



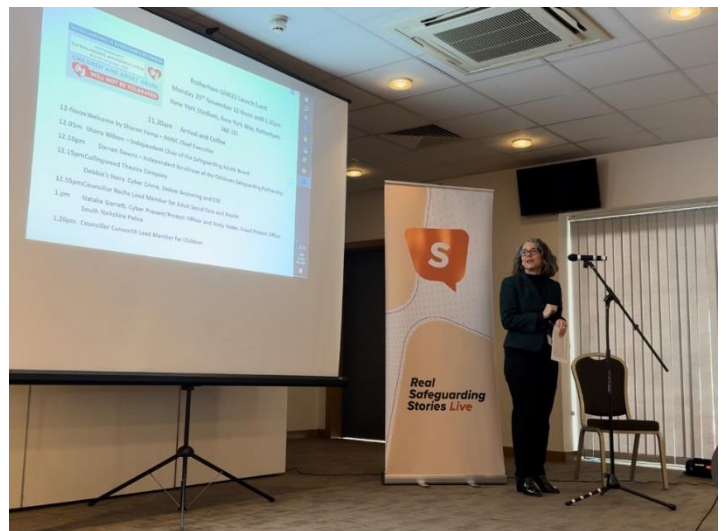
Briefing: Safeguarding Awareness Week 2023

Rotherham Safeguarding Awareness Week: Monday 20 November – Saturday 25 November

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Local Launch (Monday 20 November 2023 12:00 – 13:30)

Chief Executive, Sharon Kemp, Leader (Councillor Chris Read), Cabinet Members, Councillors, Moira Wilson, Darren Downs, and a collection of colleagues across the Council attended the local launch of Safeguarding Awareness Week 2023.



Regional Launch Event (Monday 20 November 2023 12:00 – 13:30)

South Yorkshire District Council's (Rotherham, Doncaster, Barnsley, and Sheffield) attended the regional launch of Safeguarding Awareness Week 2023.



Attendance Figures

Launch Event	Attendance Figures
Local	56 Attendees
Regional	62 Attendees

Feedback Reports (Local & Regional Launches)

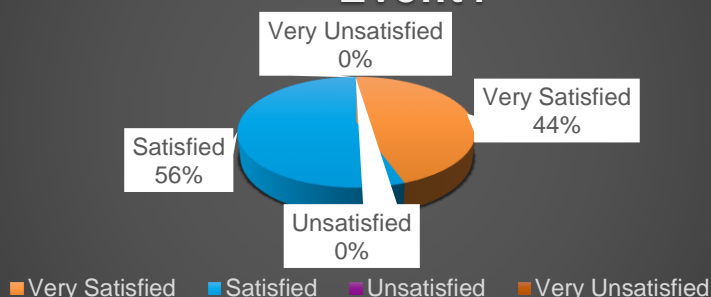
On Tuesday 21 November 2023, a feedback report form was shared with colleagues in Rotherham, Doncaster, Sheffield, and Barnsley as well as independent organisations.

The following questions was asked:

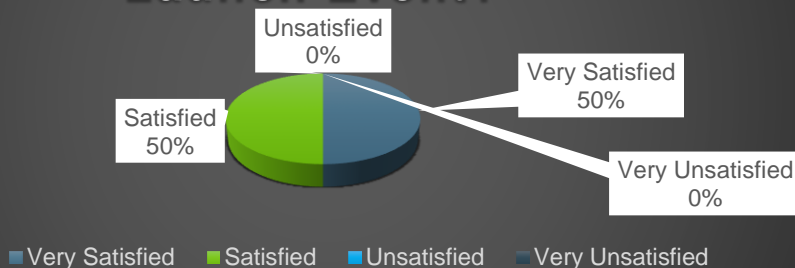
1. How satisfied were you with the launch events?
2. What was your favourite experience or moment of the launch events?
3. How satisfied were you with the networking opportunities provided at the launch events?
4. What would have made the launch/s better?
5. Please provide any additional comments or suggestions.

We received thirteen feedback forms.

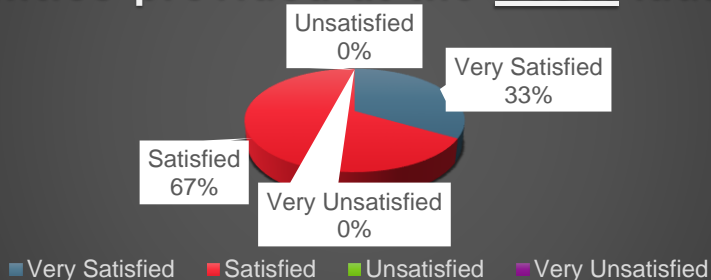
How Satisfied were you with the Local Launch Event?



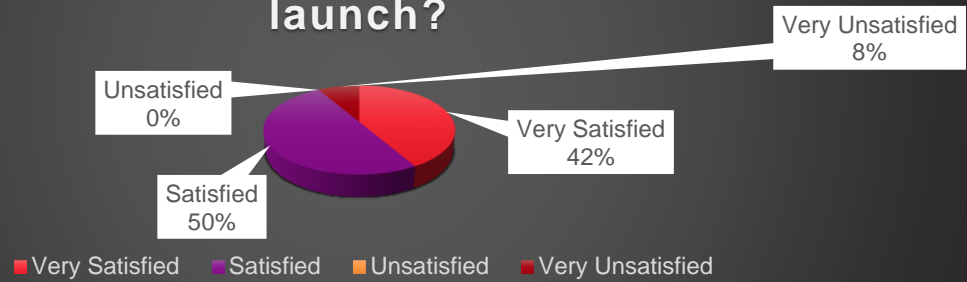
How Satisfied were you with the Regional Launch Event?



How satisfied were you with the networking opportunities provided at the Local launch?



How satisfied were you with the networking opportunities provided at the Regional launch?



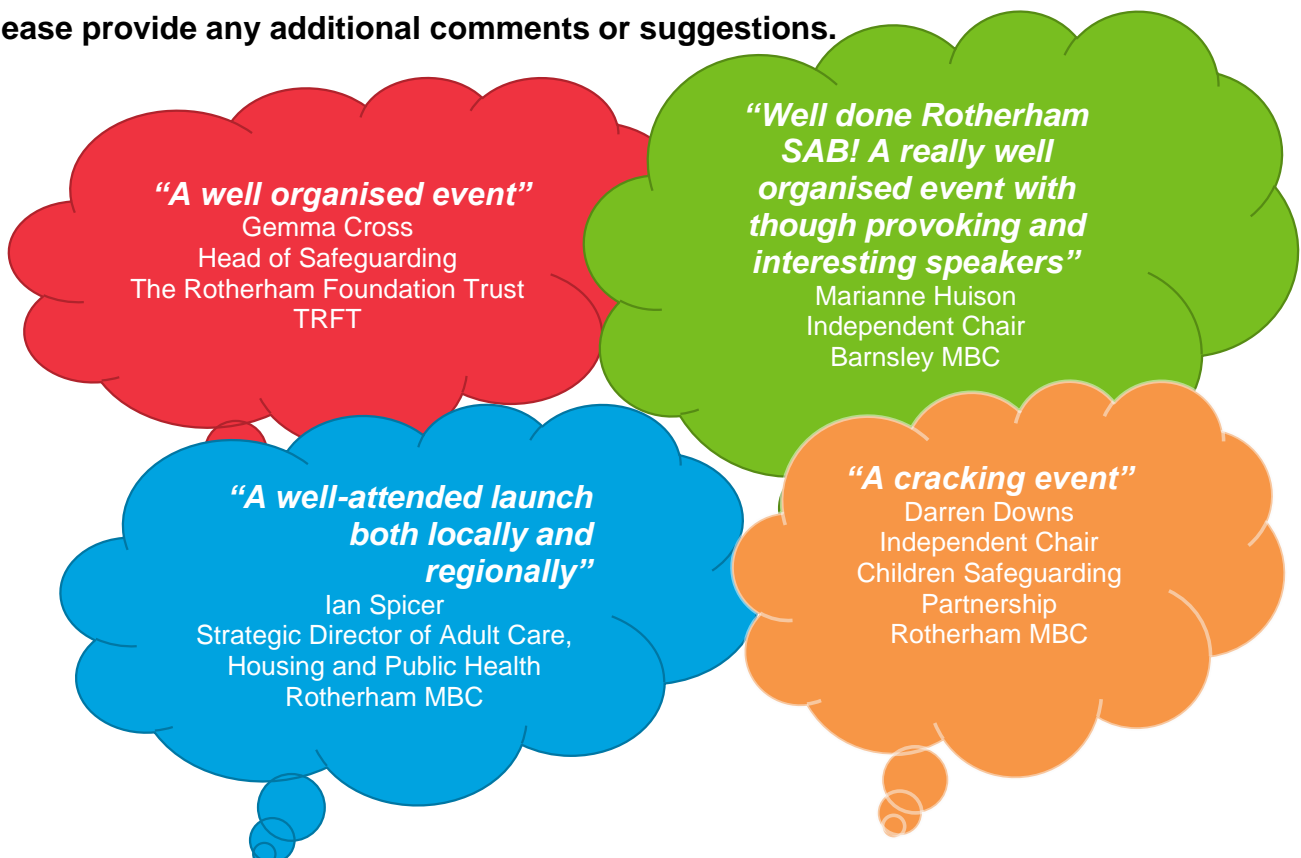
What was your favourite experience or moment of the launch events?

- Use of real examples and situations
- Networking
- South Yorkshire Police Fraud Awareness
- Real Safeguarding Stories
- Really informative and should be shared wider to assist staff.

What would have made the launch/s better?

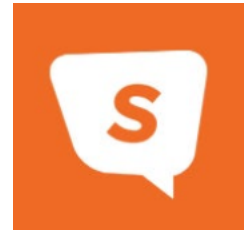
- Avoid repetition for both launches
- To celebrate what has been achieved
- Easy read information to take away to organisations
- For more colleagues to attend
- Coordinated speeches
- A Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board stall
- A strategic focus for South Yorkshire
- To consider asking regional leads for their input
- To do a joint local and regional launch

Please provide any additional comments or suggestions.



Collingwood Theatre Company

James provided real safeguarding stories (Debbie's story) as an interactive learning tool which is dedicated to awareness of Safeguarding issues and concerns.



James interacted with both launches by asking what their professional opinions were, after the pausing the video mid-way, colleagues spoke amongst themselves and discussed their personal thoughts on what was happening in Debbie's life.



South Yorkshire Police Cyber Prevent and Fraud Protection

Natalie Garrett and Andrew Foster attended both launch events to discuss cyber awareness and fraud protection.



Both Natalie and Andy surprised colleagues with data on how many vulnerable adults and children are exposed to this crime in everyday life. Colleagues were able to takeaway how to report cybercrime or fraud whether that be via Action Fraud's website or forwarding scam texts to 7726.



The following events then happened across Rotherham delivered by a number of partner organisations and services.

Monday 20 November 2023

On Monday 20 November the following events took place with Amanda Coyne and Absolute Advocacy (Rebecca Cope and Chloe Banner).

09:30 – 11:30 Deprivation of Liberty – Safeguarding the Person's Rights

To support front line workers and managers understand their legislative responsibilities, particularly where mental capacity may be in question. To look at how the principles of the MCA dovetail with the Safeguarding principles and what responsibilities we have under these and wider bits of legislation such as the Human Rights Act.

14:00 – 15:00 Introduction to Parent Advocacy (Absolute Advocacy)

An overview of the advocacy support we provide to parents in Rotherham. Workers from Children and Young People's Services. Anyone supporting a parent who may be eligible for advocacy support.

Tuesday 21 November 2023

On Tuesday 21 November the following events took place with Ruth Fletcher-Brown, Colin Ellis, Working Together Partnership, Cranstoun Inspire to Change, and Absolute Advocacy.

09:00 – 10:30 Be The One: Suicide Prevention Awareness Session (Ruth Fletcher-Brown)



To promote Be the One, Rotherham's suicide prevention campaign. The session looked at the key steps people can take to help someone who might be thinking about suicide Talk, Listen and Care.

10:00 – 12:00 Co-Production (Laura Watson – Working Together Partnership)

The session delivered - What is meant by co production, The principles of co-production (equality, diversity, accessibility, and reciprocity, Who is involved in the co-production process, Co-design, co-decision making, co delivery, co-evaluation, and an overview of a case study of co-production project in North Yorkshire and the positive outcomes.

10:00 – 15:00 Importance of Working with Perpetrators of Domestic Abuse

An interactive session to examine the importance of engaging with perpetrators of domestic abuse in order to effect behaviour change. To examine the approach intervention practitioners, take and to improve professionals confidence in engaging with those that perpetrate abuse and the referral pathways.

14:00 – 15:00 Introduction to Advocacy for Adults (Rebecca Cope & Chloe Banner)

Everyone interested in advocacy, an introduction, and an overview of the statutory and non-statutory advocacy available to adults in Rotherham.

Wednesday 22 November 2023

On Wednesday 22 November the following events took place with Elly Chapple, Rotherham Rise, RMBC DAAOS Team, Safer Rotherham Partnership, Phil Spencer, Rebecca Bool and the Working Together Group and ROADS.

10:00 – 11:30 Flip the Narrative – Inclusion (Elly Chapple)

Elly Chapple delivered an inspirational speech as the founder of #FlipTheNarrative, Elly's aim was to challenge stereotypes and foster a sense of authentic belonging and inclusion.

10:00 – 11:00 Domestic Abuse Pathway (Rotherham Rise and the DAAOS Team)

Participants were made aware of the Rotherham Rise Domestic Abuse Co-ordinated Community response and the DAAOS, RMBC Domestic Abuse Assertive Outreach Service. This provided colleagues with information about the support available for people in the Rotherham area who have experienced/are experiencing domestic abuse and/or child sexual exploitation.

11:00 – 12:30 Extremism – Current and Emerging Risk Picture (Winter 2023)

The extremism landscape has experienced considerable change since the pandemic. There has been an upwards trend of terrorism convictions of young men associated with extreme right wing views, the viral proliferation of anti-minority and neo-Nazi narratives mired in misogyny and racism across digital space, the community-building activism of ethnic nationalists such as Patriotic Alternative, the growth of citizen journalism around issues such as migration and asylum; and despite a decline in relevance, the continued opportunism of civic nationalists such as Tommy Robinson and Britain First. This session provided an overview of this picture including emerging threats and future trends.

13:00 – 14:00 Making Every Contact Count – Cost of Living (Public Health – Phil Spencer)

Delivered to frontline staff, the session enabled attendees to use a MECC approach to identifying individuals who may be struggling with the financial crisis, but more importantly will give information about where you can signpost/refer people to for help.

13:30 – 15:00 Disclosure and Barring Service (Rebecca Bool and Working Together Group)

This session delivered information on DBS – Who are we and what we do, DBS checks and eligibility, Regulated Activity, Update Service, DBS Barring Functions, Who is unfit to work with children or vulnerable adults.

14:30 – 15:30 ROADS (We Are With You)

An introduction to ROADS including the structure, referral process and pathway, the Service offer for adults and young people, Case Studies, Questions and Answers.

Thursday 23 November 2023

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Friday 24 November 2023

On Friday 24 November the following events took place with Evolve, Roads, and Vickie Deeks – Sound Training Solutions.

10:00 – 12:00 Evolve: A Journey through our Service (Kezia Garcia and Richard Goddard)

The session delivered a focus on the current support offered by the Evolve team in Rotherham whilst using the journey of a young person to demonstrate what this looks like in practice. This will consider the support provided to children, young people and their families who are experiencing Child Criminal or Sexual Exploitation.

09:30 – 11:30 Inclusion: Access for All (Vickie Deeks – Sound Training Solutions)

A fun and interactive session happened for all participants to focus on inclusion, mental health/well-being, and sound training:

- ➔ Techniques to promote inclusion for all workplaces and social situations
- ➔ Strategies to develop a strong mindset, positive thinking, and resilience
- ➔ Promote hand talk, with simulation activity, videos, and visual components
- ➔ Raise awareness of issues, for support and prevention of hearing loss/tinnitus
- ➔ Decibels and safe sound levels for prevention and support of hearing loss/tinnitus: understanding an audiogram, with elements explained

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Safeguarding Awareness Week 2023 Feedback (Events)

Below is an outline of the attendance figures for Safeguarding Awareness Week events.

Event	Attendance Figure (Approx)
Virtual	300
Face to Face	100
Regional Virtual	160

Both 'Flip the Narrative' and 'The Practice Standards Group: Working Together to Safeguard Children' sessions were recorded and are to be shared across Adults and Children's partnership. These videos can be accessed via the [Rotherham Safeguarding Adults website - https://www.rsab.org.uk](https://www.rsab.org.uk)

Reclaim the Night (Thursday 23 November 2023)

Reclaim the Night has been running in Rotherham since 2015 and is about empowering women and reclaiming spaces which may be perceived as unsafe. In Rotherham, we walk through the town centre in the evening and then return to a venue to warm up, have refreshments and listen to some inspirational speakers.

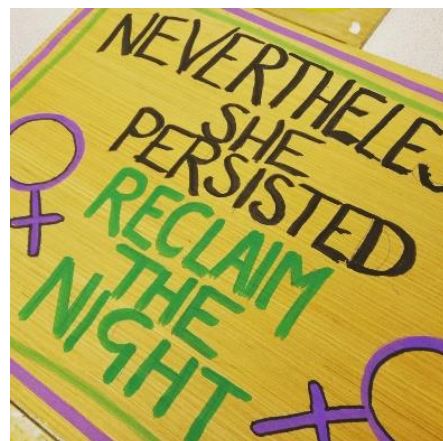


This year, the event took place on Thursday 23rd November, starting the walk from Ministry Pavilion (formerly Imperial Buildings) on High Street Rotherham at 6pm and returning for speakers from 7pm.

The theme this year was 'A Safe Night Out' and one of our speakers spoke about their own experiences with drink spiking to raise awareness of what happened to her, the longer term impact, and the importance of reporting incidents and seeking support from specialist services and friends. Other speakers include Sharon Kemp and DCI Aneela Khalil-Khan talking about the work South Yorkshire Police are doing to address women's safety.



Everyone was welcome, and the venue was under cover however we did recommend you dress warm to those who participated.



Dearne Valley College Awareness Session

Raising Awareness of Drink Spiking and Staying Safe whilst Out



In 2 Change delivered a series of sessions to college students in Rotherham to highlight the risks of spiking (drink, injection and vape), the effects, and the support available. The sessions were delivered over 2 days at Dearne Valley College and Rotherham College and engagement happened with over 1,000 students. These sessions are being funded through South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit and delivered in partnership with the Community Safety Team at Rotherham Council.



Rotherham Rise supported the sessions with stalls where students were able to gather numerous information and ask questions particularly around healthy relationships and domestic abuse.



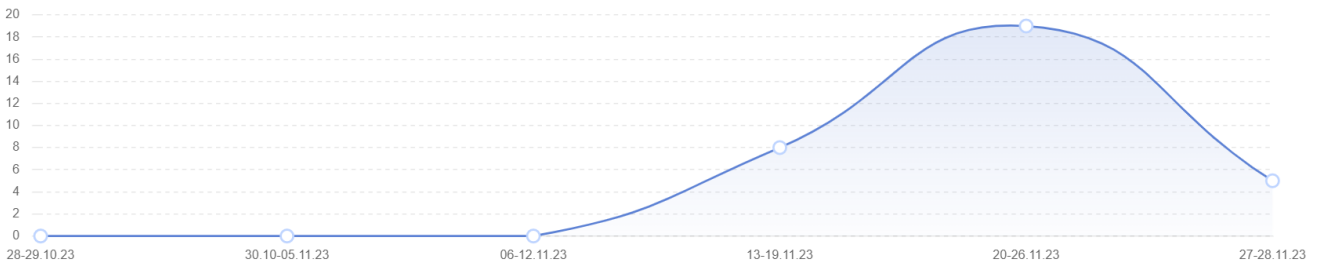


Rotherham United Football Club

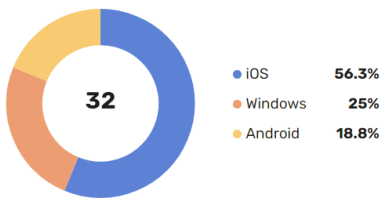


Rotherham played Leeds United on Friday 24 November 2023. Rotherham agreed to share the QR code in their programme in which promoted links across partner organisations to online awareness, scams, and fraud. The QR code was promoted via the screen throughout the match and half time for supporters and away supporters to access the information.

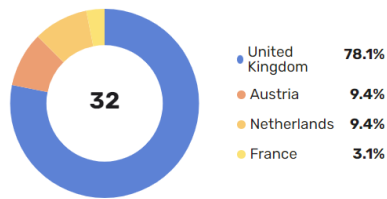
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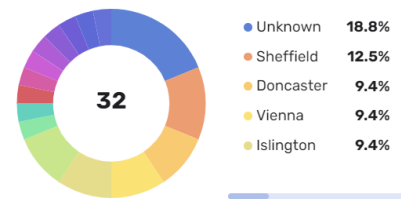
Scans by operating system



Scans by country



Scans by city



The aim was to reach and target individuals who may not be aware of this information who can share wider across their communities.



The Rotherham Foundation Trust (TRFT)

TRFT and Urgent Care delivered a Safeguarding Simulation session on Thursday 23 November 2023. A stand was also available in reception of the hospital, where Rotherham Rise attended to deliver information to staff and members of the public.



A walkabout throughout the hospital was arranged to hand out cakes to colleagues and ask them what Safeguarding means to them. Gemma Cross and Lindsay Hood provided further information on Safeguarding.



Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber (RDaSH) NHS Foundation Trust

Safeguarding Awareness week and schedule of training has been shared in the trust by their own communications team.

RDaSH delivered a level 3 Safeguarding Adults and Safeguarding Children training course.



The trust have been involved in the development of the below video:

The Rotherham Safeguarding Children Partnership produced a video about the Practice Standards Group, called 'The Practice Standards Group: Working Together to Safeguard Children,' which was filmed and edited by RDaSH Communications Team member Tim Buckle.



Currently chaired by RDaSH Health Advisor Malcolm Ewing, the Practice Standards Group conducts Appraisals of multiagency practice in cases where either a situation raises cause for concern in relation to the ways in which Partner Agencies work together to safeguard children, or a situation is recognised for outstanding interagency practice, but the threshold for Safeguarding Practice Review is not met.

The Group also reviews cases where a Child Protection Conference Chair has exercised their power of veto regarding a majority decision at Case Conference, against the majority view. Any professional, from any agency in Rotherham that works with children, can make a referral to the Group. [Find out more about Practice Standards Group](#)

Integrated Care Board (ICB)

At ICB we have not had any specific SAW23 events within the organisation, however the ICB Safeguarding collective have been widely promoting all of the events that are available.



Our Designated Professional for Safeguarding Adults in Sheffield Place attended the most recent ICB-wide Staff Meeting (this is open to all staff across the whole organisation) and spoke about the events across the whole of South Yorkshire promoting staff to sign up and attend.

Our comms teams have been advertising and promoting the learning events on offer across all our places, and these are available via our intranet pages and are very easily accessible.

The ICB Safeguarding Collective have also been promoting events at place level within team meetings and encouraging ICB staff to get involved. In Rotherham, we have also been able to ensure that information regarding the SAW23 events has also been shared with GP Practices across the Rotherham Area to enable them to get involved.

In addition to this, the ICB Safeguarding Team in Barnsley have collaborated with BHNFT with the 'Reyt Up Your Street' event where a daily cartoon scenario is released which gives people the opportunity to consider what happens next. Finally, as an ICB in all of places, we have worked in partnership in the development of the content for all the SAW23 events across South Yorkshire.

South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue

Communications and messages have been shared around self-neglect and hoarding as SYF&R colleagues see this the most, alongside a bulletin item about the subject. Fire and Rescue have launched/shared their new internal page for staff on all things Safeguarding such as Police and Procedures, form, 7 minute briefings, SAR/SPA nationally and locally for learning.

A new lean pro is launching for all colleagues on Safeguarding Awareness which SYF&R are proud of. This is an addition to the case study based one we use for all frontline staff. External training is on offer around South Yorkshire and has been shared with all staff who deputise for Safeguarding when Sarah Morten and Sarah Ellis is unavailable.



South Yorkshire Police

A mapping meeting at Dinnington Comprehensive School with Social Worker and Safeguarding Officer- Linked to safeguarding children and sharing information.

Two arrests were made for child neglect

A Drop In/Engagement activity at a coffee morning in Thurcroft which enables us to engage with vulnerable members of the community, such as elderly and those that are isolated.



Schools officers linking in with secondary schools at the start of every week. This is to discuss vulnerable students and any issues raised.
UCR engagement event supporting Rotherham Rise/ RMBC community safety delivering input on Domestic abuse and spiking.

Engagement stall in the town centre and UCR supporting the No means No VAWG campaign. (photos attached and happy to share).

SNS usually run a workshop on the C-Marac, VARMM and VAP process but as it is currently under review so have not opted for this it this year.

Vulnerability officers have undertaken home visits with mental health services to identify persons referred into the Police.

Crime prevention stall at Tesco, Wath in response to increases in exposure offences, supporting VAWG or lone walkers.

