

Domestic Abuse Strategy update

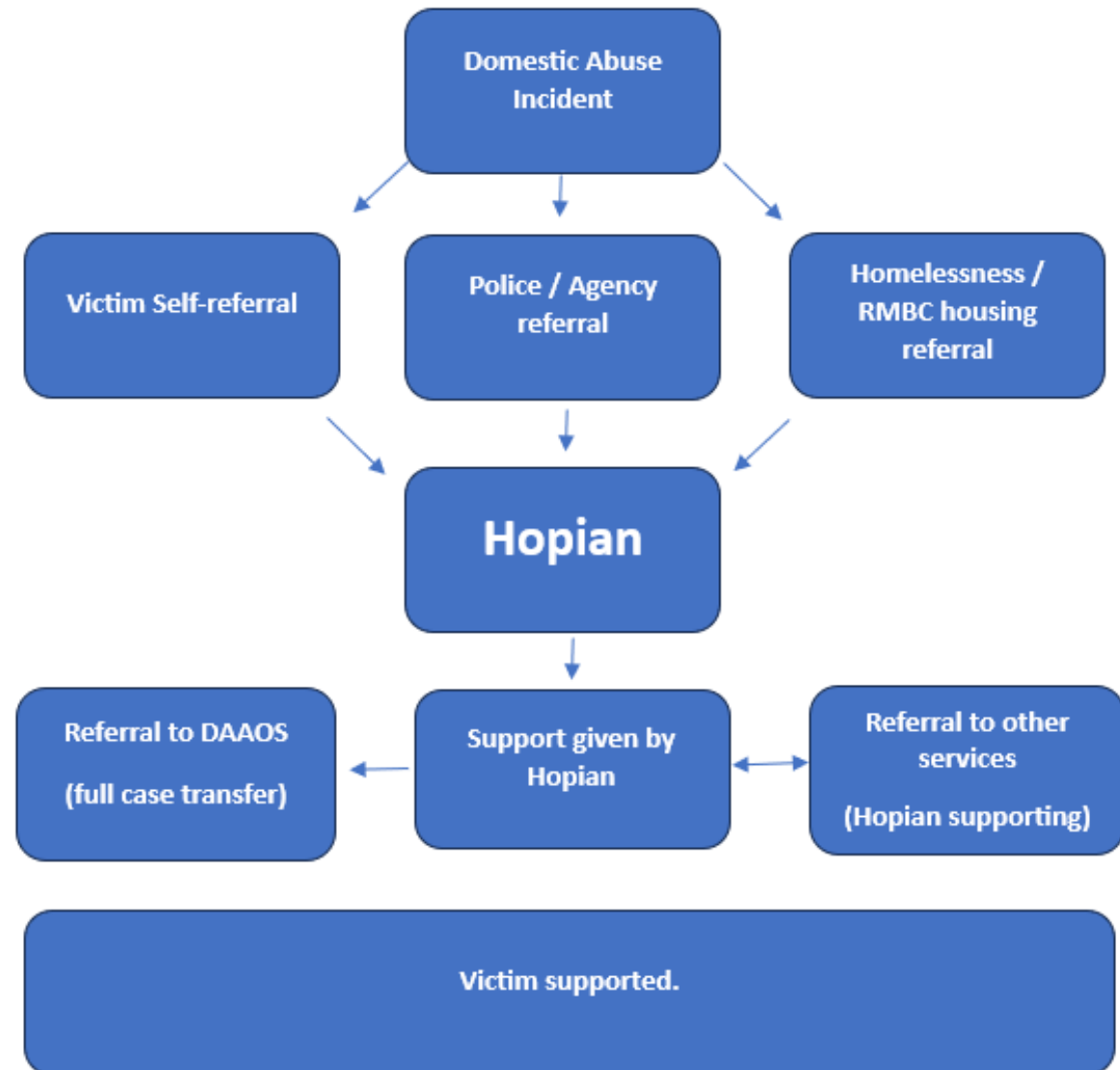
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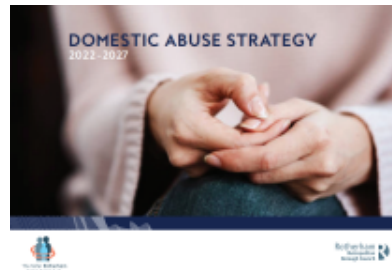
Domestic Abuse Pathway:



Strategy Progress:

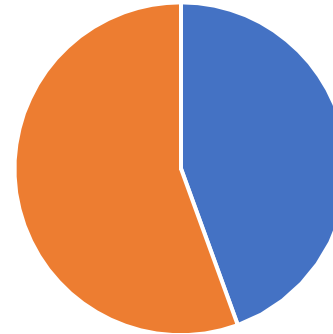
2022

DA Strategy 22-27



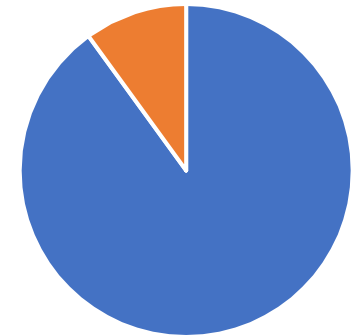
2023

45% of actions completed

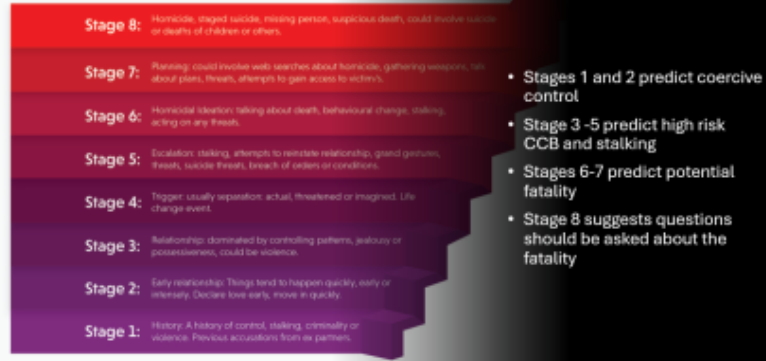


2024

81% of actions completed



Intimate Partner Homicide Timeline:



- # Drive Change Together
- **Reformed DASH** – this gives better direction around completion, more user friendly, and has better guidance on how to use it to manage the risk of a victim
 - **8 steps to homicide** – this training was commissioned to enhance practitioners' knowledge when assessing risk to victim, but also looks at perpetrator's behaviours around key triggers and indicators of escalation
 - **Strengthened data collection** – informing us of gaps for campaigns and projects. Key campaigns such as DA summer campaign and DA older people's campaign have been developed to challenge unconscious bias around stereotypical victims.
 - **Non-fatal strangulation training and targeted Health professional training** - Over 500 GPs and health practitioners received DA awareness training this year. Also, in line with the DA Act 2021 recognising Non-fatal strangulation as a standalone crime. NFS training was delivered to front line practitioners ensuring they had the tools to spot the signs and refer for support.

ABUSE HAS NO AGE LIMIT

Feeling pressured to give out your money?

Financial Exploitation by a partner or family member is domestic abuse!

It's never too late to reach out for help and advice Call **Hopian** (Formerly Rotherham Rise) for **free** on **0330 202 0571** Web: www.hopian.org.uk
Email: help@hopian.org.uk

If you or a friend are experiencing violence or abuse at home from a partner or family member, call the helpline.

www.saferrotherham.org.uk



Prevention and Early Intervention

- **Do More Campaign** – The ‘Do More’ campaign which follows the ‘No More’ one has been launched. This time it is a call to action all male bystanders to stop abusive and misogynistic behaviours towards women and girls.
- **Walk Safe App** – This App has been launched across South Yorkshire to ensure people, particularly women feel safer. It has a tracking feature so trusted friends and family can ensure a person gets to their intended location safely. It also plots registered Safe Places, so routes can be planned with those places in mind.
- **Unpicking Cultural Narratives Workshop** – Working alongside Sheffield Hallam University looking at prevention and early intervention, they delivered a workshop to look at what is perceived as a victim, focusing on the word ‘vulnerable’ and changing the narrative that vulnerability is a sign of courage and strength rather than a weakness.
- **New Training Plan 24/25**. A training plan for 24/25 has now been developed with a 4-tiered approach. This ensures domestic Abuse awareness training is delivered to all who need it at the right level. Training includes ‘asking the question’ and ‘risk assessing’ and will be delivered at various times across the year.

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NO MORE FOLLOWING ME HOME.

WalkSafe

Safe spaces have been identified across Rotherham to help you feel safe while you're out and about.

Download our free, local personal safety app today by scanning the QR code.

Visit nomore-standwithus.com to see how we can help stop violence against women and girls.

SCAN ME

WalkSafe

Minimising harm through the provision of early help support for children and families



- **DA Act 2021: Children as victims in their own right** – Currently a wide scope of support is offered to Children experiencing Domestic Abuse.
- **Operation encompass**– Rotherham are the only South Yorkshire area to have 100% of schools are signed up plus 53 nurseries. South Yorkshire Police advised there is going to be a national; review of Operation encompass to look how processes can be enhanced.
- **MARAC review** – High Risk incidents are increasing due to better reporting and better professional understanding of Risk. However in order to ensure safety of these the MARAC has increased from 2 meetings per month to 3. reducing a back log of 9 weeks to 4 weeks.

Responding to changing need and demand



- **13 Specialist Domestic Abuse properties** – Are fully furnished and equipped with target hardening essentials, have supported 35 adults and 39 children this year (including those still in residence)
- **10 refuge units and 10 safer options properties** – Have been commissioned meaning 53 adults and 88 children have also received domestic abuse housing support.
- **Homeless prevention fund** – has provided essential funds to 153 families in 24/25. this has purchased essential household items, help with moving costs and paying rent arrears to prevent homelessness again.
- **Target hardening** - has also been provided for 142 properties to enable survivors to remain safely in their own home

Justice and Ongoing Protection: Cranstoun


Inspire to change & Level up



- **Probation: Building Choices** – Probation have introduced this programme which has replaced building better relationships. Whereby adult men convicted of intermate partner violence will complete this cognitive behaviour change programme
- **Cranstoun: Inspire to change** – the countywide intervention for perpetrators who are not convicted, but recognise their abusive behaviour continues. South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) have tracked 87 of the nominals who completed the course. Out of that 87, 73% of DA reoffending had reduced. 27% have continued to perpetrate abuse. Of that 27% who continue to abuse, Rotherham had 3 nominals who reoffended (13%)
- **Cranstoun: Level up** – is an intervention for children and young people (11-15 years old) who exhibit abusive behaviours. The programme consists of 12 week in-person sessions with a facilitator, usually held at the student's school. Since 2022 24/25 38 children have been referred and 15 have completed the course.

Next Steps

- The partnership to develop a better understanding of the family court process and continue to work in partnership to identify the need for direct support for children.
- Continue to develop survivor liaison network and continue to monitor training and ensure a wide range of Domestic Abuse training is available to all partners.
- Continue to implement and monitor performance and interrogate data to inform any gaps in knowledge or provision
- Work with Commissioning to complete the Domestic Abuse pathway review



Thank You
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Any Questions?