

Fortifying our relationships:

A multi agency approach to reducing serious violence and organised crime

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Why?

1. Serious and organised crime rising nationally and in Sheffield
2. Criminal exploitation
3. Impacting on communities
4. Children drawn in to criminality and violence
5. Different approach
6. Can't just wait for enforcement to pick up the pieces

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Who?

- Sheffield City Council
- South Yorkshire Police
- South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue
- Sheffield Teaching Hospitals, Childrens Hospital and CCG
- Youth Justice Service
- Probation
- Pupil Referral Unit
- Learn Sheffield
- 3rd sector organisations and community projects



What approach?

- Public health approach
 - cause
 - population
 - data
 - prevention
 - partnership
- Prepare
- Protect
- Prevent
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How?

- Solid foundation
- Primary prevention
- Secondary prevention
- Tertiary prevention
- Enforcement and criminal justice
- Attitudinal change



What did we actually do?

- Strategic, tactical and operational structure
- Public health professional embedded
- Listened to communities
- Co-located multiagency teams – shared information
- Operational oversight and governance in relation cases
- Clear multi agency plans to address key issues
- Traditional law enforcement and partnership disruptions
- Sheffield Futures – outreach and early intervention by trained peer support workers
- Stakeholder consultation and engagement events



Outcomes

- Improved partnership awareness
- Effectiveness of partnerships improved
- Established routes for early intervention
- Sense of collective responsibility
- “Can do” problem solving approach
- Increased disruptive activity
 - Eighty-five OCG members sentenced to prison time
 - Increased seizure of money, drugs, firearms and more arrests and safeguarding referrals

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- Vulnerable young people identified earlier
- Vulnerable adults supported
- Number of mapped OCGs across the city reduced from 19 to 12
- The MoRILE (management of risk in law enforcement) scoring matrix reduction of over 60% in the harms and risks posed by OCGs
- Improved processes and systems
- Community groups more engaged and welcoming of conversations
- Commended in Home Office locality review



What now?

- Formal evaluation
- Violence reduction unit
- Enhancement of governance structures
- Broader communication strategy
- Shared learning and countywide expansion
- Increase capacity for early intervention



What are the challenges of working in partnership to tackle organised crime?

How do we secure buy in for a role that has previously been seen as that of the police?

How do we sell a public health approach to policing colleagues?

How do we manage alternative outcomes for children coming in to crime?



Why is working in partnership successful?

Examples of innovative approaches to partnership working



What will you take forward?

What can we take forward?

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<https://www.rsph.org.uk/our-work/resources/emergency-services-hub/spotlight.html>

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