

Serious Violence Duty (SVD)

Interventions Impact Report

This report covers all the projects supported through the Community Safety Serious violence Fund (CSSVF) 2025-2026

Total CSSVF budget 2025-26 £357,465.17	
Serious Violence Duty Funding £221,692.32	Community Safety Funding £135,772.85
Total Spend 2025-26 £275,795.21	

July 2026

CSSVF funded interventions that fall under our Serious Violence Duty (SVD) identified priority areas in 2025/26

York & North Yorkshire received the following funding allocations from the Home Office to support the Serious Violence Duty:

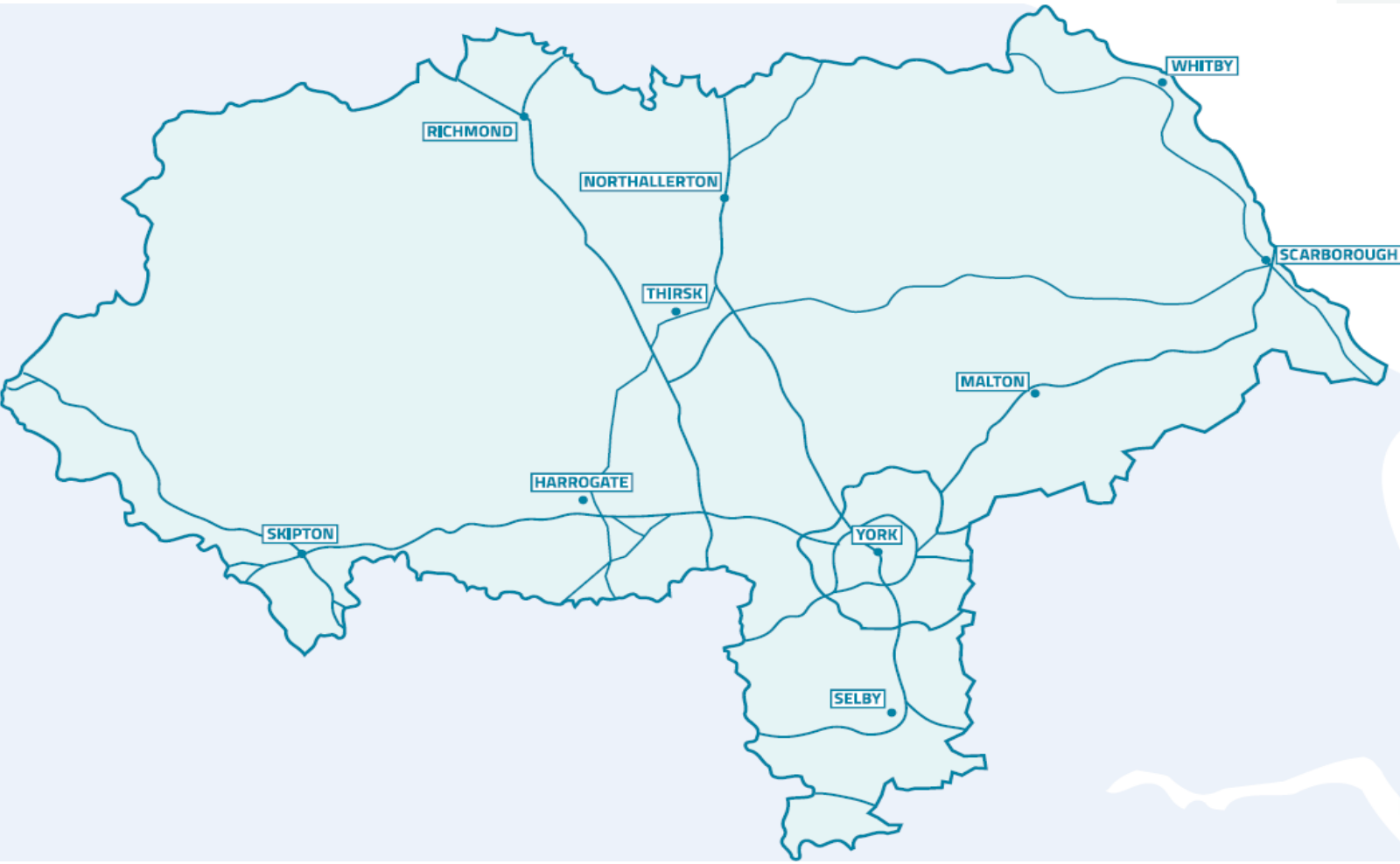
£ 30,000 in Jan-Mar 2023

£ 258,899 (£180,000 labour costs, £78,899 non-labour (intervention) costs) in 2023/24

£ 260,213 (£38,521 labour costs, £221,692 non-labour (intervention) costs) in 2024/25

£ 260,213 (£38,521 labour costs, £221,692 non-labour (intervention) costs) in 2025/26

£ 260,213 (labour costs & non-labour (intervention) costs – no split) in 2026/27



13 projects

Total Spent £275,795.21



Children and Young People

- Emotional Well-being(Harrogate *(New)*, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Selby)
- It's Not Okay (Scarborough)
- Safer York Futures (York)
- The Long Game (Y&NY)
- Achieve - North Yorkshire Sport (Y&NY)
- TYC Development and Outreach (Hambleton)
- Libby girls (Scarborough)
- A Taste of Diversity (Scarborough)

Violence Against Women and Girls



- BME Women Victims (Y&NY)
- ORLA -Overcoming, Recognising and Learning about Abuse (York)



Alcohol, Violence and the NTE

- Night Safety Marshalls (York)
- River Marshalls (York)



Possession and Use of Weapons

- Virtually There (Y&NY)

Serious Violence Duty Overall Success Measures

1	A reduction in hospital admissions for assault with a knife or sharp object and especially among those victims aged under 25. Local data is unavailable to measure metric	Currently, there is no way to separate accidental from intentional ‘stabbed / cut with knife’ incidents from accident and emergency data. There are multiple limitations with ambulance data that obstruct meaningful analysis.
2	A reduction in knife-enabled serious violence and especially among those victims aged under 25.	Indicator Performance Increase Latest Value 334 Latest Year March 2026 After seeing a reduction during 2024-25, the year 2025-26 saw an increase and there have been more offences than in 2023-24, for all victims and those specifically under 25.
3	A reduction in all non-domestic homicides and especially among those victims aged under 25 involving knives.	Indicator Performance Decrease Latest Value < 5 Latest Year March 2026 There has been a very slight decrease in the number of knife enabled non-domestic homicides since year ending March 25.



SVD Priority: Children & Young People (YP)

8 Projects Funded – Total Spend **£194,129.44** (2025-2026)

[£7,406 24/25 spending for TYC]



Emotional Wellbeing

SVD – part funded

Funding

£28,124 [Previous funding £32,488 for 24/25]

Time Frame

April 2025 - March 2026 [previously ran 24/25]

Target of Intervention

AP school children at the below secondary schools

Geography

Springwell & Rosset School Harrogate (New) - continuing delivery in Hambleton, Richmondshire, Selby

North Yorkshire (NY) Hospice Care's **Just B** project provides emotional wellbeing support in two alternative provision (AP) secondary schools in North Yorkshire. It supports children and young people (YP) to better understand and manage difficult emotions as well as repair damaged relationships in order to prevent / minimise future harmful behaviour. It has provided wrap-around support, assisting both teachers and parents as well as liaising with partners.

JUST 'B'



What you told us -

92% of respondents agreed that Prevention and Early intervention should be a priority in the Police and Crime Plan Survey 2024

Progress to date

- ❖ Continued to successfully deliver individual wellbeing support in the two alternative provision secondary schools by providing a safe and confidential space for YP to explore any difficulties (emotional/situational) and assist students with learning and skills to overcome those.
- ❖ Supported several YP excluded from mainstream school due to behaviour issues. Just B workers have supported professionals and adults in the YP's life to help them view their behaviour through a more trauma informed lens. This has happened alongside supporting the YP themselves to understand how their life experiences impact their reactions to others.
- ❖ Delivered training for school staff, to equip them to better understand and support the young people in their provisions.
- ❖ Developed and delivered a bespoke piece of training focusing on the Adolescent Brain.
- ❖ Ongoing group work delivered in each provision, catered to the needs and themes identified by the staff. Key themes explored include anxiety and anger.
- ❖ Established a strong model in newer provision, with regular engagement from students and staff.
- ❖ Offered group work focusing on risk taking behaviours and the consequences of this, supporting the young people to recognise the dangers of substance misuse and antisocial behaviour.
- ❖ Offered a safe, non-judgemental space to explore the above concerns and discuss how to keep themselves safer in the future.

Impact

- ❖ Several students successfully supported to manage heightened emotions and regulate responses in challenging situations, using practical tools and strategies to process anger, identify personal triggers, and reflect on the consequences of their actions.
- ❖ YP talking openly about difficult emotions such as anger and anxiety, as well as helping them to recognise the drivers behind some of these feelings.
- ❖ Using a Cognitive Behavioural style approach, sessions have helped YP to recognise the often-vicious cycle they were being trapped in when experiencing negative thoughts that led them to lash out verbally and physically.
- ❖ YP taught techniques to help them manage their negative thoughts, **in turn decreasing their likelihood to engage in violent behaviours.**
- ❖ Psychoeducation gave YP a better understanding of themselves and has led onto meaningful work around coping strategies and mindfulness.
- ❖ **Seen a real increase in engagement** from parents, carers and other professionals as staff have become more embedded in the school environment.
- ❖ **As a result of this project, there has been a reduction in incidents of violence, as well as a diminished impact of aggressive and harmful behaviours, both in those they may exhibit and those to which they are exposed.**

"A Young Person reflected that they have shared things in their sessions that they haven't spoken about before."

Engaged

31 YP

24 & Under



It's Not Okay

SVD – fully funded

NSPCC

Funding

£29,579

Time Frame

April 2025 - March 2026

Target of Intervention

Children & Young People (0-15)
Adults (25 & Over)

Geography

Scarborough

'It's Not Okay', delivered by the NSPCC is an early-intervention, evidence-based project aimed at reducing sexual abuse/exploitation across two workstreams: a primary school early-intervention education programme, and a secondary school theatre in education delivery in schools in Scarborough and surrounding area. This new project addressed the gap in delivering evidence-based, local initiatives primarily focused on Child Sexual Abuse (CSA), Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), and image sharing. Primary School Programme consisted of NSPCC's 'Talk Pants' delivered to pupils aged 5-11 and for pupils aged 11-14, NSPCC has delivered 'It's Not OK' a theatre-in-education production exploring issues such as grooming, exploitation, coercion, and abuse in relationships. Workshops delivered alongside the play invited pupils to discuss intervention points, make choices on behalf of the characters, and reflect on their own attitudes and experiences.

Progress to date

- ❖ Delivery of a 2-week long tour of the "It's Not OK" play **across six secondary schools**, including the Scarborough Pupil Referral Unit (PRU).
- ❖ Fourteen performances delivered over nine school days.
- ❖ Most schools hosted two sessions (2-hour play session in the morning and 2-hour play session in the afternoon).
- ❖ Two-week Talk PANTS programme to 16 primary schools, with 16 sessions delivered.
- ❖ Interactive safeguarding sessions based on the PANTS rules delivered. These sessions taught children:
 - Body boundaries
 - What is safe and unsafe touch
 - The right to say no
 - Who trusted adults are
 - How to speak out if something worries them
- ❖ All local libraries received safeguarding books.
- ❖ To reach Primary schools not visited, all PANTS books were provided to the Senior Health & Wellbeing Adviser (School Improvement), North Yorkshire Council, who distributed them throughout existing school networks.

Key Learning Point: future delivery will require more targeted and trackable strategies to engage parents effectively.

Impact

- ❖ Of the students who saw the play, 920 completed feedback forms, and each pupil received a flyer signposting additional support services.
- ❖ NSPCC estimate that more than 2,000+ pupils were reached, including those who saw the play and those who engaged with the "It's Not OK" digital resources distributed to schools.

Student Feedback

74%

felt they had **learned something new** from the play and workshop

98%

agreed that **it wasn't OK** for a character to show inappropriate things online to another

90%

felt they knew more about **how to support someone in an unhealthy relationship** after engaging

- ❖ Comments received from staff at Scarborough PRU demonstrate the importance of **reaching settings that often have limited access** to safeguarding resources.
- ❖ Feedback from teachers and staff indicates **strong uptake and plans to integrate resources** into PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, and Economic education) lessons.
- ❖ Comments received from teachers and staff highlighted a **positive reception of the sessions / resources** and the Integration into PSHE, ensuring **sustainability of safeguarding messages**.

Engaged

Children

1,183

It's Not Okay

2,630

Talk Pants

Teachers

176

Delivery session

2,630

*Parents
Estimated**

*based on programme design encouraging children to share safeguarding messages at home



Safer York Futures

SVD – fully funded

Funding

£29,900

Time Frame

April 2025 - March 2026

Target of Intervention

Children & Young Persons (0-18) In School
Adult (25 & Over) Professionals

Geography

York



Yorkshire Mentoring

‘Safer York Futures’, delivered by Yorkshire Mentoring provides specialist, trauma-informed interventions addressing serious youth violence, exploitation, and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) across specific schools in York that correlate with the link between exclusion and violence. Working with SEN and Safeguarding leads, the project delivered universal and targeted support through seven intervention strands: Virtual Reality education, Happy Friendships Better Lives (No Knives) (HFBL) workshops, Wrong Look Wrong Time Wrong Place sessions, mentoring, VAWG behaviour change, consent education, and professional training. All activities were trauma-aware and informed by local data and safeguarding insight. By working with young people, school staff, and parents, it built resilience, emotional regulation, and safer decision-making.

Progress to date

- ❖ Delivered staff coordination, training deployment, and development/printing of specialised communication resources.
- ❖ Delivered Professional Training: Advice and Information Sessions (AIS) seminars on Serious Violence for staff and ‘train the trainer’ days covering topics such as Knife Crime Awareness and Reduction
- ❖ Delivered primary prevention workshops, targeted Intervention / One-to-one mentoring for selected students and Immersive VR headset sessions.
- ❖ Covered varied topics including Male Behaviour Change (VAWG) and Female Consent/Relationship workshops.
- ❖ Significantly exceeded targeted number of young people engaged (180).
- ❖ Experienced significant staff turnover at a school during the delivery phase.
- ❖ Adverse weather conditions may have impacted attendance rate at one event.
- ❖ **To mitigate these engagement challenges moving forward**, they will deliver a hybrid delivery model, offering digital access to resources alongside in-person workshops.
- ❖ **The aim will be to ensure that parents and carers can access critical safeguarding insights regardless of external factors like weather or school staffing fluctuations.**

Impact

- ❖ **Quarterly Momentum:** Q3 alone saw an engagement of 230 young people, reflecting the rapid growth and school trust in Yorkshire Mentoring's delivery.
- ❖ **Holistic Support:** By supporting 46 adults alongside the youth provision, the project has ensured that the school environment & community has embraced the opportunity.
- ❖ The project achieved a high level of engagement through interactive and immersive sessions, with **schools reporting improved insight into peer dynamics and safeguarding.**
- ❖ Targeted cohorts, such as those in Mentoring and Male Behaviour Change, showed **increased emotional literacy and a greater willingness to discuss risk** with trusted adults.
- ❖ Schools reported **improved insight into peer dynamics**, enabling more informed safeguarding responses and onward referrals.
- ❖ **Overall, the project has met and exceeding its intended aims, with clear evidence of reach, engagement, and early behavioural and attitudinal change.**

Engaged

383 YP
24 & Under

46
Professionals



The Long Game

SVD – fully funded

Funding

£21,310

Time Frame

April 2025 - March 2026

Target of Intervention

Children & Young People (11-18) at risk of CCE

Geography

York & North Yorkshire

The Long Game, delivered by Leaders Unlocked, is an interactive prevention and early intervention project aimed both at professionals and young people (YP) at risk of Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE). The project delivered workshops in mainstream education settings, workshops in alternative settings to YP at higher or immediate risk of CCE and professional workshops. Sessions were in-person or online dependent on partners' needs. Project delivered co-production sessions with young people who also participated in the Long Game and worked with professionals on an ongoing basis to develop resources, which can be used in both group and individual settings to hold open and informative conversations on County Lines and Criminal Exploitation.



Progress to date

- ❖ Delivered a series of interactive workshops and co-production activities with YP and professionals across York and North Yorkshire.
- ❖ A core part of the project was the delivery of **20 workshops for young people**, including **12 workshops in mainstream education settings** and **8 workshops in alternative provision and higher-risk settings**.
- ❖ Workshops created safe and open spaces for young people to explore the realities of exploitation, including how it can develop through instant gratification and peer influence.
- ❖ Delivered **three workshops for professionals** working with young people, both at strategic and frontline levels, focusing on increasing understanding of county lines and exploitation from a lived experience perspective, helping professionals to better recognise signs, respond appropriately, and strengthen safeguarding practice.
- ❖ Delivered up to five sessions **bringing together young people and professionals** to begin developing practical resources that can support ongoing conversations around CCE in group and one-to-one settings.
- ❖ An **impact report was produced** in the final month of delivery to capture learning, highlight key themes from the workshops, and showcase the outcomes and impact of the project.

Impact

- ❖ **Overall**, the project has not only met its aims but strengthened long-term preventative work across the region by improving awareness, confidence, and professional practice, while embedding lived experience at the heart of safeguarding education.
- ❖ Professionals included those working in education, safeguarding, youth justice, and multi-agency settings. Across students and professionals, the project **strengthened understanding of exploitation** from a lived-experience perspective and **improved confidence** in identifying and responding to risk.
- ❖ Many professionals noted it **directly influenced their safeguarding practice and prompted more proactive engagement** with young people during the qualitative feedback.
- ❖ **92% of young people reported improved understanding** of debt bondage, and peer-on-peer grooming understanding increased significantly

“inspirational, powerful, and eye-opening,”

Engaged

508 YP

24 & Under

378

Professionals

99%

of professionals agreed the programme **improved their understanding of CCE**

80%

Of students felt The Long Game was **relatable to young people**

98%

Of professionals would **recommend the training to colleagues**



Achieve – North Yorkshire Sport

SVD – part funded

Funding

£29,875 [Serious Violence Fund £14, 323.81 -
Community Safety Fund £15,551.19]

Time Frame

April 2025 - March 2026 (CS extension)

Target of Intervention

Primary & Secondary School
Young People (YP) (7-14)

Geography

York & North Yorkshire

**North
Yorkshire
Sport.**

Achieve, delivered by North Yorkshire Sport takes a person-centred approach and develops the support network around targeted young people (YP). The concept is flexible, operating around a basic framework that can be tailored to each unique cohort of YP to support early intervention, diverting YP who are at risk of exclusion, suffering poor attendance or at risk of entering the criminal justice system. Interventions are led by an Athlete Mentor, sharing their own inspiring story and relatable experiences and using movement as a vehicle for this. Achieve includes a mix of Athlete led learning, links to local community providers (local sports/arts clubs, leisure providers etc) and educational workshops (delivered by qualified professionals). Supporting this core delivery are police led workshops focusing on subject matters such as: Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Consequences, Hate Crime, Bullying, County Lines & associated risk.

Progress to date

- ❖ In person activities began in January 2026 and interventions completed in three high schools and nine primary schools.
- ❖ Ongoing projects still being delivered in two high schools and one primary school
- ❖ The SATs term caused disruption with engaging with more primary schools however, this meant the project had additional capacity to deliver secondary school cohorts additional 1-2-1 support with their assigned athlete mentor and this saw a huge improvement in engagement.
- ❖ During holiday periods and throughout interventions students completed activities that include (but not limited to) fishing, bowling, footgolf, tried out boxing and MMA.

Key Learning Point: Planned delivery in primary schools was affected by SATs and the project adapted to deliver additional 1-2-1 sessions in secondary schools

Impact

- ❖ At the time of writing this report the project has **not yet completed or analysed all the current data** collection (surveys, wellbeing scores, feedback)
- ❖ A preliminary look at the data appears to show a trend of **increased mental wellbeing and feeling of connection to peers/their community.**
- ❖ There has been a **decrease in the number of 'negative comments' or suspensions** for many students taking part.
- ❖ Anecdotally, students and staff have reported that they have **really enjoyed their time with mentors, feel more confident to communicate** with their teachers and other staff at school and have sought out activities in their local areas.
- ❖ The 1-2-1 opportunities with their mentors has been gratefully received by secondary schools as well as having a **direct impact on positive engagement.** Students have had more opportunity to **build a trusted relationship with their mentor** and there has been more time for them to get to know each individual child.
- ❖ The project aimed to target around 100-112 students and as of May 1st 2026 it has engaged with 92 YP.
- ❖ The project is hoping to have some positive **case studies by the end of the summer term.**

Engaged

92 YP

24 & Under



TYC Development and Outreach

Community Safety – fully funded

Funding

£28,124 [*£20,718 – 2025/26 spending*
£7,406 – 2024/25 spending]

Time Frame

April 2025 - March 2026

Target of Intervention

Young people aged 9-18

Geography

Thirsk, Hambleton



Thirsk Youth Club (TYC) is the only open-access, fully inclusive youth club in Thirsk, in touch with over 190 registered young people aged 9-18. Over 4 years, through sessions 2 days/week, TYC has built good relationships with many of them and their families, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds. In 2025/26, TYC embarked on a new phase: securing its own premises to expand its outreach and deliver targeted programmes throughout the week. TYC wants to tackle misogynistic language and behaviour it witnesses, aggressive bullying and threatening behaviour towards girls. Outside agencies are invited to run early intervention discussion groups/workshops on these topics and others, including domestic violence, drug use, county lines and online safety. TYC wants to sublet space for sexual health clinics/ contraceptives, North Yorkshire Youth youth mentoring and youth training.

Progress to date

- ❖ Doubled sessions from twice a week to four times a week throughout the year, engaging with age groups from 9-17 years.
- ❖ Delivered diversionary activities that include (but not limited to) fishing, biking, trampolining and paddle boarding.
- ❖ Delivered targeted sessions with local police, PCSO's, Fire Safety Officer, Community Safety Hub Officer, School Liaison Officers
- ❖ Provided extra diversionary activities including a monthly Friday night disco, a monthly Saturday lunch time drop in and homework club.
- ❖ Provided extra sessions during school holidays which support Young People (YP) whose parents are at work in the holidays and helps prevent children resorting to ASB.
- ❖ A group of YP who have had experience with Youth Justice or are known by the Community Safety Hub were taken karting and all are now frequent attenders at the youth club, where volunteers can continue to engage and build good relationships.
- ❖ Trained staff through the 'Aspire to Thrive' programme.
- ❖ There have been issues with finding suitable youth work assistants with experience of teenagers, able to adopt the trauma aware approach, and be non-judgmental, kind and patient.

Impact

- ❖ **Increased number of sessions and diversionary activities** that minimises the risk of YP getting involved with ASB in the Thirsk, Hambleton area.
- ❖ Excellent engagement now with Yr11s who have their own group every Thursday, with an average attendance of 25.
- ❖ Built up a close working relationships with local police, Community Safety Hub, and Secondary School (especially regarding safeguarding). This has taken time to establish but now feels a trusted, good partnership that will develop further over time.
- ❖ Joined-up approach to ASB spikes, working collaboratively with local police. TYC are working to increase their capacity and be able to run extra/longer sessions during the week, especially for the older teenagers.
- ❖ Increased engagement, trust and generally good relations with families that have previously presented issues.
- ❖ **Generally, positive feedback has been received from parents, town council, schools and the community.**



Libby Girls

Community Safety – fully funded

Funding

£17,833.70 *[Existing commissioned service]*

Time Frame

April 2025 - March 2026

Target of Intervention

Young Women & Girls (24 & Under)

Geography

Scarborough



Libby GIRLS (Growing, Inspiring, Resilient Leaders), delivered by St Giles is a place-based outreach model co-designed with young women and girls (YWG) and embedded in Scarborough. The project is delivered in partnership with North Yorkshire Youth (NYY) and provides trauma-informed, assertive outreach to reduce the risk of exploitation, violence, and anti-social behaviour. Funding has increased capacity to engage vulnerable YWG involved in anti-social behaviour and crime in Scarborough, expanding the reach of the project. Key aims are to help communities feel safer, particularly women and girls, prevent offending and victimisation among YWG, build trusted relationships, increase safety, and promote access to education, mental health, and support services, collaborate with partners to share intelligence and strengthen local safeguarding pathways.

Progress to date

- ❖ The funding was invested as part of the overall Women's Services contract tendering process during 2025-26. Delivery commencing 2026-27 and impact analysis will feature in the 2026-27 interventions report.

Impact

Engaged

XX

24 & Under

XX

25 & Over



A Taste of Diversity

SVD – fully funded

Funding

£16,789.74

Time Frame

April 2025 - March 2026

Target of Intervention

Children and Adults of all ages

Geography

Scarborough

A Taste of Diversity, delivered by Big Maya's Jerk, delivers culturally rich workshops that use food and conversation to promote understanding and address social issues, like implicit bias and Hate Crime. Delivery combines food, storytelling, and creative workshops to foster community connection and cultural exchange. The sessions encourage participation from individuals across different backgrounds, building trust and shared understanding. By delivering workshops in diverse spaces, the aim is to foster greater community cohesion and offer accessible, meaningful experiences that unite people from different backgrounds.



Progress to Date

- ❖ The project has hosted a series of cultural workshops featuring cooking, music, discussions on hate crime and identity, creative heritage activities, and shared community meals.
- ❖ All of the activities were designed to foster inclusion and community cohesion and were delivered across multiple venues.

Impact

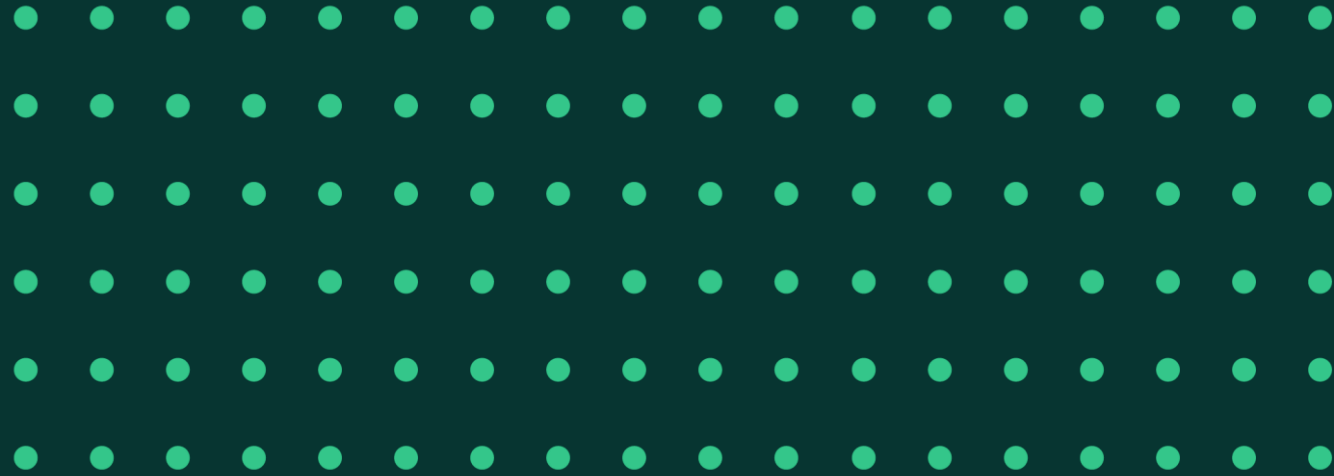
- ❖ Most recent participant feedback and reviews show a **clear positive impact, with many reporting increased cultural awareness and a meaningful shift in perspective.**

Engaged*

397 YP
24 & Under

188
25 & Over

*figures from most recent report and may not reflect final engagement figures.



SVD Priority: Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

2 Projects Funded – Total Spend **£36,317.97** (2025-2026)



BME Women Victims

SVD – fully funded

Funding	£25,880.37
Time Frame	April 2025 - March 2026
Target of Intervention	Victims of Honour-Based Abuse All Ages
Geography	York & North Yorkshire

BME Women Victims delivered by HALO Project has designed and built a safe /secure online community app/portal for victims of honour-based abuse, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), and forced marriage to fill crucial gaps in post-support services by offering friendship and peer support beyond the structured interventions of the Halo Project Charity's support and action plan. The portal has Ongoing Emotional Support, Peer-Led Advice & Empowerment, Safe, Anonymous Discussions, Mental Health & Wellbeing Resources, Community Rebuilding & Independence, 24/7 Accessibility & Crisis Signposting to support.



Progress to date

- ❖ The project has **enabled support and enhanced support for women at risk of harm in York and North Yorkshire.**
- ❖ They have developed a needs based online community portal with a technical team which resulted in a specific dashboard, pages and internal messaging.
- ❖ **They launched it in March 2026** and have produced an app via IOS and Android.
- ❖ They have worked with survivors both as service users and accessed survivors in IDAS refuge and support services to help develop the product.
- ❖ **Survivor case studies have been considered** for the information within the dashboard.
- ❖ The app includes information on support services which are now available in the NY area which will assist in the onward recovery of survivors within their new community and will really help with isolation and loneliness and **mental health - a priority** for survivors.
- ❖ **Information can help survivors access additional support services** and provide peer to peer support through the on-line community portal.
- ❖ Safety features and 2 step authenticator are being implemented.

“This is a much-needed safety tool and a community which is vital for me as it understands the fear and pain I have felt”

Impact

- ❖ It has provided a safe, inclusive, and empowering space where women can rebuild their lives with the support of those who truly understand their journey.
- ❖ They have worked with survivors to co-produce with Halo a designated North Yorkshire lead.
- ❖ The app / portal will now provide information of gaps in existing provision in York and North Yorkshire and has a directory of support services, previously not available for BME victims of abuse and harm.
- ❖ They have included metrics to capture reach with monthly reporting for their management team who will then feedback at various York and North Yorkshire partnership meetings
- ❖ It has been tested by Halo specialist advisors to ensure the language and safety meets the needs and risks of BME women and girls and the risks they face in relation to honour based abuse, forced marriage, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and violence against women and girls (VAWG).

Engaged

28 **24**
24 & Under 25 & Over



ORLA -Overcoming, Recognising and Learning about Abuse

SVD – fully funded

Kyra Women's Project's ORLA project delivers two strands of support (one to grass roots women and one to businesses) focused on: prevention of / living with / extrication from domestic abuse (DA). ORLA provides a local level initiative which aims to reduce serious violence and achieve positive outcomes for individuals and communities. ORLA aims to reduce the risk factors that increase the likelihood of violence through early intervention education and awareness which prevents and diverts incidences of DA. Project ORLA is new and has worked alongside IDAS and others to maximise support.



Funding £10,437.60

Time Frame April 2025 - March 2026

Target of Intervention VAWG Victims

Geography York

Progress to date

- ❖ Training provided for two counsellors, two volunteers and four members of staff so they could deliver the main ORLA course.
- ❖ Training provided for two volunteers and three members of staff so they could deliver the course for businesses.
- ❖ Three Courses have been launched and concluded.
- ❖ Two pre/post course questionnaires were completed by the attendees.
- ❖ The first questionnaire is the standard Kyra questionnaire which measures wellbeing, community/relationships, skills and work.
- ❖ They also asked a specific questionnaire for this course to encompass the agreed aims with the following questions measured.
 1. I think domestic abuse was my fault
 2. I know the reasons NOT to return to an abusive relationship
 3. I know how to request information under Claire's Law
 4. I understand the cycle of abuse
 5. I know the different types of abuse
 6. I am confident that I can identify the early warning signs of an abuser

Impact

- ❖ Qualitative feedback from attendees was 100% positive, with them seeing it as a safe informative space.
- ❖ Overall, from the standard Kyra questionnaire the scores showed the course had a broad positive impact on participants' wellbeing, confidence, social engagement and confidence at work.
- ❖ The course achieved an aim of creating a course that is inclusive and diverse, evidenced by attendees being from a wide range of different relationship types (e.g., mother-child, marital relationships, family dynamics) and there was also diversity in not all relationships being heterosexual.

Engaged

3 **24**

Women 24 & Under Women 25 & over

76%

Overall **average**
improvement score
from specific
questionnaire

36%

Overall **average**
improvement score
from standard Kyra
questionnaire*

"Your support, the space you create, and the way you explain things have made such a difference . I've felt understood in a way I haven't in a long time"

*Average taken from three cohorts – cohort 1 (53%), cohort 2 (23.2%), cohort 3 (30.9%). Score has outliers removed.



SVD Priority:

Alcohol, Violence and the Night-Time Economy (NTE)

2 Projects Funded – Total Spend **£17,152.80** (2025-2026)



Night Safety Marshalls

SVD – fully funded

Funding	£14,473.60
Time Frame	April 2025 - March 2026
Target of Intervention	Improving public perceptions and people’s feelings of safety
Geography	York



York Bid’s Night Safety Marshalls are designed to enhance public safety and support the evening and night-time economy (ENTE) within York city centre. The marshalls give crucial support to security professionals, responding to issues as they arise and sharing important information before unwanted behaviours arrive on the doorstep of night-time venues. It is well-known that police resources are stretched across the region and the country. This project fills a gap in uniformed presence in the city, preventing crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) from taking place and helping people enjoying York’s nightlife to feel and be safe.



What you told us -

ASB was the offence that most people experienced and were concerned about in our latest Violence Survey

Progress to date

- ❖ Since Friday 25th July 2025, two dedicated, SIA-trained Night Safe Officers (NSO) have been deployed every Friday and Saturday night and on bank holidays from 8pm - 2am.
- ❖ Night safety marshalls are just one initiative run by York BID that help the City of York have a **purple flag** status.
- ❖ The Officers have acted as a **visible deterrent and reassuring presence**, patrolling key areas with high concentrations of licensed premises and footfall.
- ❖ They have become a welcome and friendly presence and **first line of support for people enjoying York on a night**, supporting vulnerable persons, providing directions and information, administering first aid, and acting as a point of contact for reporting concerns.
- ❖ Crucially, through their **strong relationships with security door staff at licensed premises, they have provided an extra layer of support** and have helped to deter and de-escalate a range of issues before police or medical intervention is needed.
- ❖ York BID has **proactively promoted the project** in a range of ways, **including:**
 - ❖ Featured in York BID’s 26-31 Business Plan, reaching 1,000 city centre businesses
 - ❖ Dedicated blog of the BID’s website
 - ❖ Dedicated video on social media, viewed 17,000 times on Instagram alone
 - ❖ Press release shared by York Mix, York Press, BBC York, and Welcome to Yorkshire
 - ❖ Patrol and Press Release with Mayor David Skaith

Impact

- ❖ It has had a transformative impact on York’s evening and nighttime economy. **The project has achieved significant outcomes.**

Reducing crime and ASB at night

NSOs have responded to

144 instances of hostile behaviour

176 instances of disorderly behaviour.

This early intervention approach means potentially violent and harmful situations were intercepted, directly contributing to a safer environment and reducing the burden on security professionals and North Yorkshire Police.

An unexpected outcome of the programme was the supportive community it has helped to establish amongst nighttime workers, security staff, and front-line responders

Promoting public safety

48 first-aid incidents attended, primarily involving excessive alcohol consumption

58 direct calls for support from businesses

Multi-agency coordination

They have become a trusted and valued partner by businesses, door staff and emergency services. The collaborative approach has meant security professionals and businesses feel better supported in managing difficult situations, so they can focus on creating a welcoming night-time environment and providing exceptional service.

Engaged

3,872

24 & Under

386

25 & Over

Targeted engagement

It has been successful in reaching younger people

90% being aged 24 or under



River Marshalls

SVD – fully funded

Funding	£2,679.20
Time Frame	April 2025 - March 2026
Target of Intervention	Range of public safety issues along the river
Geography	York

This York Bid project involves positioning a dedicated Marshall on King’s Staith in central York from 12-8pm every Saturday throughout the summer. This location was chosen because it is a popular drinking spot for locals and visitors in the summer months. The project promotes public safety during the day and into the night, and contributes to a vibrant, safe, and well managed riverside environment. The Marshall provides a visible presence, deterring crime and promoting a safe environment for residents and visitors to enjoy the riverside. They are also integral to supporting door staff and York Rescue Boat in identifying and responding to a range of public safety issues along the river, including alcohol-related ASB.



What you told us -

In a 2024 survey with riverside businesses, 87.5% of respondents said Riverside Marshalls improved public safety and people’s experience of the area.

Progress to date

- ❖ Delivered a dedicated Marshal on King’s Staith in central York from 12-8pm during the spring and summer bank holidays and on Saturdays from 7th June.
- ❖ River Marshalls are just one initiative run by York BID that help the City of York have a purple flag status
- ❖ Project has promoted public safety during the day and into the night, and contributes to a vibrant, safe, and well managed riverside environment.
- ❖ Various promotional activity has included:
 - ❖ A dedicated press release, shared with 100+ local media outlets
 - ❖ Press articles by York Mix, York Press, and BBC News
 - ❖ A dedicated post across the BID’s social media channels
 - ❖ A blog post of the BID’s website

Impact

- ❖ The project applies an early intervention approach to address the SVD key priorities of **violence against women and girls, community safety and ASB, alcohol and substance misuse, and mental health.**
- ❖ As a preventative measure, it is difficult to quantify the total number of people who have benefited from the project, but the activity logs completed by the river marshalls clearly demonstrate the impact of the programme.
- ❖ They have engaged with **305 people standing on the river’s edge**, deterred 32 people from entering the river, de-escalated 36 incidents of hostile behaviour, and 43 incidents of disorderly behaviour.
- ❖ In addition, the marshalls have responded to calls for support from door staff, administered first aid, reported incidents to the police, and provided crucial education around river safety to members of the public, including many children.
- ❖ The programme was welcomed by security staff and the public, and 100% of the shifts were fulfilled.
- ❖ The Marshalls have used swift radio communication and presence to work with BID’s Street Rangers and North Yorkshire Police in critical interventions where individuals required help.

Engaged

100+	115
24 & Under	25 & Over

York is proudly a **Purple Flag** city

Purple Flag is an international accreditation process from the Association of Town and City Management (ATCM)

It is similar to the Blue Flag award for beaches and leads to Purple Flag status for town or city centres that meet or surpass the standards of excellence in managing the evening and night-time economy. This includes a comprehensive set of standards, management processes, and good practice examples designed to help transform town and city centres in the early evening and at night.

Purple Flag status is administered by York BID

strengthened through BID projects such as Colour & Light, Taxi Marshals, Street Rangers, and Street Cleansing, that help make York a safe and welcoming destination for all.

Learn More

about the York's Purple Flag accreditation on the dedicated web page:

<https://www.theyorkbid.com/purple-flag-city>





SVD Priority: Possession and Use of Weapons

1 Project Funded – Total Spend **£28,195** (2025-2026)





Virtually There (Y&NY)

SVD – part funded

Funding

£28,195

Time Frame

April 2025 - March 2026

Target of Intervention

CYP who have been or are thinking of using or carrying knives

Geography

York & North Yorkshire

The multi-agency Virtually There project is designed to enhance the current early intervention, prevention and education offered by North Yorkshire Police (NYP) and partners through the Op Divan process. Op Divan is aimed at CYP who have been or are thinking of using or carrying knives and other weapons associated with 'county lines' including drugs, child exploitation and bullying. Virtually There is an immersive 360-degree film that aims to build an emotional understanding of the devastating impact of knife crime amongst CYP.

A recent evaluation has found that Op Divan was associated with significant reduction in crimes involving knife and weapons compared to a matched control group



Progress to date

- ❖ Delivered 10 sessions at Pupil Referral Unit (PPU)/ Alternative Setting throughout York & North Yorkshire.
- ❖ Delivered 5 sessions in schools throughout North Yorkshire.
- ❖ Delivered sessions as part of Selby and Harrogate College's weeklong Knife Crime and Personal Safety campaigns.
- ❖ Conducted joint work with Early Help, Change Direction & Youth Justice Service to run sessions specifically for identified Young People (YP).
- ❖ Delivered sessions for professionals, staff and mentors within the probation service, Change Direction, North Yorkshire Youth mentors and North Yorkshire Council (No Wrong Door).
- ❖ Demand has been high and the purchase of 12 more headsets has been required to alleviate the demand.

Impact

- ❖ Students were asked for feedback at the end of the sessions. There were 128 responses with an average age of 16/17 and 66% were males.

97%

said the immersive VR format made the message more powerful than a traditional film or talk

91%

said the film helped them understand the real-life consequences of knife crime more clearly

9.4%

had carried a knife in public or considered doing so

81%

felt more confident in making decisions on how to stay safe and help others

After viewing the film

75%

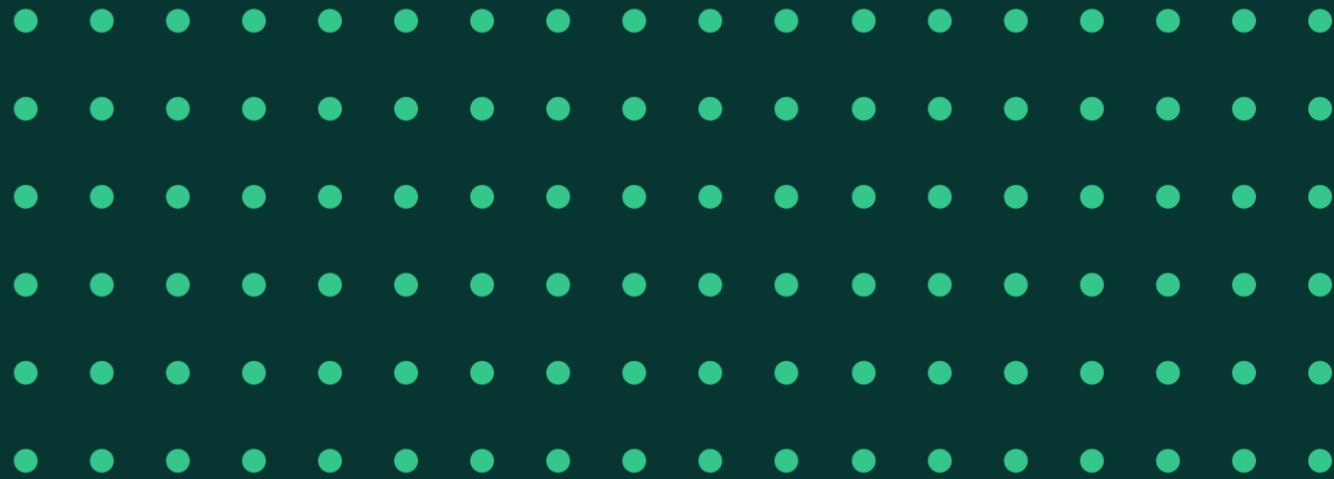
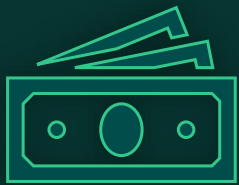
YP who had carried a knife or considered doing so said they would be less likely to carry a knife or be around people who do

- ❖ Qualitative feedback highlight how the delivery method was a great way to learn compared to a YouTube video or discussion. It was also noted that YP with neurodiversity took in small details.

Engaged

250 YP 55

24 & Under Professionals



CSSVF Intervention Budget 2026-2027

Total CSSVF Intervention Budget: £380,712.28

Serious Violence Duty Intervention Budget: £221,692.32

Community Safety Funding Intervention Budget: £159,019.96

Children and Young People

No New Interventions Confirmed

Violence Against Women and Girls

No New Interventions Confirmed



Alcohol, Violence and the Night-Time Economy (NTE)

No New Interventions Confirmed

Possession and Use of Weapons

No New Interventions Confirmed





Continuous Improvement Opportunities

1

Community Safety Hub Engagement

Ensure applicants actively engage with relevant Community Safety Hub in a meaningful way as part of the application process. This can lead to more comprehensive applications and better relations throughout the delivery of the intervention or project.

2

Promotion by Actively Engaged Authorities

Authorities engaged in Serious Violence Duty (SVD) partnership to proactively promote and/or engage with targeted applications that meet our local SVD priorities to maximise the opportunity to fund interventions or projects that can reduce serious violence in York and North Yorkshire (Y&NY).

Y&NY SVD Priorities



Awareness Raising
and Public Perception



Children and Young
People



Possession and Use
of Weapons



Alcohol, Violence and
Night-time Economy



Violence Against
Women and Girls

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