

South Glos VRP Newsletter

VRP Parkway/AEC Centre Pop Up Event January 15th 2026

The VRP will be delivering a pop - up event at two new locations this quarter - Parkway and AEC centres in Stoke Gifford, we will be talking with students about issues they face in their community and how to keep themselves safe, providing advice and guidance and access to free resources



Safer Streets - Winter Campaign

Community Safety Events are happening across South Glos this Winter to help tackle ASB and shop theft on our high streets, if your organisation would like to support these events please contact -

CommunitySafetyTeam@southglos.gov.uk

Emersons Green - Sainsburys 9.30am - 11.30am 09/12/25

Bradley Stoke - Willowbrook Centre 9.30am-11.30am 11/12/25

Staple Hill - Fountain Square 9.30am - 11.30am 16/12/25

Cribbs Causeway - The Mall - TBC 17/12/25

VRP – Updates and Events

Update Risk Outside the Home Tactical Group

The Risk Outside the Home Tactical Group (RTG) Meetings are now established, there will be additional opportunities in the new year for information sessions to strengthen knowledge about the new process and to increase referrals.

Key information about the RTG process can be found here [RTG Key Information](#)

The link to the updated referral form can be found here [RTG Referral Form](#)

If you have any questions about the process or would like a consultation about referring a Victim, Offender, Location or Theme to RTG please contact VRP@southglos.gov.uk

Please see page 5 for links to ROTH guidance and the ROTH tool.

NEW Young Peoples Community Intervention Meeting (YPCIM)

The first Young Peoples Community Intervention Meeting (YPCIM) has now taken place as part of a new pilot project aimed at addressing antisocial behaviour involving young people. The meeting brought together a range of professionals from Education, Children's Social Care, Youth Justice, Young Peoples Service, Community Safety and Police, this new approach will allow us to -

- Share information about a young person's involvement in ASB with the agencies involved in that young person's network.
- Assess the risk and underlying causes
- Agree on a coordinated plan of support/intervention at an earlier stage
- Monitor progress and outcomes
- Refer to a more appropriate meeting such as RTG (Risk Outside the Home Tactical Meeting) should there be other concerns such as CCE or serious youth violence in a more streamlined way.
- Plan extended case conferences for individual young people when concerns about ASB have become more complex.

If you are worried about a young person becoming involved in anti - social behaviour in the community, please contact CommunitySafetyTeam@southglos.gov.uk FAO April Augustin.

OPCC - Public Forum Tuesday 9th September 2025

The VRP supported the OPCC public forum event, we promoted our parent survey and spoke to the community about our mission to reduce serious violence and were able to provide resources and raised awareness of knife crime and criminal exploitation.



SGS Freshers Event - 16th September 2025

In September 2025 the VRP along with Police Officers from the Early Intervention Team (EIT), supported the SGS Freshers event. The event provided an opportunity to raise awareness of knife crime, how to keep safe and provided information on how they can report their concerns about knife crime anonymously to [Fearless](#). We asked young people to tell us where they don't feel safe and asked them to use the [Street Safe](#) app to report these locations. The EIT also gave information to young people about Policing careers.



Graffiti Project - Kings Chase Car Park 31st October 2025

In October, a mural was created by young people in Kings Chase Shopping Centre Car Park in Kingswood, the young people were supported by an artist and youth workers from Creative Youth Network to create this amazing piece of art that has brightened up the car park for its users.

The funding for the project was provided by the Home Office and included a budget for increased high visibility policing and a small project aimed at tackling anti-social behaviour in communities, there were two locations identified as 'hotspots' for ASB, Kingswood and Yate; where we are looking for a suitable location for a similar project, if you have any ideas please get in touch with us.



Blunt Truth

The VRP will once again fund the delivery of Blunt Truth sessions over the coming months, run by doctors, the police and volunteers from the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity, to raise awareness of the dangers of carrying knives and the devastating consequences to lives, as well as on their friends and families and the ripple effect this has in our communities, we hope to deliver to all secondary schools across South Glos. See video below for more information

[Blunt Truth South Glos VRP 2024.](#)



If you would like to request any of these initiatives in your area please
contact VRP@southglos.gov.uk

Supporting Families – Your Voice Matters - Survey Feedback

We asked for Secondary schools in South Glos to support us by sharing a short survey with parents, the survey is now closed, you can see the results of the survey below which we will use to develop a package of support for parents and carers in South Glos.



VRP – Intervention Spotlight



Empire Fighting Chance - School Delivery - Box Champions

The VRP have continued funding for Empire Fighting Chance to deliver the Box Champions sessions to schools in South Glos, the delivery will reach 32 young people over 12 weeks, Box Champions is a program by Empire Fighting Chance designed to empower young people aged 8 to 25 through non-contact boxing training and psychology-informed mentoring. The program combines various training elements, including pad work, shadow boxing drills, and circuit training, to help participants develop skills and manage emotions effectively. Participants learn evidence-based personal development principles, such as "Go with the Flow" and "Feel the Fear," which equip them with the confidence and resilience needed to tackle life's challenges. The program aims to foster personal growth and resilience, helping young individuals make positive changes in their lives.

Current schools receiving delivery are -

- Abbeywood School - Filton
- Brimsham Green School - Yate
- John Cabot Academy - Kingswood
- Mangotsfield school

If you would like to request delivery at your school, please contact VRP@southglos.gov.uk

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 have contributed funding for groups of young people to attend the Wheels Project in partnership with schools in South Glos.

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](#)

Schools please contact VRP@southglos.gov.uk



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If you would like to request delivery of Blunt Truth sessions in your school 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.](#)



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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](#)