

**ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

Cabinet member update for Health and Wellbeing: Sport, Recreation and Play.

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Leisure and Green Spaces

Diversionsary Sport Activities

After a recent restructure in Leisure and Green Spaces, all Sports Development "Play Safe" diversionsary sport projects ceased due to uncertainty over development officers and coaches contracts. Over the past month Chris Johnson has been working closely with Youth Services and Area Assembly staff to target communities to re-start the Play Safe programme. To date a total of 14 sessions spanning each evening during the week in all parts of the borough have been organised to start early in November. Sessions are delivered in parks, community halls and multi- use games areas between 5.30pm and 9pm and will be free of charge for young people. The aim of the session is to provide meaningful activity (such as football and basketball) for young people as a means to reducing the risk of becoming involved in anti- social behaviour.