



Annual Report

2023-24

Our objective is that Barnsley is safe, that people can contribute to community life, and that they take responsibility for their actions.



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Our partnership

The Safer Barnsley Partnership (SBP) believes no single agency can deal with community safety and crime alone. Our approach is to work with all our communities to tackle crime and disorder. Our second annual report shares some key achievements the partnership has delivered across the community in the last year.



What we do

From April 2023 to March 2024, we considered a range of information from various sources, including feedback from our public consultation in the summer. Collectively, these informed our priorities and commitments for the year.

We oversee the community safety of the borough by working with multiple partners and communities across Barnsley. Our approach to setting priorities helps make sure our actions reflect the broader priorities of:

a) [Barnsley 2030](#) and [Our Council Plan 2021-24](#)

| Barnsley - the place of possibilities | | | |
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| Healthy Barnsley | Learning Barnsley | Growing Barnsley | Sustainable Barnsley |
| People are safe and feel safe. | People have the opportunities for lifelong learning and developing new skills including access to apprenticeships. | Business start ups and existing local businesses are supported to grow and attract new investment, providing opportunities for all. | People live in great places, are recycling more and wasting less, feel connected and valued in their community. |
| People live independently with good physical and mental health for as long as possible. | Children and young people achieve the best outcomes through improved educational achievement and attainment. | People have a welcoming, safe and enjoyable town centre and principal towns as destinations for work, shopping, leisure and culture. | Our heritage and green spaces are promoted for all people to enjoy. |
| We have reduced inequalities in health and income across the borough. | People have access to early help and support. | People are supported to have safe, warm, sustainable homes. | Fossil fuels are being replaced by affordable and sustainable energy and people are able to enjoy more cycling and walking. |
| Enabling Barnsley | We are a modern, inclusive, efficient, productive and high-performing council | | |

b) Police and Crime Plan 2022-25



The Police and Crime Plan aims to make South Yorkshire a safe place to live, learn, work, and travel.

Its priorities are to:

- Protect vulnerable people.
- Tackle crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Treat people fairly under each priority.

The underlying principles that drive actions are:

- Putting victims first.
- Showing value for money.

How we delivered against our priorities during 2023-24

The Safer Barnsley Partnership delivered against its priorities through multi-agency partnership groups, each led by senior officers from South Yorkshire Police and Barnsley Council.

Each group focussed on specific priorities and worked collaboratively to tackle challenges affecting community safety across Barnsley.

Our partnership's second annual report highlights some key achievements and aspects of our partners' work for 2023-24 through various case studies.

Our Priorities

- Anti social behaviour
- Environmental crime
- Neighbourhood crime
- Violence against women and girls
- Organised crime
- Serious violence
- Domestic abuse
- Substance misuse
- Community tension
- Hate crime
- Prevent
- Reoffending and offender management





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Case studies

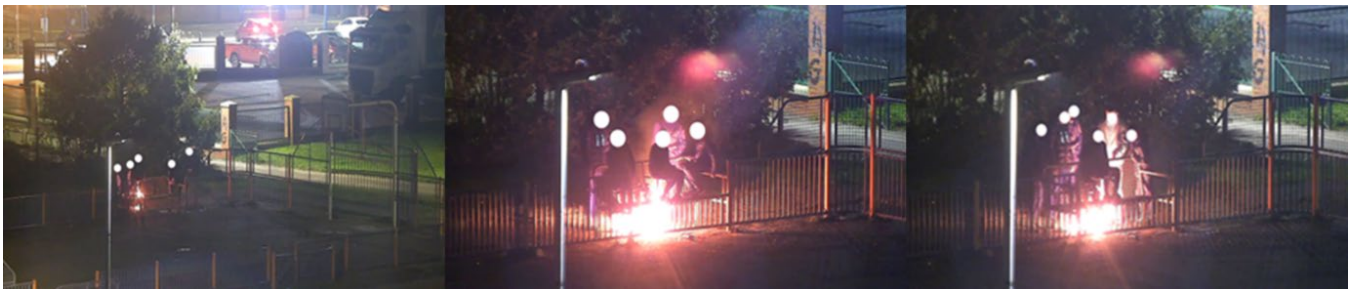
A quick look at how we did in 2023-24



Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

Protecting communities through the use of CCTV: play area fire damage

A fire incident was captured through CCTV cameras, in which a group of young people had set a fire around the local play area. This caused considerable damage to the path. Their behaviour was captured by the area CCTV system, and area officers later identified all of them. The area team visited parents, issued antisocial behaviour (ASB) warning letters, and gave advice on breach of tenancy. We work with families to provide support to reduce the likelihood of such behaviour in the future.



Where's that bike campaign: tackling off-road biking

Off-road biking causes nuisance, noise pollution and often destroys the landscape with bikes riding in fields without permission. The campaign aims to identify bikes, owners and where they come from to help put a stop to off-road biking.

Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour together

Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) is behaviour that causes harassment, alarm or distress to other people living in your neighbourhood. This may include:

- Playing music too loud
- Dumping rubbish, littering and fly tipping
- Causing damage and graffitiing
- Threatening, swearing or assaulting another person

Report Anti-Social Behaviour
We're here to help, if you need support contact us at safer@barnsley.gov.uk or visit barnsley.gov.uk/asb. You can also report anonymously through Crimestoppers at crimestoppers-uk.org or by calling 0800 555 111. If your report is an emergency call 999.

#WheresThatBike

We're putting the brakes on illegal off-road biking

We're joining forces to put a stop to off-road biking.

We're working with partners to monitor hotspots and increase the number of off-road bike seizures across the borough.

If you see any incidents, please report them by calling 101 or visiting southyorks.police.uk. You can also email safer@barnsley.gov.uk.

You can report anonymously through Crimestoppers at crimestoppers-uk.org or by calling 0800 555 111.



Tackling neighbourhood crime

We tackle neighbourhood crime by working with all our communities. Our approach is to focus on problem-solving and building trust and confidence. We do this through:

- [PACT](#) meetings, which are regularly advertised locally.
- Regular street-based pop-up engagement events and neighbourhood social media publicity.

Tackling environmental crime and blight

Graffiti gang

Over two days, a large group of young people graffitied Mandela Gardens and the lower courthouse car park, causing considerable damage to the art installation blocks and a public seating area. Footage of the culprits was captured on CCTV, providing a timeline of the actual offences and movements of the group responsible for the damage.



Equipped with the evidential CCTV footage, main offenders were positively identified. All were interviewed at Barnsley Police Station and all admitted their involvement in the offences. Five individuals received referrals to Youth Justice Services to attend the appropriate support sessions as a consequence of this offence. Unfortunately, one male was deemed to be beyond the Restorative Justice procedure and will be dealt with at court, such is the level of his repeat offending.

Operation Duxford 2023

Another two successful Duxford days working with our colleagues and partners to:

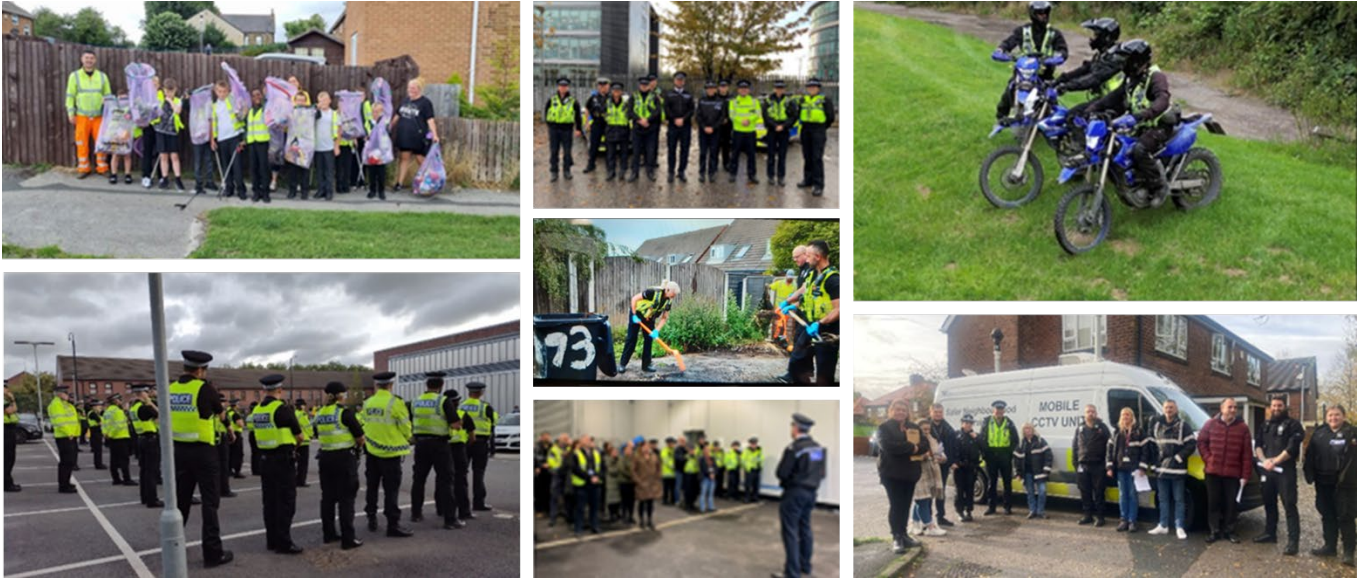
- Recognise the signs of abuse and neglect, working collaboratively with our partners to respond.
- Make every contact count where access is granted to a person's home.
- Understand that our most vulnerable residents are the least likely to reach out and ask for help.

Summary of activity from July 2023

- Eleven arrests for murder, breach of court order, drug production, child sexual images, assault, FTA arrest warrants.
- 1,785 public engagements.
- 580 Cannabis plants recovered.
- £480,000 drugs recovered.
- One motorcycle seized.
- Five housing closure orders visited.
- Four Fixed Penalty Notices issued for environmental offences.
- A row of five houses identified as having rats.
- Multiple contaminated bin uplifts by the waste management team.

Summary of activity from November 2023

- Large-scale operation carried out at five car hand-wash centres. Seven arrests made for immigration offences. All found not to be paying minimum wages to workers.
- Seven arrests made for drugs offences, assault, weapons, robbery and possession of indecent images.
- Proactive responses in flood hotspots with 81 leaflets distributed to properties.
- 1380 members of the public engaged.
- Nine petrol stations visited and advised supplying fuel for off-road bikes.
- 18 vehicles were stopped/searched, and two were seized for no insurance.



Tackling organised crime

Serious and organised crime greatly hurts communities and people who live there. The people running these criminal groups often try to take advantage of residents and deliberately target those who are vulnerable. This harm includes things like bad behaviour and criminal acts that have a negative effect on communities socially and environmentally.

Organised crime groups in Barnsley are known to deal with Class A drugs like Heroin, Cocaine and Crack Cocaine.

We measure the effectiveness of law enforcement against these groups by counting the number of times the police, along with other agencies, disrupt their activities.

Organised crime: cannabis grow

Information showed that there was a lot of activity at an empty business address. This building had been closed and vacant for many years. People were seen going in and out of the building, raising suspicions.

Officers noticed that the pavement outside had been dug up recently by an unknown person. It's common for criminal gangs setting up grow houses to dig and connect new cables to the main electricity supply to steal power for lighting, fans, and systems used to grow cannabis. Based on this information, the police obtained a drug warrant and found over 1,000 cannabis plants across four floors when they executed the warrant.

Organised crime groups:

- Consist of more than one criminal involved.
- Involve control, planning and use of specialist resources.
- Cause significant harm or has the potential to do so.
- Involve material gain.

Seven active organised crime groups identified in Barnsley.
63 disruptions November 2022 to November 2023.



Two people inside the property said they had been trafficked to Britain against their will. They lived in unsanitary conditions, acted as gardeners, and tended to the plants until they matured and were harvested.

Referrals were made to appropriate agencies, including social services. One was identified as a minor and taken into foster care. The other was over 18 years old and was placed in temporary accommodation. Further investigations identified that an organised crime group in Doncaster were responsible.

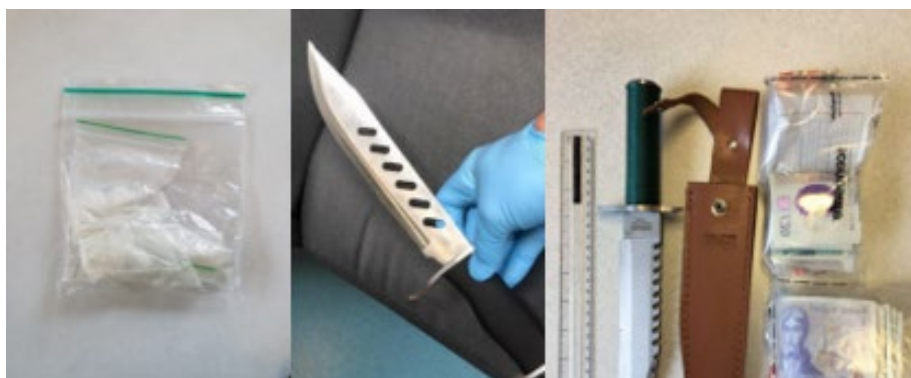


Organised crime: drug supply and housing support

A local housing estate had suffered from long-term issues of anti-social behaviour and criminal activity. Intelligence from residents helped the police to identify a property as the base for storing and dealing drugs. Investigation showed known criminals outside Barnsley working as part of an organised crime group were operating from this address. The tenant of the property was vulnerable but fully involved in running the drug activities of the group, allowing substance misusers to buy and use drugs at the address. When the property was visited by officers, known drug users were present.

The Housing Options team offered support to the tenant, helping to provide a structure and support them in keeping their home. Unfortunately, their choice was to continue to allow their properties to be used for illegal activity. Despite repeated warnings, complaints, and intelligence, the situation did not improve. Enforcement action resulted in a closure order, causing the activity to relocate to nearby properties. Subsequent enforcement actions led to additional closure orders, and a possession order was obtained to remove a tenant from their property. Closure orders prohibit access to the premises for a specified period. A possession order enforces the tenant to leave the property by a given date.

There were multiple arrests of the organised crime group members, resulting in prison sentences and seizing large amounts of Class A drugs (heroin, crack cocaine, and cocaine) and Class B drugs (cannabis). Several thousands of pounds in cash and a 'Rambo' knife were recovered.



Tackling serious violence

Initiatives to reduce the effect of violence on young people:

Plan B

The custody navigators team continue with their work in Barnsley to offer young people who are in police detention safer alternatives than to engage in crime and violence. This year, our navigators have assisted 231 young people in Barnsley police cells and worked with them in the community to gain employment, housing, better financial arrangements and moving away from factors that the young people see as potential triggers to violence.

Education Learning and Support Hub (ELSH)

Funding is provided to assist Barnsley residents whose first language is not English. They receive support with language skills and help for problems they may encounter within the wider community.



Redfern's FC Junior Football

Funding has been allocated to provide equipment and field time for young players in Barnsley, offering them the opportunity to enjoy football to grow in confidence, teamwork and overall health and wellbeing. This also reduces the risk for individuals to get involve in anti-social behaviour.



Research: Prevalence of sexual harassment in schools

Supported by the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU), this research project has been delivered in collaboration with Sheffield Hallam University. The focus was to understand the prevalence of sexual harassment among young females in school settings. This has involved gathering feedback from females across South Yorkshire and putting together the findings into a comprehensive package. The package is offered free to schools and includes tools and guidance to mitigate such behaviours.

Ad Astra New Lodge

Ad Astra helps and supports more than 200 children and young people every week to improve their health and well-being and inspire them to aim high in life. Ten years on, funding has secured work in the North, North East, Penistone, and Central wards. The organisation delivers school support sessions, workshops, assemblies, after-school clubs, and youth clubs in Barnsley. VRU funding will support young people at the New Lodge community hub with a weekly youth club and a mental health dance project.

Barnsley Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Service (BSARCS)

The VRU has funded BSARCS over the last two years and has purchased extra capacity to help the service to reach out to more young people who have suffered trauma in their young years. The counselling helps the young person overcome their traumatic past and contributes towards keeping them from further involvement in sexually motivated crime as a victim or perpetrator.

Tackling violence against women and girls

Ask for Angela

This campaign operates in public places, offering a secret phrase to ask for assistance if you feel unsafe. If you say, "Asking for Angela," a trained staff member will assist you. The aim is to prevent people from feeling vulnerable and to decrease the risk of sexual violence.

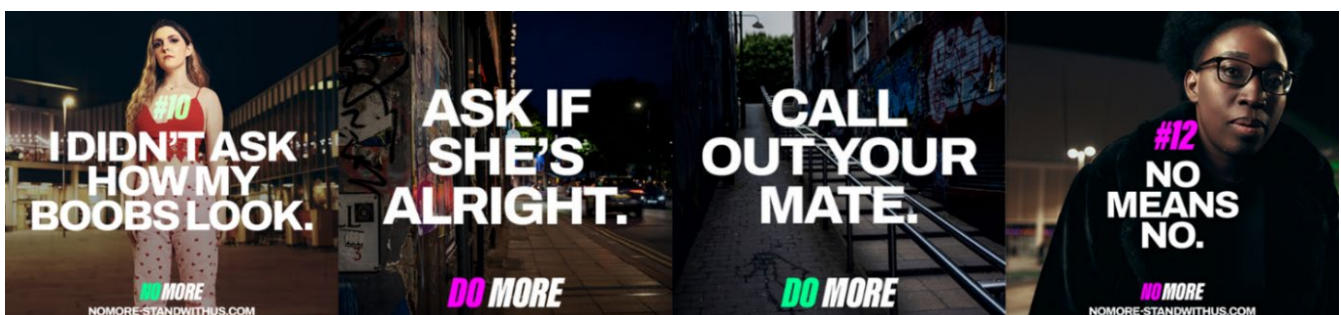
The partnership works with South Yorkshire Police and BSARCS to promote Ask for Angela with venues that serve alcohol. We hosted training sessions covering first aid, drink spiking, and how to respond if someone asks for Angela. Another session was delivered with Independent Domestic Abuse Services (IDAS) in Penistone at their Let's End Abuse Together Event. An engagement session also took place at Hope House Migration Drop-In to raise awareness for women of support available and provide personal safety equipment.



No More, Do More

On behalf of women and girls, the campaign encourages people to [stand with us](#) to create safe spaces where we do not tolerate microaggressions and acts of violence that women face every day and night. The campaign raises awareness of the issues and encourages people not to be bystanders. Keep your eyes peeled, use common sense and do more if you spot something out of line.

At the Ask for Angela training sessions, T-shirts were provided to venue staff featuring the South Yorkshire Police 'No More' campaign to tackle violence against women and girls. The campaign has won a regional award in the first National Police Chiefs' Council and College of Policing recognition event. Read more [here](#).



Joining Forces days

Joining Forces brings together uniformed services from various agencies and organisations to ensure the safety and friendliness of our town and villages. This initiative has been particularly active in Barnsley Town Centre, coordinating numerous targeted multi-agency operations to enhance public safety and people's perceptions of safety.

During the year, Joining Forces days are enjoyed in Glassworks Square, where town centre visitors can engage with services such as South Yorkshire Police, Fire, Ambulance, and Council Wardens.



Combatting drugs

Our collaborative work has resulted in key progress against our commitments in 2023/24.

All-age drug and alcohol treatment and recovery service

- From April 2024, a new combined service will be launched, which will include the integration of the adult drug and alcohol service Barnsley Recovery Steps, Young Peoples' Substance Misuse Service, and the Multiple and Complex Needs Housing provision (aged 25+).
- We will be continuing to work with our key partner, Recovery Steps Barnsley, run by Humankind, to deliver this support for people who use drugs and alcohol in Barnsley.

Increased number of drug and alcohol users engaging in treatment and support, as well as increases in those achieving and sustaining recovery

- The number of people getting help and completing their treatment from Barnsley Recovery Steps has continued to increase.
- 59% of people receiving support are making substantial progress in their treatment programme compared to 47% nationally.
- 69% of people who were receiving treatment in prison for their drug and alcohol use continued to receive support from our community drug and alcohol service following their release from prison.



Increased employment opportunities

- An Individual Placement Support (IPS) service has been established in the Barnsley Recovery Steps service to support people in recovery from drug and alcohol use into work.
- The IPS service has developed quickly and is already one of the highest-performing services in the country.
- In its first ten months, the service has supported 77 people in employment.



Improvement in people's mental and physical ill health and a reduced likelihood of deaths as a result of alcohol and drug use

- We have coproduced a joint service model with key partners and people with lived experience to support people with both mental health and substance use problems.
- We have launched our early warning system to respond to emerging drug trends and non-fatal overdoses within the community.



Reduced impact of parental alcohol and/or drug use on children and families

Children's social care and the drug and alcohol service are collaborating closely to establish a unified approach to supporting parents who struggle with substance use. The aim is to enhance the well-being of children and families through coordinated efforts.



Reduction in drug and alcohol-related hospital admissions

- The Alcohol Care Team is providing positive outcomes for both patients and the hospital. On average, they save 209 bed days per month and avoid 17 admissions per month by seeing patients in the Emergency Department.
- Ongoing efforts to enhance care pathways aim to boost referrals from hospitals to treatment services, ensuring that more individuals receive the necessary support to improve their health and well-being.
- A working group has been established to investigate the journeys of those who have attended the emergency department or are admitted to the hospital to prevent further hospital visits.



Supporting people in their ongoing recovery

- The Recovery Hub based at Barnsley Recovery Steps continues to grow and increase recovery in Barnsley.
- The hub provides a wide range of support and social activities.



Darren's journey: tackling substance misuse

How did you first hear about Humankind?

My journey began in the mutual aid support group, and I came across the service. Part of my twelve steps was to give something back. The first time I volunteered at the service everything fell into place and I really wanted to help.

What was your volunteer role and what skills did you gain as a volunteer?

I volunteered at the groups and the coffee morning. One thing that attracted me to recovery was listening to people having a conversation and laughing together. I felt like I could not do this, as active addiction was a dark place. I wanted to be open and help people identify that change is possible. I slowly learnt that recovery is different for each person. This helped me develop skills of honesty, open mindfulness, and being a friendly listener.

When did you start working at Humankind?

I officially volunteered for ten months. A vacancy came along and with the support and encouragement of the team, I went for it, got an interview, and was offered the job! Initially I felt nervous, however everyone made me feel so believed in and this quickly went away. I have never worked for an organisation where there is such a family feel.

How did you find transitioning from your volunteer role to employment?

Very comfortable! I noticed the added responsibility as time goes on, but it feels very natural and organic from the duties and skills I found as a volunteer.

Did you have any support that led you to gaining employment?

I took part in an employability workshop and the volunteer programme ran a few weeks before my interview. This gave me a reality check of how much effort I need to put in to make it happen. Just knowing that people were happy to support me in this way made me have the confidence to believe in myself.

What advice would you give to someone that's considering volunteering or working at Humankind?

Bring who you are to the role, rely on the people around you, take your time, and enjoy it! From volunteering to now working as an employee, I really understand how volunteers are integral to the service and I would definitely like to see many more come on board.

Tackling domestic abuse

More people are seeking support from the Independent Domestic Abuse Service – IDAS.

- From April to September 2023, 52 people have been supported by IDAS.
- From 2017 to 2023, during their previous six-year contract, IDAS supported 10,690 individuals in the community and received 16,258 referrals. The demand for refuge placements continues to be significant. Eight women sought refuge in the first quarter of 2023 (April to July), with one referral received. In the second quarter (August to September), the number increased to twelve women seeking refuge, with four referrals received. Throughout their previous six-year contract from 2018 to 2023, IDAS provided refuge for 113 individuals.



IDAS Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA) include specialists for LGBTQ+, ethnic minorities, older people, Gypsy-Romany-Traveller, children and young people.

- In quarters one and two, the weekly women's group led by the ethnic minorities IDVA has worked with 37 people in collaboration with the Refugee Council and Health Integration Team.
- During quarters one and two, the LGBTQ+ IDVA worked with 15 people. The LGBTQ+ IDVA is currently discussing with professionals to open an LGBTQ+ Group for older Barnsley residents.
- Since April 2023, the Children and Young People's IDVA has 65 young people and runs weekly Helping Hands groups with children and young people in schools across the borough.



"I already feel 'lighter', that someone has listened to me fully and has offered to assist me in this situation, as until now, I has felt like no professional has taken my concerns seriously."

"I would have caved in and gone back, your support has given me the strength to keep going and not relent."

"IDVA support has saved me when I felt I had nowhere else to go and let down by everyone else. IDAS brought me back from feeling I had nothing to live for."

Barnsley Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Services (BSARCS) have supported 341 people from April to September 2023. From April 2022 to March 2023, BSARCS completed an average of 56 cases per quarter.

During the period from April to September 2023, all respondents who provided end-of-support feedback reported:

- Improved health and wellbeing as a direct result of BSARCS support.
- An improvement in their ability to cope with everyday life and take control.
- An increase in their feelings of safety.
- Felt more in control of their lives.



"I have been able to talk through the trauma that being the mother of a child sexual abuse survivor has raised. Therapy allowed me to explore feelings of anger and helplessness, in safety."

"I never thought I could get 'better' or that therapy would improve my wellbeing, but it has and I'm so, so thankful."

Ask the Question

- BSARCS has recently begun a pilot working with the Centre of Expertise in Child Sexual Abuse to deliver specialist training to agencies and provide ongoing support so that questions about sexual violence can be asked safely and confidently.
- While there's no past example to predict the lasting impact of this, many believe that intervening early can stop people from relying on harmful ways of coping later on. This not only saves the borough a lot of money but also helps individuals lead fulfilling lives.

'CRANSTOUN', our commissioned service's 'Inspire to Change Perpetrator Programme' continues to deliver in-person group work, online group work and one to one support.

- September 2023 marked two years of the Inspire to Change Programme.
- From September 2021 to September 2023, 36 Barnsley perpetrators have successfully completed the six-month voluntary programme.
- In the past year, Cranstoun has provided the Level Up program, an intervention designed for children and young people aged 11 to 15 who display abusive behaviours in either intimate or family relationships.
- One key aspect of this program is teaching young people how to behave appropriately in relationships and highlighting the serious impact of conflict, aggression, and anger on others' lives. Level Up aims to promote a more caring attitude towards others and help participants understand the outcomes of their actions.
- Over twelve months, 27 referrals have been made, and 20 young people and their families have fully engaged with the programme.

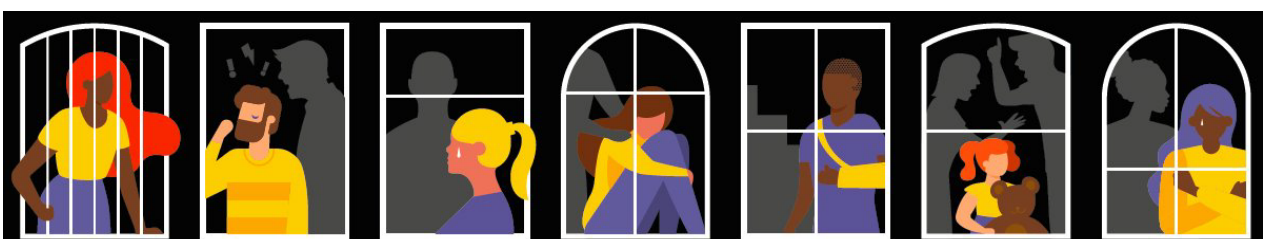


Target Housing is a newly commissioned social housing provider tasked with offering housing for survivors of domestic abuse.

- Over the next twelve months, they will purchase and manage properties for the sole purpose of housing those fleeing domestic abuse.
- Safe accommodation is the key requirement of the new Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and is pivotal in establishing successful and sustainable recovery.

A Survivor's Voice Service is a new commission from February 2024

- This will be a post-crisis and peer-led support service for women and their children who have previously been subjected to domestic abuse and violence to guide victims/survivors out of services and into mutual peer-led support. The service will collaborate with the integrated domestic abuse service as part of the pathway, aiming to support and empower victims and their families. The goal is to help them achieve lasting recovery, live safely without harm or threats, and regain control of their lives.



Tackling hate crime

Hate crime is committed because of 'who' the victim is or 'what' the victim appears to be. A hate incident is where the victim, or anyone else, thinks the incident is based on someone's prejudice towards them because of their race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or because they are transgender.



Over the last year, the Hate Crime Co-ordinator at South Yorkshire Police has been promoting how the public and communities can report hate incidents and hate crimes. This includes supporting people to break down barriers to reporting.

During Hate Crime Awareness Week, various partners organised different activities. One of these was the Hate Crime Coordinator attending the multi-agency drop-in session. Additionally, Remedi conducted a session on hate incidents and hate crimes for colleagues across the partnership, which was positively received. The session was followed by food from Devons Kitchen, which featured a variety of cultural cuisines.

The Chair of the Cohesive and Resilient Communities group, along with the Hate Crime Coordinator, attended the Secondary Heads School Alliance network meeting and the Designated Safeguarding Leads Forum to raise awareness of hate crime in Barnsley's schools.

Tackling community tensions

Relationships with other groups and boards

As part of the Safer Barnsley Partnership, the Cohesive and Resilient Communities group works closely with many other networks in Barnsley to ensure our diverse communities' voices are represented in many other places. Other groups include:

- Bullying, Harassment and Online Harm group, which tackles web-based issues.
- The Migration Partnership, which collaborates with asylum seekers, refugees, migrants, and supports events related to these groups.
- Migration Response group, which consists of a range of partner services such as NHS, Migration Yorkshire, and Community and Voluntary Sector. Recently, there was a consultation about migrant health deep dive by the NHS and the proposed cap on safe and legal routes into the UK in 2025 by the Home Office. The Migration Response group has developed a positive relationship with the Refugee Council and the Barnsley Borough City of Sanctuary. This includes hosting drop-in sessions for refugees as part of the Homes for Ukraine resettlement scheme.
- Refugee Integration Forum, a partner of the Yorkshire and Humber group, to inform the most appropriate way of supporting refugees in the region.

Ukrainian drop in

The event, which took place in December 2023, received positive feedback from participants. Interpreters were recruited from the resettled Ukrainian community, providing their resumes as evidence of their qualifications and gaining valuable experience in the process.



Family Eid event

The Eid celebration event was held at the Barnsley Muslim Community Centre on 31 May 2023. This was organised by some fantastic volunteers who support the centre. The event was a great success with the Police, Fire and Rescue, Barnsley FC Community Trust, 'How's Thi Ticker', Twiggs, Barnsley's Mayor, Cabinet Spokesperson for Public Health and Communities and many others joining.



Lots of people attended from the community and all the children loved planting seeds, playing football and bouncing on the bouncy castle. This will become an annual event following the month of Ramadhan.

Multi-agency drop in

The multi-agency drop-in meets every Wednesday and is well-attended by people who may need guidance on available resources and assistance with integrating into Barnsley. The drop-in sessions feature themed events on topics such as Hate Crime, 'More Money in Your Pocket', Health, Housing, and others. This helps attendees better understand services and breaks down barriers to accessing them. Additionally, it offers valuable insights into the needs of asylum seekers, refugees, and migrant communities in Barnsley. This helps services to understand and adapt to the needs of communities.

Reducing the risk of terrorism

The Prevent Agenda in Barnsley is delivered as part of the wider National Counter Terrorism Strategy. Prevent is about stopping residents from being drawn into terrorism, safeguarding people who may be susceptible to radicalisation and challenging terrorist ideologies.

Within Barnsley, building resilient and cohesive communities that are confident enough to report concerns is essential to help stop people going on to commit terrorist attacks or being engaged in terrorist activity, either in person or online.



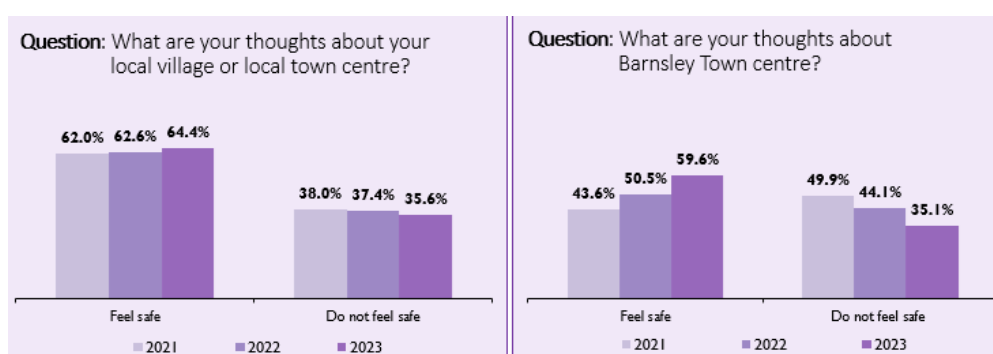
We raise awareness through training, appropriate materials production, or sharing real-life case studies. This helps the public, council staff, the voluntary and community sector, education, and healthcare continue to be the eyes and ears to report concerns on Prevent.

You say and we will do our best to respond

The partnership is committed to strengthening its joint working arrangements with key partners throughout 2024-25.

In 2023-24, communities across the borough provided lots of feedback on their views on areas for the partnership to prioritise. The partnership's annual consultation survey and Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment captured the public's views. This year, 3,306 people responded to the survey, with an additional 426 responses from focus groups with young people (a total of 3,732).

The 2023 survey showed that more people feel safe where they live and in the town centre than in previous years.



The public views on areas of priority for Barnsley remain unchanged since the last survey. Child abuse and child exploitation remain the top priority areas for the public, followed by youth-related anti-social behaviour, acquisitive crime, environmental crime and substance misuse.

| Top 5 priorities 2022: | |
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| 1 | Child abuse/child sexual exploitation |
| 2 | Substance misuse |
| 3 | Youth related ASB |
| 4 | Environmental crime |
| 5 | Acquisitive crime |

| Top 5 priorities 2023: | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | Child abuse/child sexual exploitation |
| 2 | Youth related ASB |
| 3 | Neighbourhood crime |
| 4 | Environmental crime |
| 5 | Substance misuse |

The partnership will focus on the following priorities during the next period.

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| Domestic abuse | Organised crime | Hate crime |
| Substance misuse | Serious violence | Community tension |
| Neighbourhood crime | Violence against women and girls | Environmental crime |
| Prevent | Reoffending and offender management | Anti-social behaviour |

In next year's annual report, the partnership will celebrate its key achievements and how we did with respect to these priorities.