



South Gloucestershire (Risk Outside The Home) ROTH Tactical Group (RTG)

Chair: Francesca Hepden/Jon Knight – role to be shared (alternating weeks)

Administration: Community Safety Team

Purpose
<p>To utilise the multi-agency space within the meeting to identify appropriate interventions and referrals in response to emerging risks outside the home to reduce the likelihood of serious harm to our children. The ROTH Tactical Group will aim to work within the preventative space, assessing risk and action planning to prevent individuals becoming at higher risk of serious harm.</p> <p>The group are responsible for developing an early understanding of themes, emerging trends, and potential links and inter-connections between young people, possible perpetrators and locations/ places where children may be experiencing extra familial harm ensuring an appropriate multi-agency action plan is in place.</p> <p>Partners will work together to complete early scoping for those Victims, Offenders, Locations and Themes (VOLT) through the sharing of partnership intelligence, to develop plans for individual and community-based interventions and disruption of perpetrators and places and spaces where harm occurs.</p>
Scope
<p>The group will focus on Victims, Offenders, Locations and Themes which are reported via referral forms from agencies across South Gloucestershire.</p> <p>The group will not be responsible for the case management of individual children or families. They will be responsible for signposting individuals and families to lead professionals and ensuring referrals to children's social work services are made where there is known or suspected significant harm.</p> <p>This meeting will not discuss individual children who are open to Children's Social Care where concerns about ROTH are already known, as they will</p>

<p>already be under review with a team of professionals around them, who can offer the support and guidance to contribute to their safety/support/disruption plans. Where emerging concerns about associates of children known to Children's Social Care may arise, these children should be referred into this meeting.</p>
<p>Aims:</p>
<p>Have a focus on prevention and early identification of risk and to respond with well-coordinated, consistent interventions and disruption strategies.</p> <p>Monitor thematic outcomes that give direction for the development of approaches for tackling risk outside the home.</p> <p>Will work to avoid duplication with other work streams through triage and information sharing to ensure children are discussed in the appropriate forum.</p> <p>Provide coordination of information sharing and intelligence across agencies where required and appropriate.</p> <p>Ensuring that activities and interventions identified follow a public health approach ('public health approach' treats violence like an infectious disease. It suggests that policy makers should search for a 'cure' by using scientific evidence to identify what causes violence and find interventions that work to prevent it spreading). The group will ensure that support offered involves the relevant organisations and services and that partnership work is effective.</p> <p>Seek to understand and resolve issues that require district-wide resolution or strategic systems change / infrastructure issues e.g. data/intelligence sharing arrangements/agreements.</p> <p>Identification of any intelligence gaps and required further actions.</p>
<p>Membership</p>
<p>Core Members:</p> <p>Violence Reduction Partnership</p> <p>Avon and Somerset Police</p> <p>Children's Social Care and Preventative Services</p> <p>Education Safeguarding</p> <p>Health agencies</p> <p>Young Peoples Drug and Alcohol Services (YPDAS)</p> <p>Youth Justice Service</p> <p>Community Safety Team</p> <p>Local Youth Services</p> <p>Co-opted Members:</p> <p>Commissioned services e.g. BACE</p> <p>Housing</p> <p>Adult Social Care</p> <p>CAMHS</p>

Professionals from other Local Authority areas

If a core member is unable to attend a ROTH Tactical Group meeting they should identify a suitable representative.

The appointment and removal of core members will be subject to case by case basis.

If an individual is moving/changing roles, the organisation/department that individual represents can replace this member through notification to the chair.

Any requests to appoint new core members, who represent an organisation or department not currently represented, should be made to the South Gloucestershire ROTH Strategic group.

Meetings

Meetings will take place fortnightly on a Tuesday afternoon. Meetings will take place via MS Teams. A confidentiality statement will be confirmed at the start of each meeting. The meetings will follow the meeting cycle which can be found here.

Roles and Responsibilities

Chair

The chair is responsible for quality assuring the agenda which is agreed by the ROTH tactical group triage meeting. The chair should ensure that the meeting is focused and within scope in reference to these ToR. They will be responsible for ensuring clear actions are noted and recorded within the meeting. The chair is responsible for ensuring that members of the group are clear on their roles and responsibilities as noted in this ToR and for ensuring that any escalations are made to the ROTH Strategic Group where appropriate.

If the chair is unable to attend a meeting, they should make the vice chair aware at the earliest opportunity and delegate the responsibilities to the vice chair for that meeting(s).

Core Members

Core members are responsible for representing their department/organisation within the meeting. Members are expected to have reviewed and familiarised themselves with the agenda, and relevant papers before the meeting, and are expected to have undertaken research and gathered any relevant information from their service before the meeting takes place. They will be responsible for any actions allocated to themselves or the department/organisation they represent. Core members are expected to provide a written update on the action tracker prior to the meeting. It is the responsibility of the core member to ensure that any relevant updates or information sharing (where appropriate) is undertaken within their own organisation or department, and it is expected that each member will agree appropriate mechanisms for this internally.

Co-opted Members

Co-opted members will be invited to meetings where appropriate for individual agenda items. The co-opted member will hold the same roles and responsibilities as core members for the duration of the meeting in which they are co-opted into. These co-opted members will also include the referrer if they are not a core member.

Administration

The RTG administration will be undertaken by the South Gloucestershire Community Safety Team. They will set and circulate a link to the agenda (including time slots for discussions on referrals), relevant papers and action tracker on the RTG Sharepoint site prior to the meeting. They will be required to take succinct and clear summary notes on discussions and note actions into the action tracker. They will be responsible for the sending of the calendar meeting invites.

Reporting

Reports will go into the VRP Steering Group who will be able to add to the report any concerns or matters which need to be escalated or highlighted to the ROTH Strategic Group e.g identified lack of resources to respond to an emerging theme. The South Glos VRP will report on behalf of the ROTH Tactical Group to the South Gloucestershire ROTH Strategic Group via the VRP representative on the group and there will also be lateral reporting to the South Gloucestershire Community Safety Partnership.

Review

This ToR will be formally reviewed on an annual basis through the South Gloucestershire ROTH Strategic Group.
Any requests for interim amendments should be made via the South Gloucestershire ROTH Strategic Group.
An evaluation will take place six months after the implementation of the RTG meetings.