

South Glos VRP Newsletter

OP SCEPTRE - KNIFE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK 19th - 25th May

VRP and Police from the Early Intervention Team will be collaborating this week, delivering awareness sessions and completing knife sweeps across South Glos.

VRP @ YATE YOUTH FESTIVAL 20th August

The VRP will be at Yate Youth Festival with DORIS (delivery of rural inclusion service) and Police from the Early Intervention Team come and say hello!

New CP ROTH tool and guidance launched April 2025 please see [page 4](#)



Introduction: South Glos VRP

The South Gloucestershire Violence Reduction Partnership (SGVRP) includes professionals from the Council, Education, Police, Public Health, and Youth Outreach. Together we work to identify challenging behaviours in young people and intervene quickly to prevent serious violence.

SGVRP uses a trauma-based public health approach, by looking at violent behaviour as an illness and investigating the root cause/s of why someone is using violence. Early intervention can prevent and reduce the risk of young people becoming involved in violence or criminal behaviour.

In 24-25 **2,744 young people** were reached by South Glos VRP through the delivery of interventions, including detached youth work, mentoring, teachable moment work, Blunt Truth, the Wheels Project and more.

Our Purpose is to create safer and more resilient communities for now and the generations to come, by reducing serious violent incidents across Avon and Somerset.

Our Vision is to eliminate serious violence, protect the vulnerable and create safer communities, through the opportunities provided by the evolving Violence Reduction Partnership.

Our Mission is to work collaboratively with partners, to understand and address the root causes of violence in Avon and Somerset, with a focus on education, prevention and protection.

VRP initiatives 25–26



Community Safety Events

The South Glos VRP have collaborated with our partners to raise awareness about VAWG, Hate Crime, Knife Crime and Anti - Social Behaviour, attendance at community safety events plays a crucial role in fostering safer neighbourhoods and stronger community bonds, together we are able to provide reassurance, information and guidance along with access to free resources.

Bleed Kits

We have supported the roll out of Bleed Kits across the Avon & Somerset force area and are purchasing kits for our Youth Detached Workers and VRP officers. We have funded bleed kits into our youth centres across South Gloucestershire and these have now been installed.

DORIS (Delivery of Rural Inclusion Services)

The VRP have funded a brand-new fit for purpose Mobile Youth Bus called 'Doris'

The bus will support the community work of the VRP as well as the Detached Youth Work being delivered across South Gloucestershire. The bus was officially launched in July 2024 and is being well used by Youth work providers.

PCC Claire Moody visited DORIS to see the bus in action at Yate Rocks last year along with the VRP, Police Early Intervention Team, Youth Workers, South Glos Council's Community Safety Team and young people. We look forward to our next event with DORIS which will take place on 20th August at Yate Youth Festival.

[Click here to see the OPCC visit at Yate Rocks last year.](#)



VRP Awareness sessions and events

The South Glos VRP have collaborated with our Bristol partners and Police from the Early intervention Team to raise awareness, give advice and guidance and provide access to free resources about serious violence across schools and colleges in South Glos.

The Police Early Intervention Team have delivered many educational packages about knife crime and county lines into schools and colleges, these sessions aim to educate, prevent, and empower individuals and communities by increasing awareness of the risks, legal consequences, and emotional impacts associated with carrying and using weapons.



If you would like to request any of these initiatives in your area 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 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.](#)



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](#)