

South Glos VRP Newsletter

SGS Freshers event Tuesday 16th September 2025

The VRP will be attending the Freshers event at SGS college, we will be talking with young people about issues they face in their community and providing advice and guidance and access to free resources



Safer Streets - Summer

Community Safety Events are happening across South Glos this Summer to help tackle Anti - Social Behaviour in our Town Centres. Read more below.

OPCC - Public Forum

Tuesday 9th September 2025 6-8pm
The VRP will be in attendance to talk to the public about ongoing work to tackle serious youth violence in South Glos



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VRP – Updates and Events

NEW ROTH Tactical Group (RTG)

From October 2025, PIMM will not be operating in its current format, we are moving to SG RTGs – South Glos ROTH (risk outside the home) tactical group meetings.

The meeting will focus on -

- **'VOLT'** - Victims, Offenders, Locations and Themes where ROTH is identified.
- **Early intervention** where young people are not already discussed in other meetings such as CP ROTH.

As part of this change where there is known CP-ROTH for children, they will no longer be reviewed at the RTG in the way they have been to date at PIMM meetings. This is because all of these children have lead professionals and concerns about them will already be being shared with the professional network around them.



Key Overall changes:



Op Sceptre - Knife Crime Awareness Week

19th - 25th May 2025



In May 2025 the VRP and Police Officers from the Early Intervention Team delivered knife crime awareness to students at SGS, we spoke about how students can keep themselves safe and the impact that knife crime has on our communities, we also provided information and resources including how they can report concerns about knife crime anonymously to [Crime Stoppers - Fearless](#)

Knife sweeps were also completed as part of the week of action across parks and open spaces in the Yate area.



Yate Youth Festival - 20th August 2025

In August 2025 the VRP along with Police Officers from the Early Intervention Team, supported our Youth Provision partners at Yate Youth Festival. The day was focussed on engaging young people in local services and providing a free, fun and inclusive event for them to increase their feeling of belonging in the community. We gave information about the work of the VRP, raised awareness of serious youth violence and provided free resources.

We also asked young people to fill out a survey about feeling safe in our town centres and what can be done to make this better.

Youth Detached Group Work - Schools

The VRP has provided additional funding for youth detached work to be delivered in South Glos schools.

[CYN](#) attended an open day at one secondary school along with 'DORIS' the VRP funded Mobile Youth Bus, signposting young people to their summer provisions and youth clubs, they have also completed some one to one work with young people in schools.

[FACE](#) are continuing to deliver a weekly drop in session at one school and supported the Secondary transition days that took place in July. They also delivered weapon carrying workshops with targeted groups of young people with a focus on youth violence.



Safer Streets - Summer

Community Safety Events August - September 2025

The Home Secretary has written to Police and Crime Commissioners, Chief Constables and Local Authority Chief Executives about Crime and ASB in town centres.

Local Authority areas have been tasked with developing action plans with partners to tackle Anti - Social Behaviour which is to be delivered between 30th June and 30th September 2025.

We have responded to this by focussing on 4 towns in South Glos and will deliver 2 Community Safety events in each area.

The Community Safety days included capturing the voices of young people to understand their experiences of visiting town centres, their feedback will be included in the development of future plans to tackle Anti - Social Behaviour in Town Centres.



If you would like to request any of these initiatives in your area please

contact VRP@southglos.gov.uk



Fire Setters Intervention Scheme: [What is the fire safety intervention scheme? - Avon Fire and Rescue Service](#)

Avon Fire and Rescue have specially trained staff who can work directly with young people who display fire setting behaviour. Over a series of visits, a Fire Safety Intervention provides one to one fire safety education to children and their families to increase awareness of the dangers and consequences of fire and to understand the reasons that lead them to start fires.

Each intervention is individually tailored to the needs and abilities of the child. Visits last up to an hour and can be carried out at the child's school, fire station or at the families home.

Anyone can refer a child into the Fire Safety Intervention Scheme, all we ask is if you are not the legal guardian that you gain parental consent to refer in the scheme. Referrals can be made via: [Refer a child or young person for fire starting - Avon Fire and Rescue Service](#)

Supporting Families – Your Voice Matters



We know that serious youth violence and exploitation can have a devastating impact on young people, families, and communities.

We are committed to developing better support systems that reflect what families truly need.

We have asked for Secondary schools in South Glos to support us by sharing a short survey with parents to complete that will give us insights to understand the types of support parents and carers feel they need, what challenges they are currently facing and what services, resources, or information would make a difference.

We will use the information from the survey to develop parent support in South Glos.

[Click here](#) for the survey and please do share with parents and carers you are working with.

VRP – Intervention Spotlight



The VRP will be continuing to fund Bxcellence a lived experience mentoring service for those young people that are identified as being at risk of exploitation and serious youth violence.

Bxcellence has built relationships with young people to support them to be able to express themselves fully, Bxcellence has supported young people to continue or return to education, reduce missing episodes and completed harm and risk reduction in the community giving advice and guidance from lived experiences, this helps to build resilience and self esteem.

‘Activities have included attending the gym, playing pool or being in nature the activities have been used to take young people out of their normal surroundings and to encourage open conversations without distraction also to engage in age appropriate and positive activities’.

‘Music creation has been used to allow young people to express themselves and just as importantly to understand the impact of their words by later reviewing and reflecting on the emotions and views expressed also to recognise whether this is appropriate or positive moving forward. We hope to create a podcast type series of our creative expressions and discussions’.

‘Through these activities I have been able to build good rapport with the young people which has built trust so that they can start to confide in me and talk about their experiences’.

If you are working with a young person and would like to refer please contact VRP@Southglos.gov.uk to discuss your referral.

VRP Interventions 25-26



The VRP will be continuing to fund Bxcellence a lived experience mentoring service for those young people that are identified to be at the highest risk of exploitation and serious youth violence. Those who have lived through similar experiences can offer invaluable insights and guidance, bridging the gap between understanding and action. By sharing their stories, they can foster trust and empathy, creating a safe space for vulnerable young people to express themselves and find their path to healing and growth.

If you are working with a young person that meets this criteria and would like to refer please contact VRP@Southglos.gov.uk to discuss your referral.



The VRP have commissioned Empire Fighting Chance to deliver Non-Contact boxing sessions facilitated by a Box Champions mentor, this intervention is being delivered into schools across South Gloucestershire. See videos below -

[Empire fighting chance in schools](#)
[Empire in the community](#)

If you know a school that would benefit from this intervention please contact VRP@southglos.gov.uk



The VRP are continuing to fund places for groups of young people at the Wheels Project, the Wheels Project is a simulated work environment which provides young people with a sense of belonging, by taking part in this intervention it improves self esteem and independence helping them to divert from involvement in anti - social behaviour and criminality in the community. The Wheels Project also provides an alternative setting for those young people that are not in full time education, training or employment. See link to video below for more information -

[Wheels Project](#)

We are also accepting referrals from schools please contact VRP@southglos.gov.uk to discuss your referral, young people will need to be transported to and from the Wheels Project.



The VRP have funded CBT therapy and support from DGF Psychology, DGF offers psychological input and consultancy to children and adults with emotional needs, challenging and offending behaviours and their families. Potential outcomes include; Increased ability to identify and understand abusive and exploitative behaviours (yp and/or family), reduction in levels of risk /harm for the young person, reduced association with risky peers / adults, improved parent / carers capacity to prevent abusive / harmful behaviours, support the young person to engage in education / employment or training as appropriate and improved mental health and well-being.

If you would like to find out more please contact VRP@southglos.gov.uk



The VRP are looking for ways in which we can help to provide support for parents in relation to challenging risks for their children outside the home environment such as exploitation, violence and weapon carrying along with the associated risk indicators such as not being in full time education, risky peer groups, trauma experiences and substance misuse.

If you are aware of any support groups that are already active or have any ideas about how this could be delivered, we would love to hear from you, please contact VRP@southglos.gov.uk

Education Inclusion Project

The VRP are continuing to fund the Education Inclusion Project, the project involves around 6-8 weeks of one-to-one support with a young person (between 11-16 years old). The interventions/support can be undertaken inside or outside of school. The support will be bespoke and targeted to the needs of the young person with the over-arching aim of reducing incidents of youth violence and reducing the risk of permanent exclusion. This project works with school, young person and parents to overcome barriers to remaining in education.

Youth Detached Work

The VRP are continuing to fund Youth Detached Work from Learning Partnership West (LPW), Creative Youth Network (CYN) and FACE this year across South Glos, the Youth Detached Workers are doing engagement work in the community. Providing educational inputs on topics such as serious youth violence, exploitation, healthy relationships & safety in the community along with signposting to youth services. Delivery of services into hotspot locations identified through partnership working. To find out more please contact VRP@southglos.gov.uk

Important updates and information



In April 2025 the South Gloucestershire Children's Partnership launched an updated Risk Outside the Home (CP-ROTH) into our Child Protection Processes. This change is needed:

- to ensure that all organisations are recognising and responding to risks outside the home (ROTH)/extra-familial harm as safeguarding issues which require a multi- agency safeguarding response.
- in recognition that a different response is required to reduce risk to children where the risks are ROTH rather than relating to factors within the family/ home.

[Click here for CP ROTH guidance](#)

[Click here for the new CP ROTH tool.](#)



South Gloucestershire

**Violence
Reduction
Partnership**

Did you know?

We have our own dedicated page on the Avon and Somerset VRP webpage, here you can find out more about what is happening across the A+S force area and locally, what we have achieved over previous years and more about the interventions we have previously funded and their impact. There is also links to resources, toolkits and support.

[South Glos Violence Reduction Partnership](#)

Talk To Us

VRP@southglos.gov.uk



Fearless enables young people to
pass on information about crime
100% anonymously

[Fearless.org](https://fearless.org)

Useful Links -

[Child exploitation - information for
parents and carers](#)

[Guide for parents to start
conversations about knife crime](#)