivery of the programme through targeted disruption. The SRP is seeking to drive an increase in referrals with further awareness raising with partners and the public as a potential lack of understanding around child exploitation has been highlighted. This is being done through awareness raising and training. Several face to face training sessions took place in early 2020 specifically around child criminal exploitation and attended by over 100 delegates.



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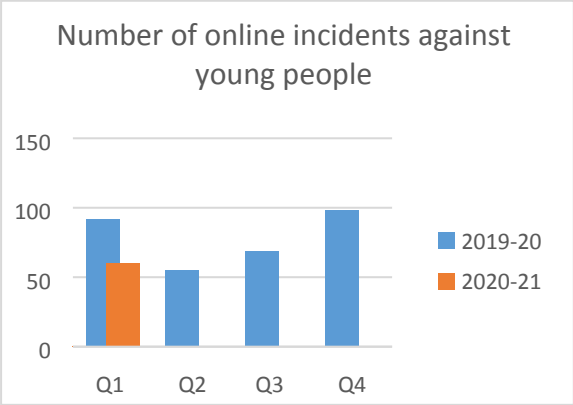
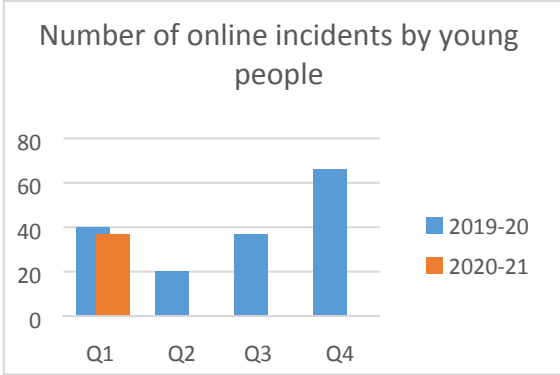
Prevent Online Offending	• Number of incidents against young people • Number of incidents by young people	A growing risk around online issues associated with young people was identified in the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment in 2018-19. This is in line with the region and the nation. The report stated that locally, key themes highlighted through the intelligence assessment suggested that adult males are engaging in sexualised conversation with girls aged under 16/18 years, with the sharing of photos over social media. Girls are also being placed in vulnerable situations by being persuaded to meet up with males they have met online. In addition to this, in Rotherham there were 200 offences for indecent images of children in 2018, showing a 14% increase from the previous year.  There are intelligence gaps regarding cyber enabled sexual offending, with most offences against children, and it is anticipated that reporting volumes will increase due to current under-reporting as well as technological advances. It was highlighted that attempting to deal with online offending requires a different response to offline offending and equally important is education as, via online platforms, offenders have links to a child that bypass traditional security measures parents and carers employ to keep children safe. Teaching parents and children to keep safe online is an essential component of dealing with the 

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		problem. Preventing online offending was therefore adopted by the Safer Rotherham Partnership as an additional objective area under the Protecting Vulnerable Children priority from April 2019. Over 2019-2020, the Partnership focused on promoting messages directly to young people through social media, with the aim of preventing online offending. Data on online incidents against young people and online offences by young people has been monitored. The data showed that in 2019-2020 there were 314 online incidents against young people and 163 offences by young people. Innovative ways to educate families, staff and partners need to be explored along with a review of training and awareness raising materials.

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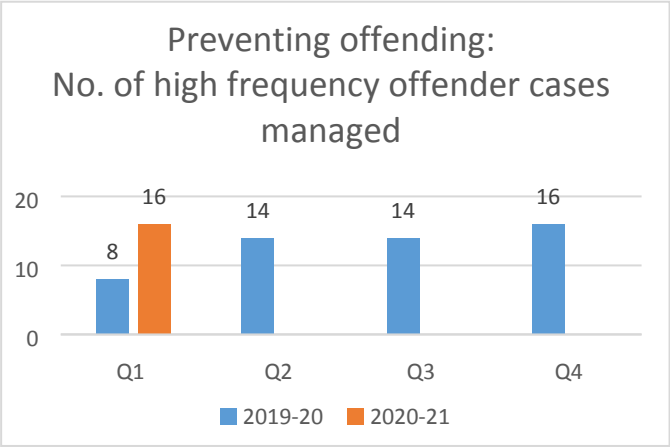
What we said we would do:

- We will work towards preventing offending by monitoring and reducing the number of first-time entrants into the criminal justice system
- We will prevent vulnerable adults from becoming victims of crime through a robust process of identification, response and support
- We will tackle substance misuse using all available powers and agency support networks and increase the number of successful exits from drug treatment
- Through the Community Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference, we will identify vulnerable adults who require mental health support and ensure that the appropriate referrals are made to the mental health services
- We will robustly pursue and bring to justice those who seek out and target vulnerable adults for the purpose of committing crime
- We will identify and address issues of financial exploitation of vulnerable adults. Victims are reluctant to engage with the Police or other agencies through fear. Those who come into contact with victims may not realise that they are victims and instead treat them as perpetrators of crime. Risks in the region include pop-up brothels, sexual exploitation, forced begging, shoplifting, growing cannabis, domestic servitude, benefit fraud

Objective area	Performance indicators	What we have done
Preventing Offending	• Number of entrants into the criminal justice system (2018-19) • Number of high frequency cases being managed	Preventing offending has remained a key priority throughout the implementation of the Safer Rotherham Partnership Plan 2018-2021. During the first year (2018-19) the Safer Rotherham Partnership focused on monitoring and preventing first time entrants into the criminal justice system. This fluctuated throughout the year but remained generally steady with an average of 49 per quarter. Partners also focused on driving the use of restorative justice both within the Police and across partners. The Partnership has since worked closely with its partner 'Remedi' which now holds the restorative justice contract for the whole of South Yorkshire. 

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	(2019-20 and 2020-21)	The result of this collaboration is that the partnership does not now facilitate a restorative justice service but educates staff in the process of making referrals to Remedi. From 2019-20 the Safer Rotherham Partnership developed its focus into reducing offending of high frequency offenders, monitoring the outcomes of activity with these offenders. The South Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Company (SYCRC) manage an average of 16 high frequency service users in Rotherham. Three service users have now been de-registered from the high frequency cohort due to the positive progress that they have made. The Local Offender Management Panel has switched to virtual meetings due to the Covid-19 restrictions with all agencies now invited to attend. During Covid-19 restrictions, the SYCRC and partnership agencies have been unable to offer the same level of service as they had prior to lockdown. They are not able to offer the number of appointments a week that were previously offered, which may reduce the effectiveness of the High Frequency Programme. SYCRC and partnership agencies are increasing the offer so that service users have an increase in appointments, working towards 5 appointments a week (one a day) in order to increase service users constructive and pro-social use of time.
Mental health	• Community MARAC Adult referrals to mental health services (2018-19) • Develop mental health support	With mental ill-health being a key factor that can drive offending in individuals with complex needs, in 2018-19 this priority area focussed on improving identification of mental health needs of both victims and perpetrators. This was addressed through new meeting structures with key partners and the trial of a mental health worker within the co-located community safety function. The partnership also funded a triage car for mental health related police incidents, diverting some significant resource. During the year, 58 adult referrals were made to mental health services by the new Community-Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC). For 2019-20, the priority focussed on continuing to develop mental health support within co-located community safety teams. Following the successful trial of embedding a mental health clinical specialist

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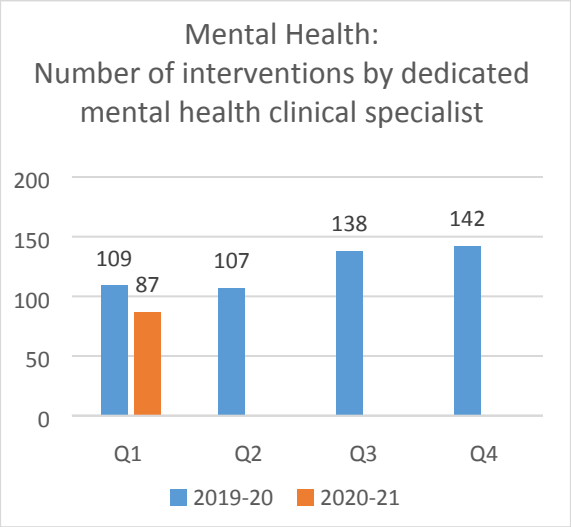
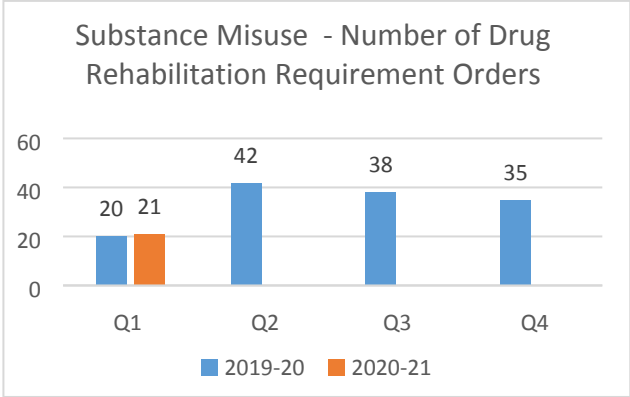
	within co-located community safety teams (2019-20 and 2020-21) • Number of interventions by embedded dedicated Mental Health Nurse (2019-20 and 2020-21)	within the co-located Safer Neighbourhood Team, the post was maintained, achieving an average of 39 interventions per month. The success of this initiative has resulted in the role being further developed to work with the Council's homelessness team to provide support to service users who are experiencing mental health issues that are contributing towards them being unable to fulfill ambition or find a productive way forward in their lives. Work is currently ongoing looking at the option to provide dedicated funding for the post over the next three years. 
Substance misuse	• Successful exits from treatment (2018-19) • Number of Drug Rehabilitation Requirement Order (2019-20 and 2020-21)	Substance misuse, both alcohol and drugs, is a key concern in some communities. In 2018-19, the partnership focussed on strengthening links with substance misuse treatment services in order to deliver a more joined up approach. The Partnership has formed strong links with the commissioned drug and alcohol service, Change, Grow, Live (CGL) - CGL are a member of the Protecting Vulnerable Adults priority group, along with Public Health, South Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Company and South Yorkshire Police. This 

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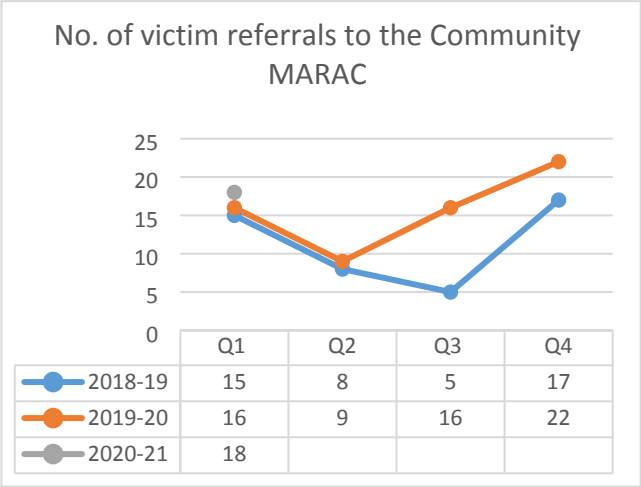
		has, over the last 2 years, resulted in a more joined up, co-ordinated response to substance misuse including prevention, treatment, support and enforcement. In 2019-20, the approach was developed to ensure tools to tackle substance misuse are used appropriately with the number of Drug Rehabilitation Requirement Orders monitored. In 2019-20 there were 135 Drug Rehabilitation Requirement Orders made.
Preventing vulnerable adults becoming victims of crime/Reducing repeat victims of crime	• No. of victim referrals to the Community MARAC • Number of repeat victims of crime (2019-20 and 2020-21)	2018-19 saw a strong reduction in repeat victims of anti-social behaviour, exceeding targets in the Council plan consistently each quarter. The Community-MARAC is working successfully to maximise partnership working to reduce offending against vulnerable adults and referals are increasing. Over the last 2-years (2018-19 and 2019-20), 108 vulnerable/repeat victims of crime were supported. In 2019-20, a new performance indicator to monitor the number of repeat victims was introduced to support the specific objectives of developing relevant reporting mechanisms and seeking to reduce the number of repeat victims.  Over the last 2 years the partneship has worked hard towards preventing people (particularly older people) becoming victims of financial exploitation. The introduction of a Police post within the Safer Neighbourhood Service has significantly improved communication and co-ordination between partners which has resulted in a number of successful prosecutions of people exploiting vulnerable people in the community. It was significant that in the majority of the cases the offender was acting in either a formal or

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		informal carer capacity. This successfully joined up partnership approach to tackling financial exploitation is firmly embedded into working practices and includes awareness raising and support to older people through the SYP Fraud and Protection Officer based at Lifewise.
Preventing Modern Slavery, 'Mate Crime' and 'Cuckooing'	• Raise awareness of modern slavery and human trafficking and drive up referrals to the National Referral Mechanism • Raise awareness of mate crime	In 2019-20, in response to emerging national and local concerns, the Safer Rotherham Partnership introduced new priority areas to prevent modern slavery by increasing referrals to the National Referral Mechanisms and to raise awareness of modern slavery, human trafficking, 'mate crime' and 'cuckooing'. Five modern slavery and human trafficking awareness events were delivered in 2019-20 and 45 referrals for Modern Slavery were referred to the National Referral Mechanism in 2019-20. Working with our partner, the South Yorkshire Modern Slavery Partnership, we have increased awareness of operational staff and now have in place 12 trained Modern Slavery Single Point of Contact Officers (SPOCs) to more efficiently assist the Police and other partners in the investigation of modern slavery cases and provide the necessary support to potential victims. Work has progressed towards the development of a county-wide referral and support pathway that has resulted in a more consistent, joined up approach to partner response, particularly in respect of provision of accommodation for victims/potential victims of modern slavery/human trafficking. Data collection and management has also improved with the development of a detailed quartely performance document which will also be used to brief the Safer Rotherham Partnership Board on progress against the priority.

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What we said we would do:

- We will robustly tackle crime and anti-social behaviour and work to prevent people becoming victims or being vulnerable to becoming a victim
- We will prioritise the delivery of services to those most in need of them, ensuring a visible presence in the areas where this will have the most impact
- Knowing that hate crimes are under reported, we will build increased confidence in reporting these crimes through ongoing engagement, support and the bringing to justice of perpetrators
- Effective and positive media engagement which publicises when perpetrators of hate crime and large-scale public order are prosecuted
- Ensure joint community engagement and tension monitoring plans are in place
- Review the tactical approach to policing protests, to ensure a robust method which complies with legislation, but limits impact on the community and town centre businesses and work with the Home Office on increased scope to avoid events leading to public disorder
- As a partnership we will ensure that we are adhering to our respective codes of ethics, professional practice and service standards
- We will ensure that we are having efficient, representative engagement with communities and actively seeking to implement public feedback in delivering our services

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Anti-social behaviour/ Tackling community safety priority locations	• Number of recorded anti-social behaviour incidents • % of people surveyed said ASB is a big or fairly big problem (2019-	Anti-social behaviour (ASB) has been a key priority for the Safer Rotherham Partnership for a number of years. Sustainable progress has been made in this priority area, the most significant being the creation of an effective and integrated ASB service. Police and Council officers are now co-located within three locality teams (Central, North and South areas) which has improved information sharing; achieved better identification of repeat victims, offenders and ASB hotspots; and facilitated faster responses. A 13% reduction in ASB reported incidents was achieved in 2019-20 when compared to 2018-19. Positive progress was interrupted by the Covid crisis between April to June 2020, which saw an 81% increase in reported incidents compared to the previous three months. Top three incident types in this quarter were rowdy/inconsiderate behaviour, vehicle nuisance and nuisance neighbour. Members of the public

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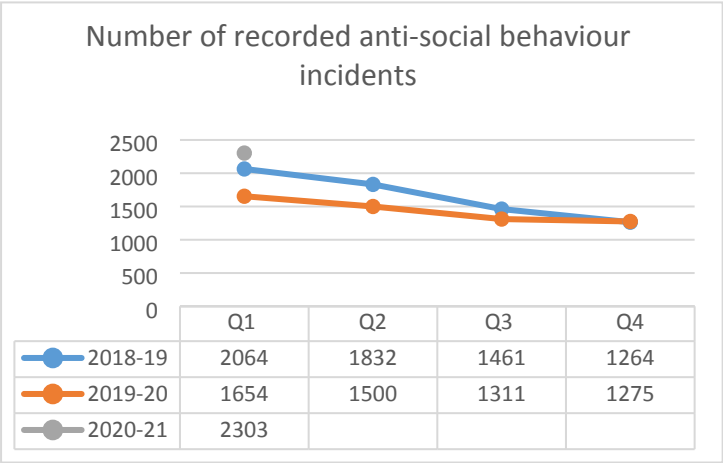
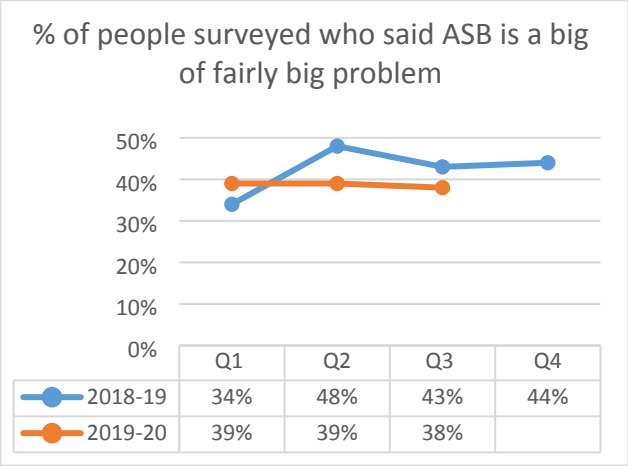
	20 and 2020-21))	reporting Covid lockdown breaches along with the likelihood of witnessing more ASB due to being at home for longer periods during lockdown, are factors attributed to contributing to the increase in reports.





The Police Your Voice Counts survey collects information about public perceptions of ASB. The percentage of people surveyed who said ASB is a big or fairly big problem in their local area, has slightly improved, averaging at 42% in 2018-19 and 39% in 2019-20, however this is still too high and community concerns about ASB is a continuing challenge. (The survey was suspended in March 2020 due to Covid pressures). Tactical plans have been put in place to respond to ASB priority locations, along with plans to target three types of ASB that are having the most adverse effect on residents' quality of life and demand on services: drugs, littering and illegal use of off-road motor vehicles. In 2019-20, a bigger emphasis was placed on involving communities in tackling community safety priority locations. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service have successfully reduced deliberate fire incidents by targeting work in hotspot areas for these offences.

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Countering extremism/ Protecting vulnerable people from extremism and terrorism	• Number of awareness raising engagements/ interventions • Number and outcome of Prevent/Channel safeguarding interventions	Protecting vulnerable people from extremism and terrorism is both an individual and collective responsibility of the Safer Rotherham Partnership partners. In order to deliver these statutory duties effectively, the Safer Rotherham Partnership oversees delivery of a Prevent Silver partnership group and a multi-agency Channel Panel. Both groups are well established and periodic progress and impact reports are made to the Safer Rotherham Partnership Board and the children's and adults' safeguarding boards. Counter Terrorism Local Policing make an annual risk assessment and joint working is improving partner involvement in this process year on year. This means that the risks to vulnerable people of being drawn into terrorism are better understood by services that have safeguarding responsibilities. The main risks to Rotherham lie in online risks and radicalised lone actors. Nationally, more Prevent concerns are being raised where people have unclear or mixed ideologies, and this is reflected locally. Our responsibility is to offer interventions and support to all individuals who are at risk, irrespective of whether the risk is being driven by a true belief in an ideological cause, or whether it is being driven by other vulnerabilities and complex needs. Under the counter-extremism agenda, threats include a widening of the pool of potential supporters of anti-minority narratives by: the attachment of these narratives to a diverse range of issues that concern ordinary citizens (for example CSE, sexual assaults, Brexit, migration, Covid); increasing collaboration between a range of far right and anti-minority actors and groups; an increasing neo-Nazi extreme right wing presence in the UK; and increased exploitation of the internet and social media exposing more people to hate narratives and conspiracy theories. Some excellent work has been undertaken to counter extremism and build resilience of communities and young people, such as education interventions with school pupils on the Harms of Hate and in community dialogue. Good practice has been shared nationally. A key element in our approach to safeguarding vulnerable people from being drawn into terrorism is to raise the awareness of front-line workers and professionals to enable them to identify the signs of radicalisation early so that support can be offered to prevent future harm. 209 counter extremism and

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		Prevent engagement and training interventions were delivered between April 2018 and June 2020 - this is in addition to training interventions public bodies already provide for staff as required by the Prevent Duty.
Preventing hate crime	• Customer satisfaction levels (2018-19) • Number of hate crimes and incidents (2019-20 and 2020-21) • Hate crime outcomes (2019-20 and 2020-21)	In order to build strong and resilient communities the partnership continues its focus on tackling hate, both incidents and crime. Levels of reported hate crime and incidents have remained consistent over the last 3 years. On average, around 12 hate crimes and incidents are reported to the Police each week in Rotherham (based on data from April 2018 to June 2020). Nationally it is recognised that hate crime is under-reported and this is a continuing challenge to us locally. Work to build trust and confidence in reporting hate is taking place at every stage of the process, from raising community awareness to improving Police responses, however it is recognised that a key factor in building public confidence is to respond effectively. In 2019-20, the Safer Rotherham Partnership increased its focus on increasing positive action taken (such as charge/summons, community resolutions or caution) for hate crime reports. Police have put in place an enhanced service to victims of hate crime which includes early contact from an officer for a visit and investigation, victim information booklet and 7-day call back by a supervisor. Hate crime investigations are scrutinised daily at Police management meetings to ensure a quality and timely investigation. Hate crime prosecutions have been publicised in the local press and on social media, sending out the strong message that hate crime will not be tolerated in Rotherham. Significant improvements have been achieved - in 2019-20 an average of 19% of hate crimes (where the investigation was complete) resulted in positive action taken compared to an average of 15% in 2018-19 - however we recognise that there is more work to do.

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		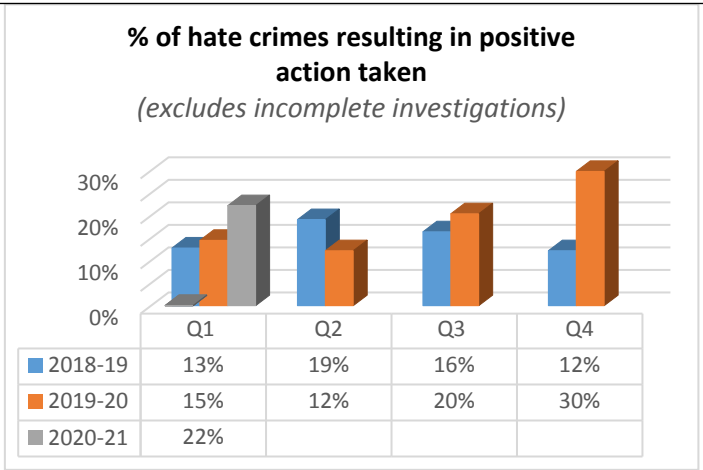 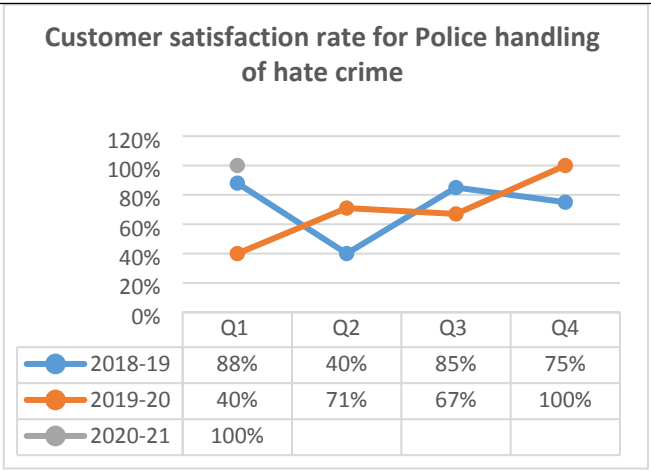 Extensive community engagement and awareness raising has taken place, inclusive of all hate crime reporting categories (disability, gender identity, race, religion and sexual orientation), including: working with partners at large events such as Rotherham United matches, Rotherham Show, Rotherham Pride and Harms of Hate events for schools; support for community-based hate crime projects aimed at adults and young people delivered by Rotherham Ethnic Minority Alliance, Remedi, Rotherham United Community Sports Trust, Sense and Rotherham Youth Cabinet; articles in local newspapers; information via social media; education and training events at schools, colleges and to front line workers and volunteers; and support to community (third party) reporting centres.
Community cohesion/ Effective response to	• Number of partner contributions to the community	Community tension has been the final key focus of the Partnership under this priority. Following the work of Council and Police strategic leaders to review how protests were policed and managed and their impact on the town centre, listening to businesses and communities, 2018-19 saw the introduction of a more structured joint tension monitoring process between the Council and the Police. A joint engagement

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community tensions	tension impact assessment process (2018-19) • Increase tension monitoring information sharing/ network (2019-20 and (2020-21)	toolkit developed as part of this process has enabled more effective information sharing with stakeholders and facilitated more rapid dissemination of information and reassurance to communities. The process and toolkit were used successfully to implement appropriate local responses quickly, following incidents such as UK and international terrorism attacks (such as the New Zealand terrorism attack) and hate letters targeting Muslim communities in the UK, which were causing concern in local communities. The number and scale of protests taking place in Rotherham has reduced significantly, avoiding damaging impacts on town centre communities and businesses. At times tensions can be sensitive and there is a balance to be struck between reassuring communities and perpetuating negative messages which may increase tensions. This has created challenges in widening the scope of this project to community and third sector partners. Further work is needed to strengthen the existing process and then to develop and agree a process suitable for wider partner engagement.

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What we said we would do:

- Listen and learn from the victims and survivors of domestic abuse
- The Partnership will focus on reviewing the current effectiveness of our services to gain a better understanding and definition of the outcomes that need to be achieved
- Increase support for victims to reduce the number of incidents occurring before initial reporting
- Focus on offender management to reduce repeat offences, including changing behaviour as well as securing better outcomes in prosecutions
- Engage with communities affected by Honour Based Abuse and Forced Marriage to improve intelligence gathering in these areas and increase confidence in reporting

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Domestic violence and abuse	•	• MARAC repeat victim rates (2018-19) • Domestic abuse - satisfaction rates (2018-19) • Referrals into domestic abuse support	A key objective area for the Safer Rotherham Partnership from 2018-19 was to prevent repeat instances of domestic abuse and make sure victims are supported and offenders brought to justice. In 2018-19 attention was given to monitoring the percentage of high-risk victims who were repeat victims. In this year, 468 high risk cases were discussed at the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC), 35% of these were repeat cases. In 2019-20, 521 cases were discussed at MARAC, 33% were repeat cases. The number of domestic abuse victims surveyed who reported they were satisfied with the overall service provided by the Police has remained consistent at 81% in 2018-19 and 2019-20. Work has been undertaken to increase arrest rates and increase referrals into the perpetrator programme. Between April 2019 and March 2020, CPS Yorkshire and Humberside prosecuted 7,092 defendants for domestic abuse related offences with 77.7% resulting in a conviction. The Inspire to Change Perpetrator programme has dealt with 1680 referrals (to end of June 2020) and 248 people have successfully completed the programme. Inspire to Change is a programme for men and women who have been abusive, controlling or violent towards their

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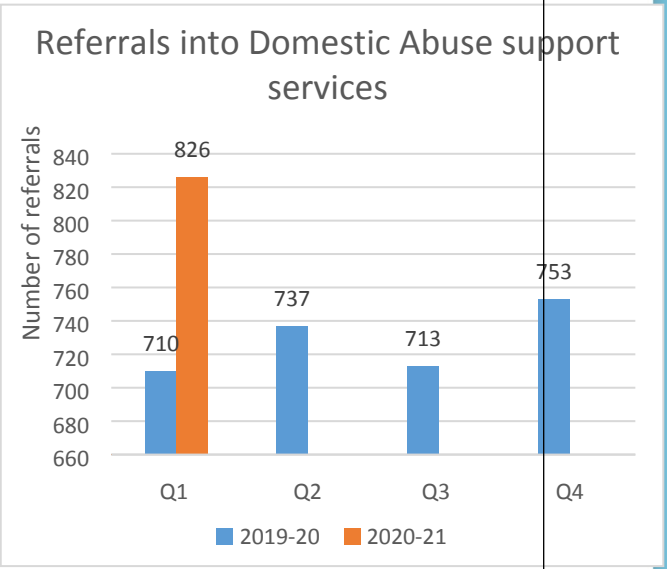
		services (2019-20) • Referrals into domestic abuse support services: IDVA, Rotherham Rise, Rothacs (2020-21) • Referrals into Inspire to Change (2020-21)	partner. It combines learning and tailored support to those motivated to change their behaviour and improve their relationships. The partnership delivered a full review of commissioned and non-commissioned domestic abuse services. This will lead to an informed decision-making process about the future of the core services, alongside a full review of the action plan to align with the lessons learnt. A full report with recommendations is to be presented to Rotherham Council Cabinet in October 2020. In 2019-20, specific objectives were introduced to strengthen MARAC co-ordination, provide a seamless service and increase engagement in domestic abuse support services. Since the start of the Covid crisis, MARAC meetings have continued successfully via online platforms. A South Yorkshire trial to hold separate MARACs for repeat victims is starting in October 2020. The aim is to create a uniformed approach to support victims and address perpetrator behaviour. Referrals into domestic abuse support services was introduced as an additional area for monitoring by the Safer Rotherham Partnership Board in 2019-20 when a total of 2913 referrals were made to our services. Domestic Abuse training for workers/professionals has continued and is currently being run via virtual training.



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Female genital mutilation (FGM); forced marriage; honour based violence (HBV) and abuse	•	• Number of FGM cases identified (2018-19) • Number forced marriage incidents (2018-19) • Outcomes from HBV Police incidents / Number of HBV Orders (2019-20 and 2020-21)	There are significant intelligence gaps nationally and locally regarding Honour Based Abuse and Honour Based Violence, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and Forced Marriage. Numbers of known cases are very small. In 2018-19, Police issued 2 FGM orders. No Forced Marriage offences were recorded in this year. Outcomes from Police crime incidents and orders relating to Honour Based Abuse have remained a particular area of focus for the Partnership from 2019-20. One Police order relating to Honour Based Abuse was recorded in 2019-20. Offences are suspected to be significantly under-reported due to fear of further victimisation and shame. Partners recognise the need to continue to drive up intelligence and awareness around the issues.
Stalking and Harassment/ Stranger Stalking and Harassment	•	• Stalking and harassment outcome rates (2018-19) • Number of repeat victims of	In 2018-19, the Safer Rotherham Partnership began monitoring stalking and harassment incidents and outcomes. There was a sharp increase in a number of areas and although this was in some part thought to be due to additional crime recording requirements that required separate offences to be recorded individually, the Partnership decided to focus on developing a better understanding of the issue, identifying those at greatest risk (repeat and/or vulnerable) and sought to ensure that the partnership was operating effectively.

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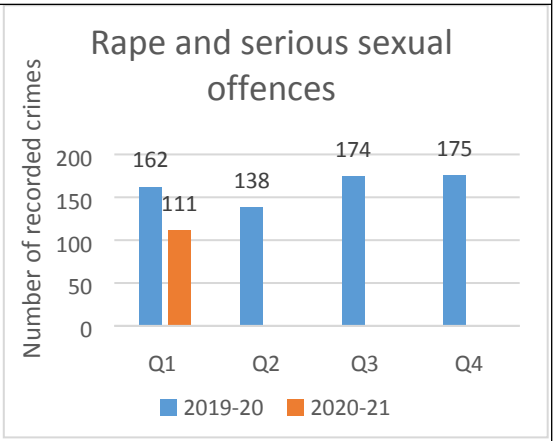
		stranger stalking (2019-20 and 2020-21)	The Community Safety Unit has developed a stalking pathway for use by professionals and victims and a briefing paper has been read and approved at the SRP board. Rotherham is seeking to work more closely with the South Yorkshire Police stalking lead to further develop our understanding of this crime and the behaviours of the perpetrators. The use of Stalking Protection Orders is being monitored by the SYP theme lead. From 2019-20, the Partnership developed its focus to look at stranger stalking and harassment. Objective areas included identifying and reducing repeat victims and ensuring appropriate use of tools and powers. There were no repeat victims of stranger stalking in 2019-20.
Rape and Serious Sexual Offences	•	• Rape and Serious sexual offences - recorded crimes (2019-20 and 2020-21)	Rape and serious sexual offences were added as a priority of the Safer Rotherham Partnership in 2019-20. A Sexual Abuse Strategy and action plan has been developed and approved by the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Priority Group. Specific objectives were introduced to develop relevant reporting mechanisms and to seek to reduce the number of repeat victims. There were 649 rape and serious sexual offences recorded in 2019-20. A sexual abuse pathway has been designed for use by professionals and victims. A campaign was completed in 2019 to promote "Know The Line" to raise awareness of sexual harassment.



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What we said we would do:

- **Pursue** - Relentless disruption and prosecution. Prosecute and disrupt people involved in organised crime through collaboration, cooperation and development of capabilities.
- **Prevent** – Prevent people becoming involved in serious organised crime. Raising awareness and developing intervention programmes, effective offender management.
- **Protect** - Reduce the vulnerability amongst our communities from the threat of serious organised crime. Protect local communities, delivery of education, awareness, safeguarding links.
- **Prepare** - Ensuring the necessary capabilities exist to tackle serious and organised crime. Develop capabilities to identify and tackle OCGs, strengthen partner relationships.

Objective area	Performance indicators	What we have done
Identification and mapping. Coordinated planning and disruption. Shared prioritisation.	• Number of Serious Organised Crime awareness raising sessions with partners (2018-19) • Numbers of Organised Crime Groups identified	This area was introduced as a new priority for the Safer Rotherham Partnership following the priority setting event in 2018. Initially the objectives areas to support the priority (in 2018-19) were broad. There was an initial focus to develop a shared awareness of organised crime gangs and the prevalence of their crime, together with an improved mapping process to identify organised crime groups increasing. Subsequent enforcement and disruption activity have resulted in a gradual dismantling of a number of the original groups, although the improved mapping processes have resulted in the identification of new ones. To support identification and intelligence flow from partners other than the Police, a number of awareness raising sessions have taken place. In order to make use of increased identification and partnership support, the work within this priority has also focused on disruption. This term is used to describe a wide range of partnership activity which seeks to either prosecute or interrupt the activities of serious organised criminals. The number of individual disruption tactics utilised in 2018-2019 rose from 4 in the first quarter to 25 in the second, 45 in the third quarter and 38 in the fourth quarter - making a total of 112 actions.

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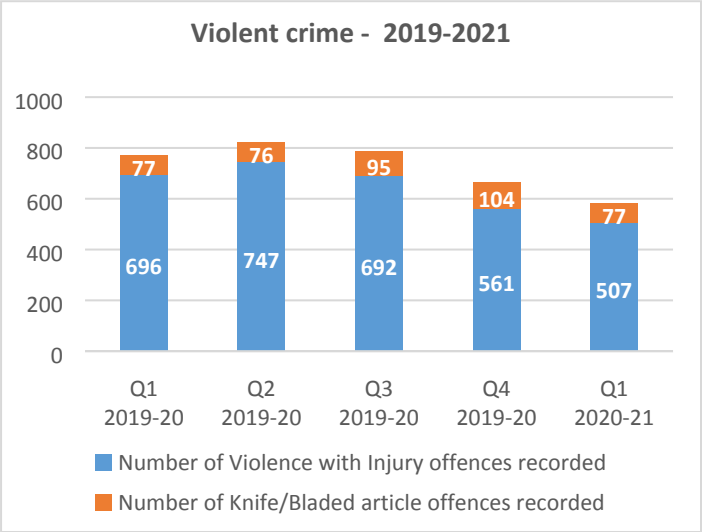
	and mapped (2018-19) • Number of actions to disrupt or dismantle organised crime groups (2018-19)	A shared understanding of the areas of organised criminality which present the highest risk and harm to communities was achieved. A key theme included the criminal exploitation of children in relation to serious and organised crime. Whilst this is now being progressed through the vulnerable children priority, the Serious Organised Crime function continues to focus on areas of overlap in relation to the issue. A further key theme, violent crime, continues to be an issue of national significance, particularly knife crime. Public engagement and feedback have consistently identified that drugs (use and supply) cause significant concern within communities. This was identified as being the biggest driver of poor satisfaction in relation to whether people felt ASB was a concern in their area. Focused partnership delivery and oversight of these issues has developed since 2019-20 through the introduction of new objective areas.
Violent crime	• Number of Violence with Injury offences recorded (2019-20 and 2020-21) • Number of knife/bladed article offences recorded (2019-20 and 2020-21)	Specific objective areas to tackle violent crime were introduced in 2019-20: Ensuring partners are engaged in operations in order to maximise benefits and outcomes (for example Operations Sceptre and Duxford) and ensuring an effective partnership approach to alcohol licensing. There were 2696 violent crime offences in 2019-20. Work is taking place to tackle these offences through the South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit which takes a public health approach to preventing and reducing violence, delivering a range of innovative initiatives with partners. The introduction of a full time Violence Reduction Partnership Manager within the South Yorkshire



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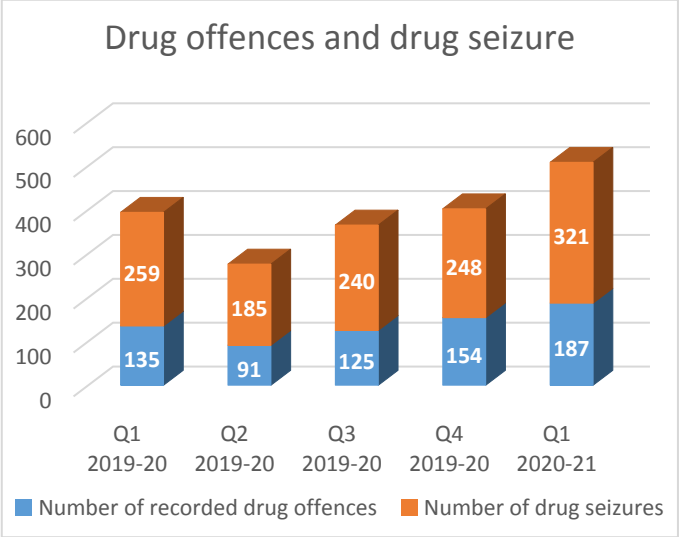
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		Violence Reduction Unit ensures a key link with the unit and delivery of the key priorities identified within the Violence Reduction Strategy. The Safer Rotherham Partnership manages the local Violence Reduction Action Plan. The number of violence with injury offences has been decreasing since December 2019. There were 352 knife offences recorded in 2019-20. It is of concern that knives and bladed objects are carried in the borough and the South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit is working to tackle these offences.
Drug supply	• Number of recorded drug offences (2019-20 and 2020-21) • Number of drug seizures (2019-20 and 2020-21) • Value of drug seizures (2019-20 and 2020-21)	In 2019-20, new specific objectives were introduced to develop a partnership plan to tackle drug misuse and develop effective communications. Significant progress has been made in widening the response to tackling illegal drug use and activity using partnership and associated tools and powers, other than Police powers. Activity is driven through the multi-agency Fortify Bronze Group, with an emphasis on identifying and dismantling key drug networks and organised crime groups responsible for the supply of illegal drugs. Drug treatment services are also involved in the overall approach. The partnership is ever mindful of the use of County Lines by organised crime groups in other areas and has had some success in identifying and disrupting this level of criminality, including the safeguarding of young people who had been criminally exploited. There were 505 recorded drug offences in 2019-20 and 932 drug seizures to the value of £1.76 million. In the 3 months between April 2020 to June 2020, the value of drug seizures was £1.73 million.