



The Safer Rotherham
P A R T N E R S H I P

Annual Report – 2018/2019



KEEPING ROTHERHAM SAFE



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Introduction

The Safer Rotherham Partnership (SRP) has delivered significant change over a number of years, culminating in the return of Community Safety Powers in early 2018. Last year the annual report discussed the progress made in relation to independent reviews; of the partnership as a whole and additionally a specific review of the partnership's domestic abuse services. Some of the key activity across the partnership has been focused on embedding the lessons learnt from these review and bringing in best practice to the SRP. Some of the SRP-wide developments include;

- ❖ Reviewing the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (content and process)
 - This enabled the SRP to look at what drives crime and community safety issues
- ❖ Enhance the way we set our priorities
 - Not only reviewing data but hearing the voices of young people, Councillors and partners
- ❖ Creating three year priorities
 - This allows us to plan for the longer term, meaning better outcomes and higher 2efficiency
- ❖ Establishing accountability through partnership leads
 - Individual officers having clear accountability for priority areas means the SRP can be more effective at delivering challenge and support
- ❖ Establishing robust governance
 - A strong quarterly reporting structure now exists that is driven primarily by performance and supported by relevant expertise
- ❖ Establishing robust plans
 - Plans that focus on outcomes and seek to drive activity helps coordinate partners to act together

This broad activity has been supported by efforts to develop Board members roles and responsibilities, which will continue over the coming year. These efforts are targeted at making the SRP as effective as it can be in keeping Rotherham safe. Whilst important, the developments in the overall partnership are only a small part of the story and this report will share some of the key highlights in relation to delivery against each priority area.



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Foreword from the Chair, Cllr Emma Hoddinott



The growing cuts to public services, including key partners such as the council and police, renew our impetus to work together. This year has seen the partnership set out the key areas for joint working, and laying the ground work to address the issues that impact on residents such as crime, anti-social behaviour; and those with personal impact such as domestic abuse and hate crime.

These will remain our focus over the next few years, so we can strengthen partnerships and ensure that services are working better together.



Key achievements this year have included a successful application for government funding to tackle Child Criminal Exploitation through extra local provision and targeted interventions. This year has also seen enhancements to local ward working, co-location of community safety services and the creation of a Community Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (C-MARAC), which brings a range of partners together to ensure that repeat and vulnerable victims are properly supported alongside addressing repeat offending behaviour, often by individuals with very complex needs. The partnership continues to focus on Domestic Abuse, with a full review of services in its final stages and has worked together to raise awareness across the full range of priorities but with a particular focus on tackling harmful narratives and hate crime, modern slavery and serious organised crime.

The coming year will see further changes, such as in the probation service nationally, but we have set out clear objectives for each priority to lead this year, this includes:

- ❖ Reviewing how agencies capture and share intelligence
- ❖ Raising awareness of online safety
- ❖ Ensuring appropriate tools are used to tackle substance misuse
- ❖ Developing specific plans around Drug Use and Supply, Off-Road Motorcycling and Enviro-Crime
- ❖ Developing a partnership Hate Crime Strategy
- ❖ Increasing use of restorative justice and out of court disposals in appropriate cases

I want to thank the members of the board for their work over the last year in setting out our vision and the priority group leads for taking this forward into action.

Protecting Vulnerable Children

Priority Lead – Superintendent Steve Chapman



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Preventing vulnerable children from becoming victims of crime has been a key focus during the year. Collectively, partners across the sub-region developed a successful bid to central government to deliver a £1.7m project to address child criminal exploitation. One further project has delivered targeted work around organised crime within a school, in an area where the partnership identified a particular issue. Direct consultation has also been undertaken with young people to identify the best ways to communicate, leading to development of social media messages.

The partnership recognises its continuing role in helping to prevent child sexual exploitation. In particular the partnership has focussed on CSE linked investigations, where a dip has been identified leading to further analysis and action. Various training continues to be delivered and specialist briefings have been provided to the priority group.

Real success has been delivered in relation to reducing the number of repeat missing children, which is down 16% in the first three quarters. The partnership approach has focussed on multi-agency work which seeks to solve problems as opposed to continuous response. 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.



Protecting
Vulnerable Children

Preventing offending amongst young people has also been a key area of focus over the previous year, with a first quarter reduction of 15%. Work to co-locate community safety services is also seeking to identify young people involved in low level anti-social behaviour and seeks to prevent future offending by effectively addressing issues at the earliest stage.

Further work is needed over the coming year to focus on promoting intelligence reporting across all partners and the public. The partnership needs to focus on promoting messages directly to young people, through social media and with a focus on preventing online offending. The partnership is also working alongside the Safeguarding Children Board to develop a cross-partnership strategy to tackle Child Criminal Exploitation, which will also be a key focus of the year both in terms of core operations and the delivery of the government grant across the sub-region.



Protecting Vulnerable Adults

Priority Lead – Andrew Wells, Head of Adult Safeguarding



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Establishing the Priority

Unlike the other four priorities, this particular focus was entirely new to the partnership as a result of the priority setting process that concluded in April 2018. This required the partnership to bring together a new group of professionals, with the right expertise to develop a new performance framework and action plan for delivery. This has come with its challenges but a focus has been maintained on delivery with some positive operational results. Key projects have included the development of the Community Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference for individuals with complex needs and the coming together of co-located community safety functions.



Protecting
Vulnerable Adults

One of the objective areas within this priority relates to preventing first time entrants in to the criminal justice system, which has fluctuated throughout the year but remains generally steady with an average of 49 per quarter. Partners are currently focussed on driving the use of restorative justice both within the Police and across partners.

With mental ill-health being a key factor that can drive offending in individuals with complex needs, this priority area has also focussed on improving identification of mental health needs both with victims and perpetrators, 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.

With substance misuse, both alcohol and drugs, a key concern in some communities the partnership has focussed on strengthening links with substance misuse treatment services in order to deliver a more joined up approach. Work is underway to develop joint patrols with Police and the treatment provider and pilot in the Eastwood area to try and support individuals as opposed to immediate use of enforcement. Positive exits have dipped in the first quarter by 0.4%, further data is awaited for quarters 3 and 4.

Alongside focussing on offenders, it is critical that this priority area focus on victims too. This year has seen a strong reduction in repeat victims of anti-social behaviour, exceeding targets in the Council plan consistently each quarter. The target for next year has been revised downward accordingly, reducing from 80 repeat victims per quarter to 50. There has been a dip in the number of repeat victims to the community MARAC and this should be investigated further.

Further work is needed to narrow the focus of the partnership in this area on issues such as so-called 'mate crime' (vulnerable adult exploitation) and modern slavery. Whilst the reduction in repeat ASB victims is positive, the partnership needs to ensure that it develops a broader focus on repeat victims of crime as demand shift. The need for greater integration with mental health services has also been identified within the co-located community safety services and this should be explored further in the year ahead

Building Confident and Cohesive Communities



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Priority Lead – Sam Barstow, Head of Community Safety

Anti-social behaviour has been a key priority for the partnership for a number of years and incident levels continue to reduce, by 11% between quarter one and two and 20% the following quarter. Partners have also seen a reduction in repeat victims of ASB. Work continues though to ensure that all our services work closely together and this is being delivered through the co-located community safety functions.

Countering extremism and preventing terrorism is a focus that has wide ranging partnership responsibility. In order to deliver these statutory requirements effectively the SRP oversee's delivery of a Prevent 'Silver' partnership group and a multi-agency Channel Panel. Both of these meetings are well established and periodic reporting on these items specifically is made to both the SRP Board and the relevant Safeguarding Boards. The National threat level remains at severe.

In order to build strong and resilient communities the partnership continues its focus on tackling hate, both incidents and crime. We continue to see a steady rise in reporting and this year, we have also seen satisfaction levels with Police service rise and latterly a small rise in the outcome rate (as a percentage of demand). A range of projects including awareness raising, support to report and the enhancement of independent representative groups have supported delivery in this area.



Building Confident
Cohesive Communities

Community tension has been the final key focus of the partnership this year. This has seen the development of a joint process between the Council and the Police. At times tensions can be sensitive and there is a balance to be struck between reassuring 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 a process suitable for wider partner engagement.

Further work is needed to focus on perceptions of anti-social behaviour which, despite the decreases in reported incidents, has worsened. The driving factors that influence these perceptions are issues with drugs, rubbish/fly tipping and off-road motorcycles. Further work will be done to enhance partnership working in these areas in the year ahead which will see the development of various ASB plans. Partners need to continue to tackle extreme ideology and expand tension monitoring networks to greater influence partnership activity.

SRP E-BULLETIN

Monitoring Community Tension

In Rotherham we're always monitoring the community tension and as a result we need to be taking steps to ensure we have the opportunity to prevent tensions rising. This is a key part of our work and we're working with our partners to ensure we have the best possible outcome for the community.

What is community tension?

Community tension is a state of mind where people feel that they are being targeted or that they are in danger. It can be caused by a variety of factors, including racism, religion, and sexual orientation. It can also be caused by a lack of understanding or communication between different groups in the community.

SRP E-BULLETIN

New campaign tackles hate

In Rotherham we've seen a rise in hate incidents, and as a result we need to be taking steps to ensure we have the opportunity to prevent tensions rising. This is a key part of our work and we're working with our partners to ensure we have the best possible outcome for the community.

What is a hate crime or hate incident?

A hate incident is any incident motivated by prejudice or hostility towards a person's disability, race, religion, sexual orientation or transgender identity. If an incident is also a criminal offence, it is known as a hate crime. Hate incidents are extremely damaging to the victim and wider community, and it's important that we work together to make sure people understand the extent of hate crimes.

New national campaign

The Home Office has launched a new public awareness campaign to let people know what hate is and to encourage them to report it. Many people know a hate crime can be about race but may think it's just about physical violence, so we need to work together to make sure people understand the extent of hate crimes.

There are many types of offences which people, including children, don't recognise as criminal. This includes online abuse and abuse against people for their disability, religion, sexual orientation and transgender identity.

Find out more

South Yorkshire Police have some useful hate crime advice at www.southyorks.police.uk/what-is-a-hate-crime/

IT'S NOT JUST OFFENSIVE, IT'S AN OFFENCE.



Tackling Domestic Abuse

Priority Lead – Sam Barstow, Head of Community Safety



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The percentage of high risk victims that are repeats has dropped consistently each quarter, from 35% in quarter one to 25% in quarter three. The satisfaction rate in relation to how Police manage domestic abuse has also increased when compared to the previous year, peaking at 94%. Work has also been undertaken to increase arrest rates and increase referrals on to the perpetrator programme.

The partnership has also 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. The partnership has now signed off the Domestic Homicide Review from 2016, ensuring all lessons have been reflected in practice and is currently finalising a second review from 2017.

The partnership has begun tracking stalking and harassment incidents and outcomes. There has been a sharp increase in a number of areas and this is in some part thought to be due to additional crime recording requirements that now require separate offences to be recorded individually but never the less the partnership will focus on developing understanding of the issue, identifying those at greatest risk (repeat and or vulnerable) and seek to ensure that the partnership is operating effectively.



Preventing
Domestic Abuse

Female Genital Mutilation, Forced Marriage and Honour Based Abuse were new areas of focus this year and initially partners have sought to raise awareness and gather information. Whilst there haven't been any significant patterns individual cases have been identified and partners recognise the need to continue to drive up intelligence and awareness around the issues.

Further work is needed to turn the principles identified within the review in to practice in the way services are delivered and this is likely to require significant partnership focus in the year ahead, both in terms of the core service and the way that partners operate collectively. Partners will also seek to develop a Rape and Serious Sexual Offences Strategy to sit alongside the Domestic Abuse Strategy.

SRP E-BULLETIN



Sexual abuse – talking about consent

When we're working with young people in Rotherham it's important to make sure they know what sexual abuse is and know that it's okay to say no. This bulletin is a guide to consent that you can use as reference when talking to young people.

What is consent?

When someone gives consent, they're giving permission for something to happen or agreeing to do something. This means they need to know what they're agreeing to, so the person asking must make this clear.



Safer Rotherham Partnership **Domestic Abuse Strategy** 2017 to 2020



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Priority Lead – Detective Chief Inspector Martin Tate



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This area was also a new priority following the priority setting event in 2018. This meant that the initial focus was on increasing awareness of organised crime gangs in order to increase formal identification. This has led to the number of identified organised crime gangs doubling over the first three quarters. This has been supported by various awareness raising sessions.

In order to make use of increased identification and partnership support, the work within this priority has also focussed 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 has risen from 4 in the first quarter to 45 in the third, demonstrating significant growth.



Preventing Serious
and Organised Crime

Further work is now needed to focus on the areas of organised criminality which present the highest harm in communities. Activities such as the supply of drugs (Class A in particular) alongside child criminal exploitation and serious violence. The partnership will seek to develop plans and partnership operations focussing on these three areas of business.

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Preventing Children Being Used by Drug Dealers

If you work with parents, guardians and carers,
please help us to prevent children being used
by drug dealers.

Project Highlights



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Hate Crime

101 crimes/incidents reported

120 Drop in sessions
45 Awareness Raising Sessions

6 new independent panel members

165 women part of a network

Kicks

120 Young people engaged

12 Educational workshops for young people

7 Community events and tournaments

20 Young people referred on to educational programmes

Perpetrator Programme

77 Perpetrators referred to the programme

4 Positive completions with 29 still engaged in the service

15 individuals stopped attending without completing

11 individuals referred themselves on to the programme

Engagement Activity

1224 families receiving a leaflet on protecting children from extremism

3499 young people participating in the lifestyle survey

7 young people attending a consultation event

7 DA victims engaged by a 'DA Car' over the christmas period

Training Activity

Hate Crime/ Extremism - Sophie Lancaster Foundation

Co-abuse training for DA practitioners

Organised Crime sessions in schools

Training for responsible authorities - Licensing Act

Extreme right wing ideology

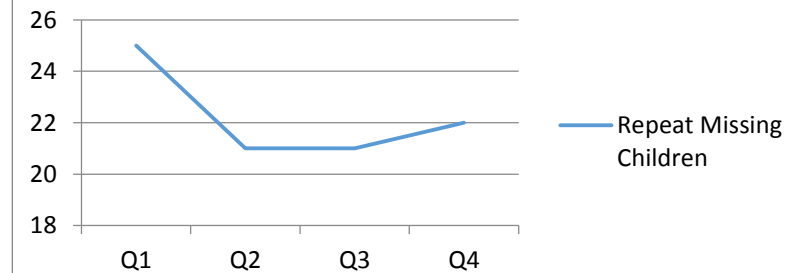


Performance Highlights

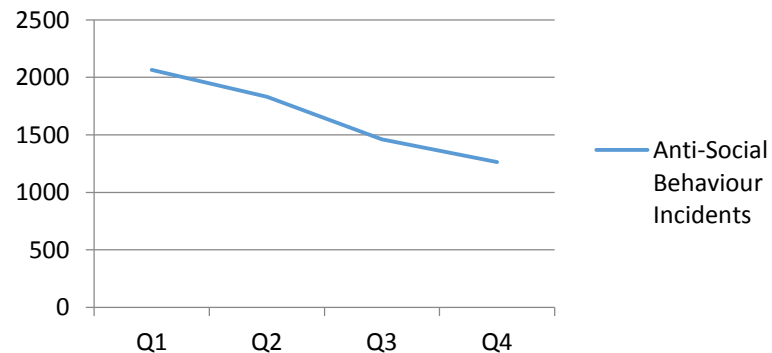
First time young offenders down from 229 to 194

Over 100 engagement sessions regarding Countering Extremism

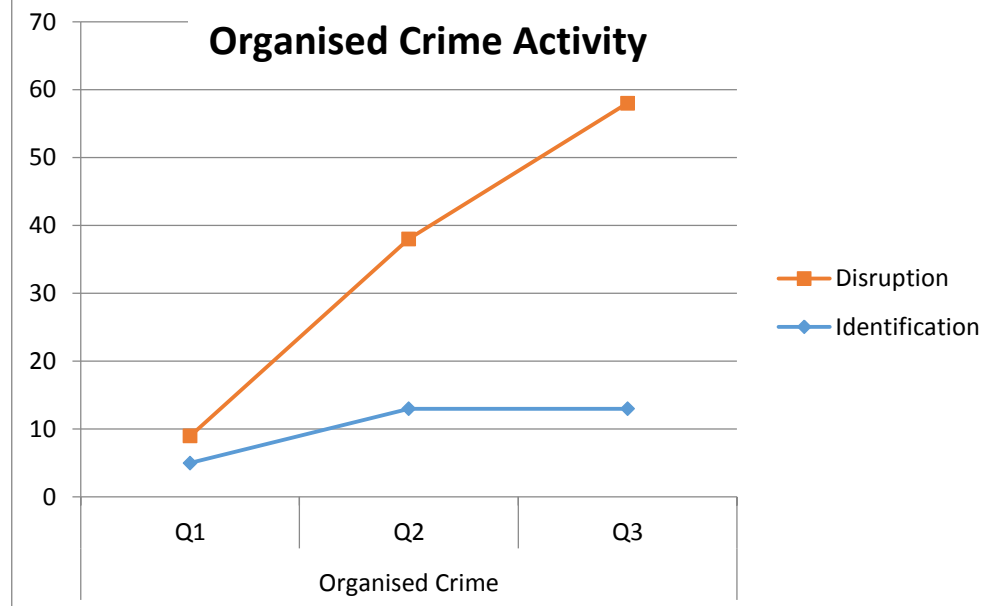
Repeat Missing Children



Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents



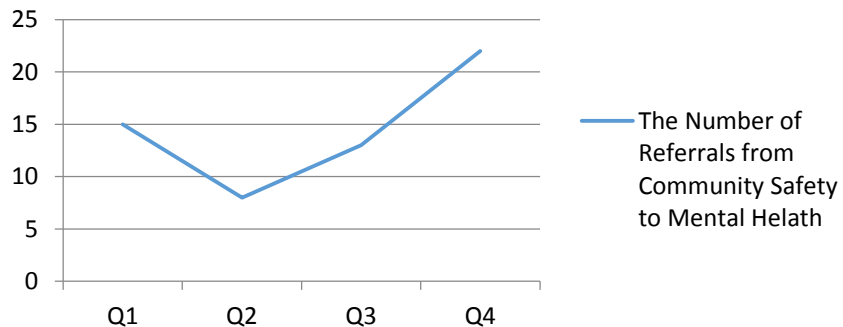
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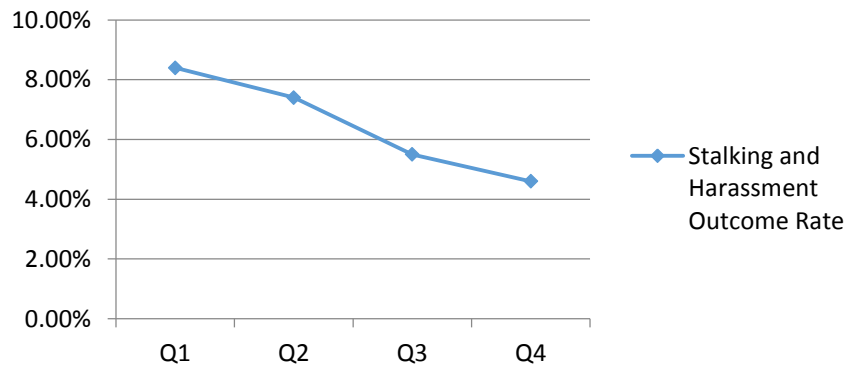


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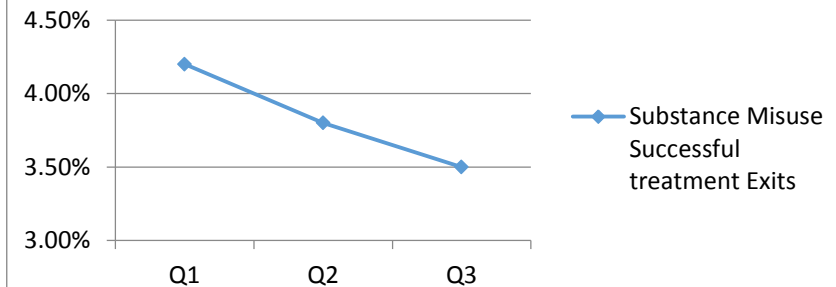
Mental Health Referrals



Stalking and Harassment



Substance Misuse



Board Attendance



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Date	Chair	Rotherham MBC	Police	Fire	Probation	Clinical Commissioning Group	SYF&R Authority	Police and Crime Commissioner	Voluntary Action Rotherham	Victim Support	Community Rehabilitation Company
09/04/2018	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A
11/06/2018	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
06/08/2018	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
08/10/2018	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y	Y
03/12/2018	A	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	A
11/02/2019	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	A

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



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