



Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board

Newsletter
Edition: April 2025

Welcome

Welcome to the April 2025 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.

Getting in touch...

Website: www.rsab.org.uk

Email: RSAB@rotherham.gov.uk

The Foundation of the RSAB



Who to Contact?

Website: www.rsab.org.uk
Email: RSAB@rotherham.gov.uk

Jackie Scantlebury Jackie.Scantlebury@rotherham.gov.uk
Danielle Radford: Danielle.Radford@rotherham.gov.uk

SAFEGUARDING PERFORMANCE



Safeguarding Contacts, Concerns, and Progression to Enquiry

The volume of Safeguarding contacts continues to increase. Total of 3475 received within the first three quarters of 2024/25. The monthly average has increased again this quarter to 386.1 compared to 329.8 in the previous year. Now projecting to over 4580 by the end of the year compared to the 3958 received in 2023/24. 43.9% (1524) contacts progressed to a Safeguarding Concern and underwent initial enquiries. An improved position on 42% last year. Of these 1524 Concerns – 41.1% (631) of progressed to Enquiry, an increased position on last year's 35.4%. The remaining 893 (58.9%) closed following initial investigation by using a case management or other similar non-statutory approach.

Completed Enquiries

Continues to be an increase in completed enquiries each quarter. 636 Section 42 and 31 non-statutory enquiry completions for the year-to-date. This quarter there were 244 enquiries completed, (231 S42's plus 13 other) compared to 217 last quarter. This is a significant increase on the 3rd quarter of last year when 178 were completed, (37% increase).

Abuse Categories

The top 3 abuse categories for completed enquiries received this year remain consistent. However notable increases in Neglect and Physical.

Neglect → End of Quarter 1: 38.9% End of Quarter 2: 54.4% End of Quarter 3: 45.3%

Psychological → End of Quarter 1: 34.1% End of Quarter 2: 31.2% End of Quarter 3: 28.0%

Physical → End of Quarter 1: 28.8% End of Quarter 2: 34.8% End of Quarter 3: 27.0%

Repeat Concerns

The 3475 Safeguarding Contacts received in this year-to-date related to 2363 individual adults. 632 adults had more than one Safeguarding contact which equates to 27% of individuals subject to a repeat episode within the reporting period. This is a 3% increase on quarter 2 but slightly below the 28-29% seen in the last three years.



**South Yorkshire
FIRE & RESCUE**



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
- Voluntary Action/Age UK
- Community Safety

Rotherham Council: Adult Social Care

Safeguarding Pathway Refresh Implementation

The revised safeguarding pathway has been in place for some time, and we have as part of our ongoing efforts to enhance our safeguarding processes, implemented a refresh of the safeguarding pathway. This has been to ensure the pathway is in line with Making Safeguarding Personal and working with staff using the pathway to make it a more effective process. Please find below a summary of the main points for the changes in the recording of safeguarding activity for the Council:

Go Live Date:

The safeguarding refresh will be implemented on **22-04-2025**.

Summary of Changes

The changes included a review of our safeguarding pathway to ensure the

- 3-stage test was being adhered to;
- Address duplication in the pathway, and to;
- Benchmark our timescales for each stage with other LAs across South Yorkshire.

So, the refreshed pathway will ensure;

- The 3-stage test being clearly applied at the first point of contact. There will also be exit points to enable the safeguarding to be closed, should a more appropriate pathway be identified.
- If the safeguarding reaches an outcome meeting, there will now be an outcome report.
- The enquiry stage has been reduced to avoid duplication between the initial concern and enquiry.
- Following benchmarking with other LAs, and as reported into RSAB, the following timescales will be applied across the respective sections of the pathway:
 - **Initial contact:** 48 hours
 - **Initial concern (previously called initial enquiry):** 5 days
- **Section 42 Enquiry:** 80 days (including the outcomes report and outcomes meeting)

This will take the safeguarding process to 87 days in length but is still less than some areas who apply 100 days for just the enquiry stage.

The final stage will be updating our safeguarding performance reports. We are working with the Performance and Business Intelligence Team to work through the changes.

B5 focus on dementia

This week, B5 has been busy hosting a Dementia Focus Week to address the unique challenges people living with dementia face daily.



This initiative was conceived by Kerry Smith, with invaluable support from Hannah Moore (RDaSH) and Lindsay Hood (Safeguarding). It included a series of daily afternoon training sessions designed to minimise disruption while enhancing staff knowledge of dementia care.

The team covered a variety of topics, ranging from managing challenging behaviours to understanding the individual needs of patients. Practical sessions focused on moving and handling dementia patients, alongside audits and incident reviews, ensured that the theoretical knowledge gained was effectively translated into practice.

The team covered a variety of topics, ranging from managing challenging behaviours to understanding the individual needs of patients. Practical sessions focused on moving and handling dementia patients, alongside audits and incident reviews, ensured that the theoretical knowledge gained was effectively translated into practice.

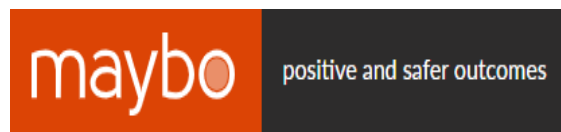
"The training was incredibly useful," shared one Staff Nurse. "I now feel much more confident in handling challenging situations. The practical demonstrations, particularly on moving and handling, were invaluable."

Another colleague remarked: "It wasn't just theoretical knowledge. We were able to apply what we learned immediately. The existing 'All About Me' forms have continued to help us connect with patients on a personal level."

Kerry said: "Our goal was to empower our staff and improve the quality of care for our patients. By focusing on education and hands-on experience, we've seen a significant difference."



Working with Dementia UK, we have recruited to a new Admiral nurse who will provide expert advice and support for those living with dementia whilst in hospital.



We are working with external provider MAYBO and now have almost 100 staff trained in safe de-escalation and restricted care practices. This enables care to be delivered safely, and in the least restrictive way possible.

Looked after children

Looked after children are those who are in care. As these children will have been through a difficult time, it is important that their health needs are properly considered and all the right support put in place.

Working alongside partners, the Looked After Children Team at TRFT are now working with care leavers to offer them a summary of their health to date, including anything in their family history, and if they consent, will add a flag to their health records indicating their care experienced childhood.



WELCOME Jill Oates who has joined the Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust team as our Mental Health and Mental Capacity Lead Professional!

Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust



As an organisation we have been fully committed to Domestic Abuse given its priority recognition both on a national and local basis. The RDaSH Safeguarding team secured funding from the Trust innovation fund to create a specialist MARAC and Domestic Abuse Lead post. We are excited to announce that the successful candidate is due to commence employment at the beginning of June. The new postholder comes with a wealth of knowledge, and experience in the Domestic Abuse/Safeguarding arena.

In addition, following the restructure of the nursing and facilities portfolio, the Mental Capacity Act lead now sits within the Safeguarding team. It is anticipated that this new structure will ensure that there is a more timely and robust response to Safeguarding concerns and enquiries.

We have recently reviewed and updated our suite of Safeguarding training packages on offer to our colleagues. The organisation has dedicated a protected half day monthly LEARN session where staff have the opportunity to access these training sessions or to undertake independent learning either in Safeguarding or a variety of other topics.



In January we welcomed Jim Cooper, our new Deputy Chief Nursing Officer and Deputy Director for Infection Prevention and Control and Facilities, to team RDaSH. He joins from Sheffield Teaching Hospitals where he was Assistant Chief Operating Officer. Jim is a registered nurse and an experienced advanced clinical practitioner who still practising clinically in primary care. He has previously been the trust lead for advanced clinical practice at The Rotherham Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB)



You will have seen recent announcements from the Government regarding the configuration of the NHS. This includes a proposal to dis-establish NHS England and for its functions to be subsumed into the Department of Health and Social Care over the next two years.

More immediately both NHSE and the Integrated Care Boards will be required to reduce their costs by 50% by December 2025.

We are currently awaiting further detail regarding these mandated cost reductions but have taken some immediate actions to mitigate the effects, including tightened controls regarding recruitment and non-pay expenditure.

As the detail becomes known we will plan how our organisation will need to change to accommodate this reduction, whilst continuing to deliver our statutory responsibilities as set out in the Health and Care Act 2022.

We will ensure that our partners and stakeholders are kept informed as plans emerge. We remain committed to working together with our partners across South Yorkshire and in each place particularly with our NHS service providers, the four Local Authorities, the voluntary sector, and the Mayoral Combined Authority.

We also believe that a radical rethink of how we organise ourselves may present opportunities to further strengthen our partnerships.

Once the Government, Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England clarified the expectations of ICBs and detail regarding the changes required we will share this with partners, and any potential impacts as we work through our response.

Based at Riverside House and pan Rotherham policing district our aim within Safer Neighbourhood Services is to assist our colleagues across the partnership to reduce demand and create innovative ways of problem solving using the full spectrum of partnership knowledge and powers (statutory and non-statutory) to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour, safeguard the vulnerable and achieve excellent victim service.

We hope this article will assist colleagues to better understand our roles and processes and increase the working knowledge of the team can provide a better more holistic service to the communities we serve.

Youth Offending

YJS have been very busy in respect of cases being referred from court and for out of court disposal assessments. 6 juveniles have been to court in relation to the Violent Disorder incidents 4th August. These resulted in Referral Orders and YRO's , which require YJS to deliver a substantial amount of work in relation to these individuals. Over 19 Juveniles have been to court between Jan- March, with 4 more appearing on 2/4/25.

The offences for which they have been referred to court for are becoming more complex and serious , examples are violent disorder, GBH , multiple robbery offences for one juvenile. On speaking to YJS the cases that are going to court are appropriate in that an out of court disposal would not be proportionate to the offence committed. Liaison between the YOT officer and OIC's helps ensures the "right" cases go to court.

Secondary to court are the referrals from Police to YJS for Out of Court Disposals. Again, the effective communication between the YOT officer and YJS ensures that they are getting the right information to recommend a proportionate outcome , which is child first however incorporates the victims voice, Over 90 referrals have been made to YJS , these range from referrals for assessments, Outcome 21, Be Share Aware and Community Resolutions. Turnaround are working with children who have committed less serious crimes however their aim is to prevent them from committing further crimes in the future.

The time frames to ensure the assessments are completed in a timely manner are constantly been reviewed. Extra time is only given where exceptional circumstances can be applied to juvenile being assessed. The Police and YJS have a good relationship, and both see that each are working together to get the best outcome for the child.

South Yorkshire Police Safer Neighbourhood Service Structure



Email:

Rotherham_Safer_Neighbourhood_Services@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

Hate/Specialist Crime

We continue to engage with our minority and traditionally harder to reach communities. We attend the Migrant/refugee drop-in which is fortnightly and attended by people from various ethnic backgrounds who come to seek help from various multi agencies notably assisting Iranian and Angolan migrants with concerns and issues raised signposting them in the appropriate support services.

We have made contacts with and attended numerous agencies and charities who provide support for local Communities and their respective organisations. Contact with these groups has been well received and positive.

We are also inviting student officers to attend these groups with our team, so they understand the local minority/hard to reach communities.

We are currently involved in planning and assisting the police response to Summer Community festivals also, within our minority communities fostering and developing positive engagement opportunities between the police and the wider community.



South Yorkshire
POLICE

Anti-Social Behaviour

North

On the North we have served 5 CPN warnings and have 1 drafted and ready to be served once the nominal is successful located. One of these was with regards neighbour nuisance and the other 4 (plus the 1 outstanding) are in relation to safeguarding RVV's from financial exploitation.

An ABC has been served on a youth for low level neighbour nuisance.

Further to the above we are looking to serve an injunction warning in the coming weeks but are awaiting further clarification as to the circumstances.

South

On the South we have submitted 3 x CBO applications. One was declined and has subsequently been amended and resubmitted. One has been changed to 4 x Exclusions Orders at Court and a further one remains pending.

We have conducted 3 Test Purchase Operations. One for Knives with 3 premise failures. On Licence, 2 premise failures and Off Licence, 5 premise failures

We are working closely with our colleagues in CPU re these premises.

Central

On Central we have obtained a CBO for an individual re persistent begging in March this year utilising the CPNW and CPN process' to provide evidence to apply for the CBO . A second CBO has been granted using this pathway. CPNs have been issued to two other persistent beggars who are in receipt of full benefits and are accommodated with view to CBO applications to follow.



Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board Training

Board's Workforce Development Sub-Group is currently planning a three-year training programme, 2025/2028, with training suppliers following the conclusion of a training procurement activity on 31 March 2025.

Training course materials are currently being developed by successful training suppliers and will be quality assured by the sub-group prior to delivery. The training programme is expected to commence by May 2025. Meanwhile the remaining courses in the outgoing training programme are shown in the table below.

Rotherham Borough Council staff should book training via YourHR. Colleagues from partner agencies should book places using the 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/154/rotherham-safeguarding-adults-board-training-prospectus>)

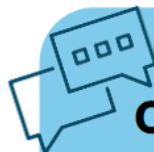
Learning Activity	Start date	Venues	Start time	End date	End time
RSAB - Undertaking Enquiries and Making Safeguarding Personal (RMBC)	05/06/2025	Rockingham PDC	09:30	06/06/2025	16:30
RSAB - Chairing Complex Meetings (RMBC)	08/05/2025	Rockingham PDC	09:30	08/05/2025	16:30

Our priority topics 2025–2026

The health and social care experiences of people who are **addicted** or in **recovery** from addiction



Understanding the **communication difficulties** experienced by people using health and social care



Investigating the experiences of people using **Social Care** services



All of our work has Rotherham at its heart, whilst shining a light on people in communities facing health inequalities.

All Rotherham people deserve great health outcomes.



healthwatch
Rotherham

What else is in our work plan?

Providing a high-quality information and signposting service – including developing information resources



Use the opinions and feedback provided by Rotherham people to look into themes – highlighting issues coming through our enquiries



Working with our community partners to amplify more people's views and experiences



Developing and strengthening our partnerships in the health and care system in South Yorkshire and Rotherham – including collaborative work with other South Yorkshire Healthwatch



Community Safety

The Safer Rotherham Partnership



Protecting Vulnerable Children

Safer Internet Day (Tuesday 11 February)

Empowering 40 students at Rotherham College with online safety skills. More sessions for professionals coming soon!

Protecting Vulnerable Adults

Training Plan 2025-2026

Tackling Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking, and 'Cuckooing' with South Yorkshire Police.

Safer, Stronger Communities

Year 6 Harms of Hate Event (Tuesday 04 February)

192 pupils from four schools explored Hate and Bullying, Knife Violence, and Radicalisation. Positive feedback was received, and requests for the same session next year.

Protecting People from Violence and Organised Crime

→ Domestic Abuse

New refuge contract tender released (closed Wednesday 26 March). The WalkSafe app promoted 3500+ downloads!

→ Domestic Homicide Reviews

Five cases are open at various stages.

→ Serious Violence

Young Futures Prevention Partnerships to intervene early.

→ Counter Terrorism

Extreme right-wing awareness sessions reached 3172 young people, and 111 adults. An online session is due to take place for 14 elected members on Anti Minority Activism.

Communications and Engagement

We are promoting the WalkSafe app, Drink Spike awareness, Ask for Angela, and Hate Crime reporting via social media. Safer Internet Day tips have been shared.



44%
OF VICTIMS
AGED 61+
EXPERIENCE
ABUSE FROM
AN ADULT
FAMILY MEMBER

**Abuse has
no age limit.**

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



40%
OF VICTIMS
AGED 61+
EXPERIENCE
ABUSE FROM
A CURRENT
INTIMATE PARTNER

**Abuse has
no age limit.**

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



**ABUSE
HAS
NO AGE
LIMIT**

**She takes my money.
She controls the online
banking. She says she
will look after me.
I don't know what
to do.**



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



**DOMESTIC
ABUSE IS
NEVER
NORMAL**

**Abuse has
no age limit.**

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



**ABUSE
IS NOT A
TRADITION**

**Just because it's
always happened,
doesn't mean it should.**

**Abuse has
no age limit.**

Report it to Stop it.

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

Domestic Abuse in Older People

Physical copies of the posters are available, if you would like any please contact
Kayley Charlton (Kayley.Charlton@rotherham.gov.uk)



**ANYONE
CAN COMMIT
FINANCIAL
ABUSE EVEN
A RELATIVE,
A PARTNER
OR A CRIMINAL**

**Abuse has
no age limit.**

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



**ABUSE
HAS
NO AGE
LIMIT**

**Just because you've
not reported it in the
past, doesn't mean
you can't report it
now.**



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



**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



48%
OF VICTIMS
AGED 61+
HAVE A
DISABILITY

**AND FOR A THIRD
(34%) THIS IS PHYSICAL**

**Abuse has
no age limit.**

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



**HE
CONTROLS
ME BY TAKING
AWAY MY
MEDICINE
I FEEL TRAPPED**

**Abuse has
no age limit.**

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



40%
OF VICTIMS
OF CYBER
STALKING
REPORTED
THAT THEY
EXPERIENCED THIS
FOR MORE THAN 2 YEARS

**Abuse has
no age limit.**

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



16%
OF WOMEN
IN REFUGE
SERVICES HAD
EXPERIENCED
SURVEILLANCE/
HARASSMENT
ONLINE OR
THROUGH
SOCIAL MEDIA
BY THEIR
ABUSER

**Abuse has
no age limit.**

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