



Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board

Newsletter

Edition: October 2024

Welcome

Welcome to the October edition of the Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board (RSAB) newsletter. The newsletter will be published on a quarterly basis to keep the workforce across the partnership informed of developments.

The RSAB are dedicated to protecting adults with care and support needs from abuse and neglect. Our objective is clear, to ensure that local safeguarding arrangements and partnerships are effective in protecting adults at risk of or who are experiencing neglect and abuse. To achieve this, we must ensure that everyone works to safeguard vulnerable adults in our community.



If there is something you would like to see featured in any future editions, please let us know.

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SAFEGUARDING PERFORMANCE



Contacts, Concerns and Progression to Enquiry

- In the first quarter of 2024-2025 1119 Safeguarding contacts were received an average of 373 per month.
 - 522 of contacts progressed to a Safeguarding Concern and underwent initial enquiries
- Of these 522 Concerns, 189 of these then progressed to Further Enquiries and the remaining 333 closed following initial investigation by using a case management or other similar non-statutory approach.

Completed Enquiries

- 198 Section 42 Enquires, and 10 non-statutory enquiries have concluded, the highest number for a quarter in the last two years.
- Risk outcomes data highlights an increased rate of 'Reduced or Removed Risks' 140 resulted in the 'Reduction of Risk or Risk Reduced' and 68 resulted in 'Risk Remained, or No Conclusive Risk Identified'

Abuse Categories

- The top 3 abuse categories for completed enquiries remain consistent, Neglect 38.9%, Psychological 34.1%, and Physical 28.8%
- Cases of Self-Neglect continue to increase at 19.7% (17.8% in 2023-2024 and 11.6% in 2022-2023).

Repeat Concerns

- The 1119 Safeguarding 'Contacts' received in the first quarter of the year related to 938 individuals
- 114 adults had more than one Safeguarding contact which equates to 15% of individuals subject to a repeat episode within the reporting period.



Safeguarding Partner Updates

- Rotherham Council
- The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust
- Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Trust
- NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
- South Yorkshire Police
- South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue
- Healthwatch Rotherham

What is a Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR)?

Under the 2014 Care Act, Safeguarding Adults Boards (SABs) are responsible for Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs). The purpose of SARs is to “promote effective learning and improvement action to prevent future deaths or serious harm occurring again”.

Safeguarding adult practice can be improved by identifying what is helping and what is hindering safeguarding work, in order to tackle barriers to good practice and protect adults from harm. SARs need to be of good quality and need to be able to be shared to maximise the value of their learning.

Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board have a SAR subgroup where safeguarding cases are discussed to establish if the SAR criteria has been met. There is reasonable cause for concern about how the SAB, members of it, or other persons with relevant functions worked together to safeguard the adult, and

→ **The adult had died, and**

The SAB knows or suspects that the death resulted from abuse or neglect (whether or not it knew or suspected the abuse or neglect before the adult died)

→ **The adult is still alive, and**

The SAB knows or suspects that the adult has experienced serious abuse or neglect.

To discuss SAR's or a possible SAR please contact Jackie.Scantlebury@rotherham.gov.uk

There is a national library of SAR's when completed, please visit <https://nationalnetwork.org.uk/search.html>

The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust (TRFT)

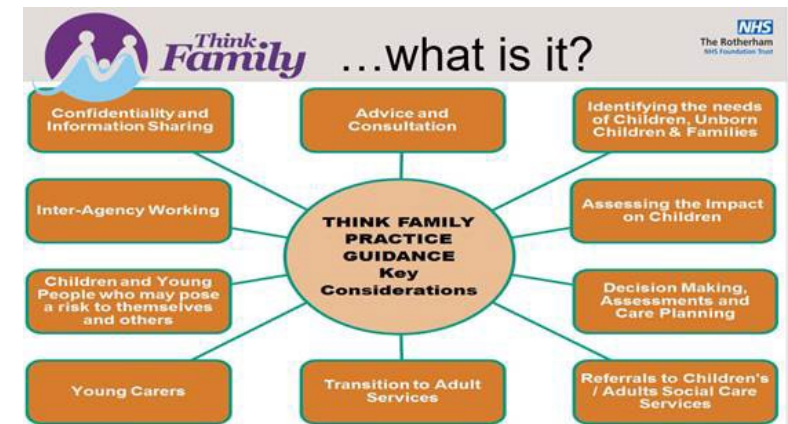


The Rotherham
NHS Foundation Trust

TRFT highlighted #WSPD24 with a personal story of bereavement by suicide, sharing the impact of stigma and judgemental attitudes on those seeking support, and on those bereaved by suicide.
The mental health strategy launched in the Trust this last year seeks to ensure parity of mental health and physical health care

The Learning Disability and Autism Team at TRFT have been shortlisted in the Nursing Times final for their work on person centred care, and use of reasonable adjustments. The team have worked closely with experts by experience, their carers and families and the local care providers to put sensory equipment in place that seeks to improve the patient experience.

The Trusts safeguarding training has been refreshed this month, and the new think family training day that covers both adults and children, and how they can both be affected by abuse and vulnerabilities. The day includes a focus on domestic abuse and the impact on children and young people who live with domestic abuse.





Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber (RDaSH)

RDaSH safeguarding team have been successful in bidding to the internal Trust innovation fund to create a dedicated Domestic Abuse/Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) Lead to enhance the safeguarding offer across the Trust. The aim of this post is to improve the Domestic Abuse and MARAC offer across the Trust, ensuring consistency across all three geographical areas that the Trust provides services to. There are 3 components to our response to domestic abuse:

Prevention

- Raising awareness of domestic abuse via staff training and supervision
- Communicate effectively with survivors, perpetrators, managers, leaders and other key stakeholders.

Intervention

- Ensure policies do not act as a barrier to obtaining support
- Ensure a safe and effective response through appropriate training and awareness raising

Partnership working

- Work together with staff and other key stakeholders to ensure the Trusts response to domestic abuse reflects best practice



NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB)

NHS South Yorkshire ICB continue to work in close partnership within the Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board (RSAB) and with partner agencies across Rotherham Place. The ICB continues to develop internal Safeguarding operating models, processes and policies as part of an ongoing co-design transformation process reviewing Safeguarding as a system-wide approach across the organisation, whilst maintaining the focus on the importance of the primacy of place.

The ICB are also currently supporting our GP colleagues across Rotherham Place in organising a full-day PLTC learning event for GP Practices, which will be held in November 2024 at Magna, prior to Safeguarding Awareness Week. The event will involve presentations and guest speakers on a range of Safeguarding related topics and issues, as well as giving an opportunity to network. There will also be a number of stalls set up on the day where partner agencies will be able to promote themselves and services on offer to GP staff.

South Yorkshire Police



We are now thankfully out of the response phase and firmly into the investigative phase for the disorder witnessed at Manvers at the beginning of August.

We have now seen in excess of 125 Nominated suspects, 118 Arrests, 78 Charge and remand, 34 guilty pleas and 31 convictions. (Figures provided to me as of 4th September).

The force has set up the III (Internet Intelligence Investigation Team) looking at Dark Web and Mainstream, recovering footage and images using facial recognition technology and the Police National Database to identify and pursue suspects for both disorder and incitement offences.

My team continue to engage via the Specialist Engagement and Hate Crime Officers as do the local Neighbourhood Teams in conjunction with the wider partnership across the Rotherham communities.

Welfare Update

More than sixty police officers received physical injuries and countless others suffered psychological harm.

Wellbeing roadshows are moving across the force.

The internal TRiM processes are crucial in managing trauma and the response to each assessment will be bespoke. Officers are directed refer themselves to TRiM if they feel it may be beneficial. SYP have produced a special edition of the force magazine focused solely on the violent disorder we saw at Manvers. A number of officers have shared their personal stories to help encourage others to speak about how they feel. One officer speaks specifically of his approach to the TRiM process.

Licensing

A test purchase operation held with only one failure suggesting the message is getting out there re underage sales. We have set action plans for 2 premises, reviewed and varied 6 licences (4 in the town centre and Wellgate due to the street drinking problem) and removed one licence due to poor management. A prosecution has been brought for an off licence selling alcohol without a licence and another taken to review, and its licence revoked. We continue to work with and support the licenced premises of the borough and actively participate in 9 Pubwatch meetings each month.

ASB

Since my last update, the ASB officers have secured 2 CBOs and are working towards 13 others for the most prolific recidivists across the borough.

C-Marac and Vulnerability

Since the start of the year, we have heard and provided the appropriate interventions for 45 individuals via the C-Marac process and continue to assess vulnerability via Vulnerable Adult submissions on a daily basis offering the appropriate interventions and or referrals via the Vulnerability Pathway.



Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board Training

On 01 October 2024, delegate numbers are overall looking positive for RSAB courses running from October to March 2025. The table summarises bookings and places still available to book. Those courses below 10 delegates would benefit from an increase.

Rotherham Borough Council staff should book training via YourHR.

Colleagues from partner agencies should book places using the new booking form
<https://forms.office.com/e/cP9CSpzPRs>

Please visit the below link to view the full Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board prospectus.
<https://www.rsab.org.uk/downloads/file/80/rsab-training-prospectus>

Learning activity	Start date	Booked	Availability	Supplier
RSAB - Provider Service Manager Roles in Safeguarding Adults (RMBC)	08/10/2024	12	8	Aspect Training
RSAB - Hoarding and Self Neglect: Level 2 (RMBC)	08/10/2024	8	12	Aspect Training
RSAB - Safeguarding Adults Raising a Concern (RMBC)	09/10/2024	20	0	Skills UK
RSAB - Provider Service Manager Roles in Safeguarding Adults (RMBC)	05/11/2024	14	6	Aspect Training
RSAB - Safeguarding Adults Raising a Concern (RMBC)	06/11/2024	20	0	Skills UK
RSAB - Safeguarding Adults Raising a Concern (RMBC)	28/11/2024	20	0	Skills UK
RSAB - Trafficking and Modern Slavery (RMBC)	03/12/2024	8	12	Aspect Training
RSAB - Provider Service Manager Roles in Safeguarding Adults (RMBC)	11/12/2024	12	8	Aspect Training
RSAB - Safeguarding Adults Raising a Concern (RMBC)	17/12/2024	20	0	Skills UK
RSAB - Safeguarding Adults Raising a Concern (RMBC)	18/12/2024	20	0	Skills UK
RSAB - Hoarding and Self Neglect: Level 2 (RMBC)	14/01/2025	8	12	Aspect Training
RSAB - Hoarding and Self Neglect: Level 3 (RMBC)	15/01/2025	4	16	Aspect Training
RSAB - Safeguarding Adults Raising a Concern (RMBC)	16/01/2025	17	3	Skills UK
RSAB - Safeguarding Adults Raising a Concern (RMBC)	29/01/2025	15	5	Skills UK
RSAB - Trafficking and Modern Slavery (RMBC)	04/02/2025	1	19	Aspect Training
RSAB - Safeguarding Adults Raising a Concern (RMBC)	06/02/2025	6	14	Skills UK
RSAB - Provider Service Manager Roles in Safeguarding Adults (RMBC)	12/03/2025	2	18	Aspect Training
RSAB - Hoarding and Self Neglect: Level 2 (RMBC)	12/03/2025	4	16	Aspect Training
RSAB - Safeguarding Adults Raising a Concern (RMBC)	13/03/2025	10	10	Skills UK
RSAB - Hoarding and Self Neglect: Level 3 (RMBC)	19/03/2025	4	16	Aspect Training
RSAB - Trafficking and Modern Slavery (RMBC)	26/03/2025	1	19	Aspect Training



**South Yorkshire
FIRE & RESCUE**



South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue

Our prevention work over the last 15 years has helped to reduce accidental house fires to historically low levels. But in common with most other Fire & Rescue Services over recent years have seen a slight increase in fatal incidents.

We are committed to making South Yorkshire Safer & Stronger and have a duty to promote fire safety, particularly to those who are the most vulnerable or experience barriers in accessing our services, but we know we cannot tackle fire safety issues alone.

Analysis of each incident has found common factors involved in almost all our recent fire deaths, such as hoarding, social isolation, substance misuse and mental health problems. For reasons such as these, many house fire victims were already known to at least one other agency. Sadly, in most cases, South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue was not one of these agencies.

Most of these deaths could have been prevented but we need your help.

As part of our continued support for Safeguarding Awareness Week, SYFR are again this year offering a number of open sessions of our Safer South Yorkshire Referral Training delivered via MS Teams for any current and potential referral partners.

To book onto a session please follow the QR link above:



Bookings for the sessions will be open until Monday 11th November upon which confirmation emails and MS Team link to your booked session will be emailed out for you.

Please note that all training start times will begin promptly, and it is advised if you are able, to log into the session 5 minutes beforehand.

Thank you all for your continued support of our work to make South Yorkshire Safer & Stronger

Useful Contacts

Peter Jones – Partnership Officer (Sheffield/Barnsley) E: pjones@syfire.gov.uk

Nichola Rodgers – Partnership Officer (Doncaster/Rotherham) E: njrodgers@syfire.gov.uk

General referral and training enquiries – safe&well@syfire.gov.uk



Healthwatch Rotherham

Healthwatch Rotherham are holding drop-in sessions for clients every Thursday morning between 09:30 and 12:30 at their office located in Citizens Advice Rotherham.

Bookable appointments are available upon request at other days and times. Please contact 01709 717130 or visit 2 Upper Millgate, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S60 1PF.



Consultation for SRP Priorities 2025-28

Q1 - What, in your view, are the top crime and community safety risks and threats for Rotherham?

Q2 - What type of partnership responses do you think are most important to tackle these issues?



Please send your feedback and comments to:
community.safety@rotherham.gov.uk

If you would like to complete the online survey then
scan the QR code and select:
Safer Rotherham Partnership Priorities for 2025-28 or visit:
www.rotherham.gov.uk/consultations

For more information on the Safer Rotherham Partnership visit: www.saferrotherham.org.uk