



Annual Report 2025-26

Reflecting on a year of evidence,
empathy and action in preventing
serious violence.

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About Us

Launched in 2022, the Humber Violence Prevention Partnership (VPP) is one of 20 Home Office funded **Violence Reduction Units** in England and Wales.

We seek to identify the **root causes** of serious violence. By using a public health approach, we focus on earlier intervention – this includes funding activities that offer young people **positive alternatives to serious violence**, such as sports programmes and social skills training.

The Humber VPP also runs **awareness campaigns** that help professionals and caregivers to educate, encourage and inspire young people.



Keep reading to learn more about our achievements and insights in 2025–26.

 **Our mission:** To lead and co-ordinate the local response to reducing serious violence.

 **Vision:** A safer Humber region where young people choose positivity over violence.

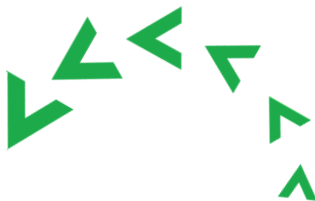
Our Partners



Financials

Here you'll find a breakdown of our financial year, including the funds we invested in data sharing and local evaluation. It also highlights the match funding we secured by working with our partners to increase our collective impact.

£407,103 was secured via match funding (our target was £176,000).



£470,267 how much funding we invested in our interventions programme (VRU core funded) in 2025-26.

	The Humber VPP	Young Futures Panel	Serious Violence Duty
Accommodation Costs	£0	£0	N/A
Equipment	£0	£0	N/A
Staff Training and Recruitment	£459,846	£101,518	£77,042
Data Sharing	£50,150	£10,000	N/A
Consultancy Services	£0	£0	N/A
Commissioned Interventions	£470,267	£61,230	£17,417
Local Evaluation	£49,370	£0	N/A
Other	£17,536	£27,252	N/A
Total	£1,047,170	£200,000	£94,459

A Year in Review

“The recent national evaluation of Violence Reduction Units (VRUs) found encouraging **falls in violence** through innovative early intervention programmes. As the Chair of the regional VRU, I am pleased but not surprised by these findings. Throughout the year, the Humber VPP has excelled in mapping youth voice activity, training partners on knife crime prevention and **engaging young people** with projects including street first aid.

While reports are vital for tackling violence reduction, it's also important to experience the impact of the work first-hand. In March 2026, I had the pleasure of visiting a few local interventions that receive funding from the Humber VPP. It was fantastic to learn how the programmes have developed young people's **confidence and leadership abilities** – along with improving their mental wellbeing.

When reading this report, I urge you to consider how you can use the resources and findings within your own organisation to help us build a **safer Humber region.**”



Jonathan Evison
Chair of the Humber VPP

“VRUs and our partners must **constantly adapt** as our understanding of violence and its risk and protective factors develops. This report highlights the **wide variety of work** our team, partners and commissioned interventions completed in 2025/26 – some of it new, some of it building on previous successes and learnings – to ensure that, together, we are as effective as possible.



As always, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this joint effort to prevent future harm.

The signs are encouraging. Nationally and locally, violence-related hospital admissions have reduced over recent years. However, we cannot be complacent. Prevention is a **long-term endeavour** that needs to be sustained as new threats emerge. The partnerships in place across the Humber region mean there are **strong foundations** that we can build on together in the years to come.

I hope you enjoy reading about this year's activity and we would welcome your feedback.”

Richard Kendall
Director of the Humber VPP

Youth Health Champions

We funded a national pilot programme for Youth Health Champions specialising in violence prevention and reduction. The programme taught young people how to **identify, prevent and address the root causes of violence**. 19 young people from the Humber region were selected for the six-week programme, which launched on the 28 October 2025 at Castle Hill Hospital in Cottingham.

Participants learnt useful knowledge and practical skills to create safer and more supportive places for patients, NHS staff and the public. By completing the training, the graduates were awarded a nationally-recognised **Level 2 qualification**. The programme was developed and delivered by [We Do Wellbeing](#). NHS Humber Health Partnership, the Royal Society for Public Health and Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust were among the healthcare organisations that helped shape the learning resources.

"I plan to use what I've learned to help raise awareness in my college and community. [...] I see this training as a chance to prepare me for future roles in community engagement, education or health-related work where empathy and prevention are essential."

According to an evaluation report from the Royal Society for Public Health:

Training quality and learner experience were consistently rated positively. Learners reported that the training met their expectations, with the vast majority willing to **recommend it to others**.

The co-development approach was a significant strength of the programme. Learners reported high levels of satisfaction with their **involvement in shaping the training content**, valuing the opportunity to influence how learning was delivered.

Learners demonstrated **substantial increases in knowledge** across all assessed areas, particularly in understanding public health approaches to violence prevention and awareness of relevant community and online resources.

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[Click to read the evaluation report](#)



Young Futures Panel

In 2025, the Home Office introduced a multi-agency approach known as Young Futures Panels (YFPs), inspired by work from the Greater Manchester Violence Reduction Unit. These panels identify and offer support to children and young people who are **vulnerable to being drawn into crime or serious violence**.

Violence Reduction Units (VRUs) across England and Wales have been provided with funding to pilot the approach in 2025/26 and 2026/27. Following a successful application, Hull City Council was selected to pilot the panel in the Humber area. The Humber VPP is providing access to an **additional £400,000 of Government funds** to support the set up and running of the panel over the two years, including expanding support for young people.

The panel is jointly chaired by Hull City Council and Humberside Police, with representation from organisations involved in supporting the city's young people. It uses police data to identify young people who may benefit from support, with a view to taking referrals from other sources in the future. The approach builds on existing work by Hull's Early Help Partnership.

As well as providing the funding and monitoring progress on behalf of the Home Office, we are working to support the panel with access to data and analysis to **understand risk factors** and linking it up with our other interventions and partners. Through the Humber VPP board, we are sharing progress and learnings with other local authority areas to inform any wider roll out after the pilot phase.

Key insights (up to March 2026):

70 children and young people have been discussed.

20% of these children and young people are **under the age of 10**.

57 of the 70 individuals discussed have consented to **positive early intervention** or been referred to statutory support services.

On average, **17 partner agencies** have been involved with the panel discussions.

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"I really like these sessions – can we do them forever? I am getting really good at the body scans. They help me to calm down."

"Thank you for being amazing with [my son]. He is definitely changing, with less attitude and being more helpful. His behaviour has definitely improved."

Street First Aid

We helped launch a new initiative to teach life-saving “street first aid” to young people in the Humber region.

Developed by the health charity [St John Ambulance](#), the Young Responders programme is designed to give 11 to 25-year-olds the first aid skills they need to respond to street violence and crime. The charity worked with our organisation to identify young people who may be at risk of serious violence, who are NEET (not in employment, education or training), care leavers or those in the care system. The sessions delivered **practical, scenario-based training** that reflect real-life situations young people may encounter.

The Humber VPP and Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside jointly funded £30,969 to expand the programme across the local area. The **free sessions** were delivered in schools, educational settings and youth organisations in selected locations across the Humber region.

To give our intervention leads an opportunity to find out more about the programme, St John Ambulance hosted a ‘Practitioners Awareness Session’ at their Hull headquarters. Attendees discovered how they could get involved and had a firsthand experience of the activities.

In Autumn 2025, [The Marvell College](#) in Hull booked 41 street first aid sessions, reaching **756 young people**.

“ We feel it is an important part of students’ personal development to be able to learn street first aid skills. It adds to students’ life skills to help support loved ones and the wider community if required.
– Dean Reacher, Assistant Headteacher at The Marvell College

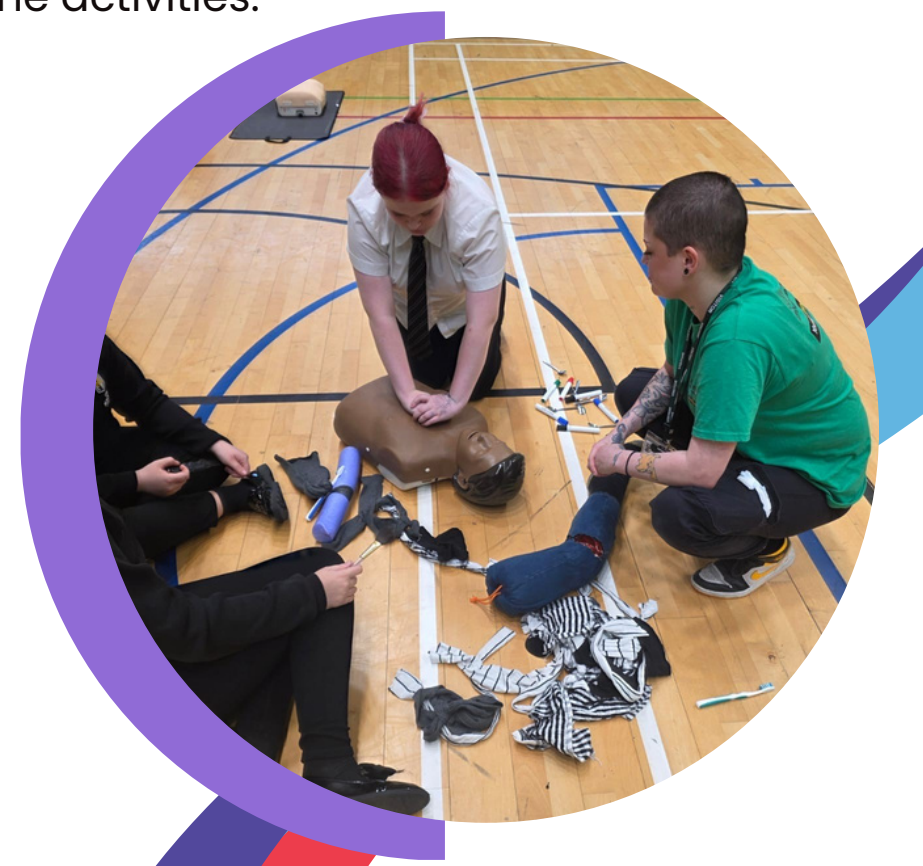
Key insights:

231 sessions were delivered between August 2025 and March 2026.

4,156 young people under 25 received street first aid training.

47 organisations in the Humber region requested training sessions.

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Award-winning Programmes

Navigators Shortlisted for Public Sector Award

Our Emergency Department (ED) Navigators programme was named a Bronze Winner at the **Public Sector Transformation Awards** on the 4 March 2026.

Led by the NHS Humber Health Partnership, ED Navigators are specially trained case workers who reach out to young people aged between 11 and 35 who have attended hospital due to a violent injury or been traumatised by violence.

The programme was shortlisted for the Transformation in Health & Social Care Award. This award highlights the great impact for customers of health and social care through **creative and forward-thinking services** for children, young people or adults.

Last year, our Navigators engaged with **118** new people. 51 of these individuals were aged under 24.

The Navigators team also trained **412** professionals – including NHS staff – on topics such as mental health, trauma-informed care and the importance of their role.

[Click to learn more about the Navigators](#)



Tigers Trust Tackle Anti-Social Behaviour

Tigers Trust celebrated national recognition after its Community Engagement Team won Project of the Year at the **2026 Resolve Anti-Social Behaviour Awards**.

Held in Nottingham on the 26 February 2026, the ceremony honoured **innovative projects** that successfully prevent anti-social behaviour (ASB) and support safer communities.

Tigers Trust received the award for its **Targeted Youth Engagement Programme**, which supports young people across Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire through outreach, mentoring, diversionary activities and partnership-led early intervention.

The Humber VPP works alongside Tigers Trust on initiatives aimed at preventing youth-related ASB and violence. We nominated the programme and are thrilled with the brilliant news!

 *We are extremely fortunate to have Tigers Trust as a local partner, delivering excellent support for communities across the Humber region.*
– Jonathan Evison, Chair of the Humber VPP

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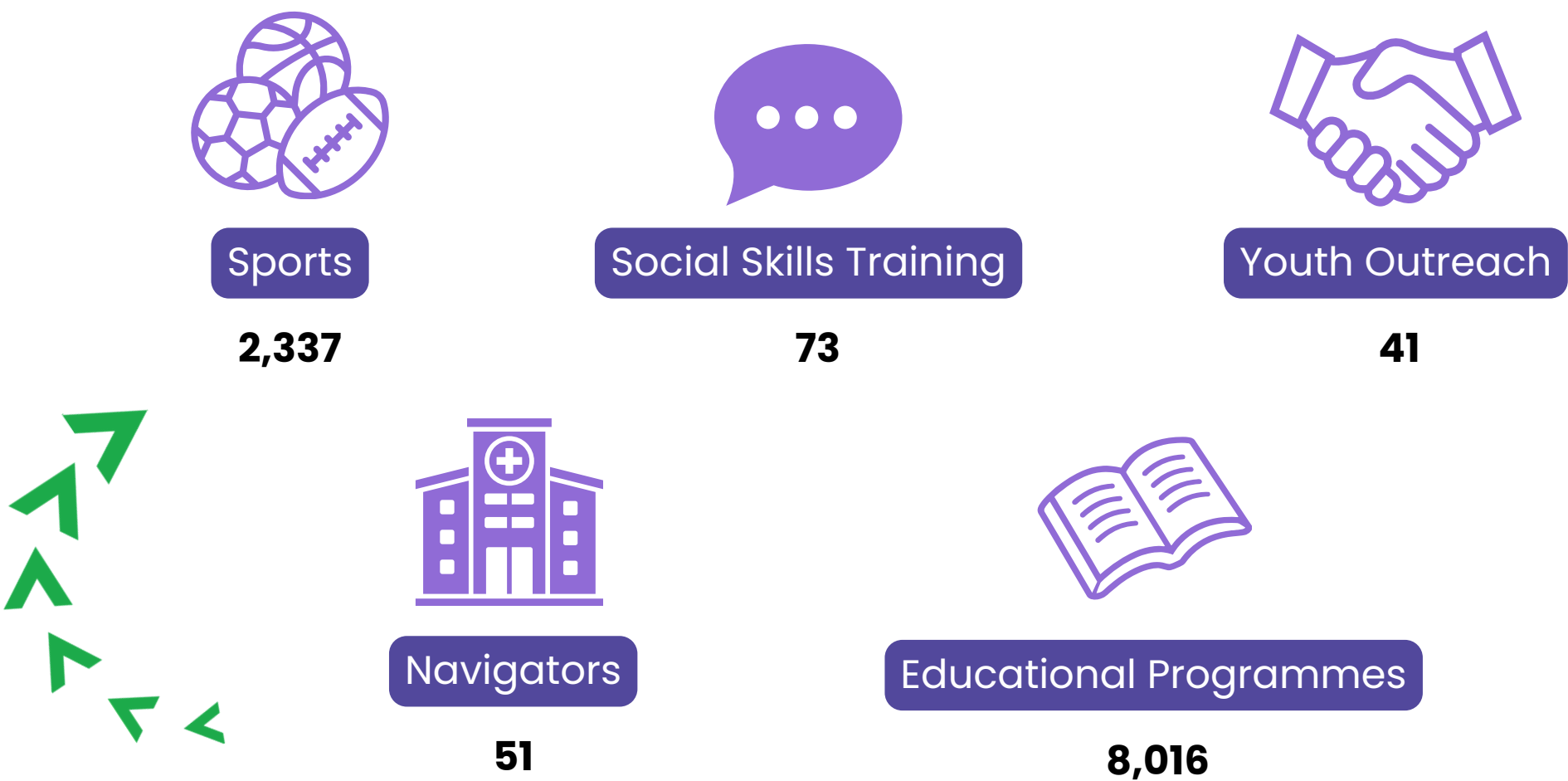


Funded Interventions

These insights show the incredible impact that our funded interventions had on young people last year.

- 10,518 young people (aged 24 and under) engaged with our interventions.
- 2,461 of these interventions are rated as **high impact** by the Youth Endowment Fund.
- 817 professionals were trained as a result of our interventions programmes.

Total number of young people (aged 24 and under) our interventions reached through...



[Click to explore our interventions](#)

Violence Against Women & Girls

#JustDont Campaign

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Humberside appointed Hitch Marketing to rebrand West Yorkshire Combined Authority's #JustDont campaign for communities across the Humber region.

While many young men recognise inappropriate behaviour, they often lack the confidence or language to challenge it. #JustDont **empowers men to take action**, whether that means speaking up directly or seeking support from a trusted adult.

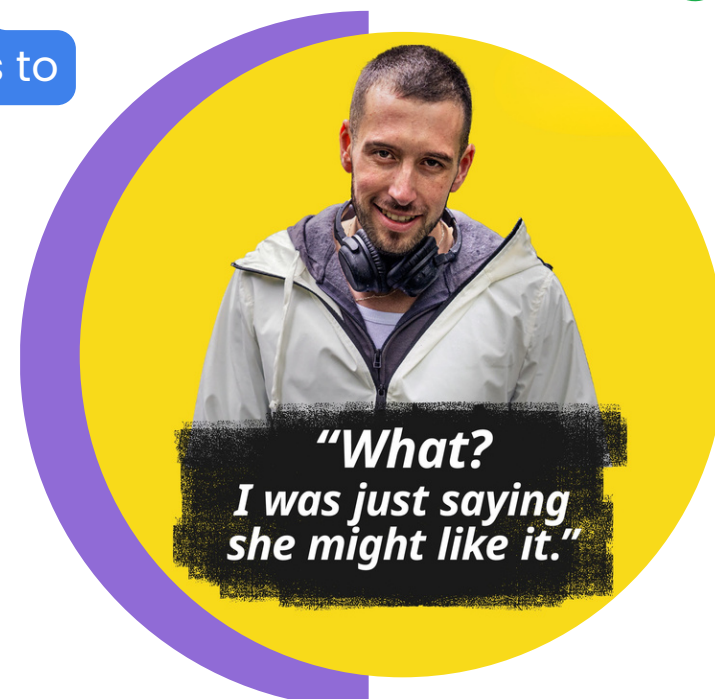
The OPCC and Humber VPP worked with local venues, schools, youth groups and businesses to promote the campaign. #JustDont has a suite of materials designed to raise awareness and drive participation – both online and offline.

The social media campaign delivered **over 700,000 impressions** and nearly 4,000 clicks to the webpage.

TikTok and YouTube were particularly effective at sustaining longer-form attention, reinforcing the campaign's reflective behaviour change messages.

In total, TV playtime equated to **over 800 hours** of full-length viewing.

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Educating St John Ambulance Cadets

In June 2025, a pioneering youth workshop was held with the Cadets of St John Ambulance (Humber and East Riding), marking a national first in delivering tailored, age-appropriate training to Cadets on **healthy relationships, coercive control and violence prevention**.

This session brought together a powerful **multi-agency partnership**, including Community VISION, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Wilberforce Institute, Forum CIO, and the Humber VPP.



They're the generation of the future. And hopefully the change in the tide we need.
– Gemma Jennison, Domestic Abuse Lead Representative Support Officer and Safeguarding Development Officer at Community VISION

[Click to watch the video of the session](#)

White Ribbon

White Ribbon UK is a leading charity in England and Wales that works to end men's violence against women and girls by preventing it from happening in the first place. Throughout White Ribbon Day (25 November 2025) and the following **16 days of action**, our team got involved with local events supporting the charity – from football tournaments to a vigil to a conference at Bridlington Spa.



Engaging with Partners

Partnership Conference

On the 12 June 2025, nearly **200 delegates** from across the Humber region gathered for our Partnership Conference. The event brought together professionals, policymakers, academics and community leaders to reflect on the progress made in violence prevention and to plan for the future. Keynote speakers included the Rt Hon Dame Diana Johnson DBE MP, Chief Constable Chris Todd and **young ambassadors** from the Peer Action Collective.

Following the success of previous conferences, this year's event focused on showcasing the impact of our commissioned interventions, the **importance of data sharing** and our local response strategy to reducing serious violence.

Throughout the day, attendees shared insights and strengthened partnerships to help **create safer communities** across the region.



 *Building partnerships and developing interventions is important for driving real, lasting change and our shared vision for safer communities for everyone.*
– The Rt Hon Dame Diana Johnson DBE MP

Healing Academy

Our team met with Stephen Logan, Principal of **Healing Academy** in Grimsby, to discuss ways to engage with students and help them think about their **future plans**.

We aim to continue working with Healing Academy to further understand how our resources can **support teachers and students** and make sure they are the best they can be.



 *We are delighted to align with the Humber VPP's mission to target resources where they will have the greatest impact in securing a safer future for our young people and the wider community. [...] We look forward to continued collaboration and partnership with the Humber VPP.*

– Stephen Logan, Principal of Healing Academy

Intervention Forums

Throughout the year, we ran **quarterly workshops** with the leads of our funded projects. The sessions gave attendees opportunity to explore our delivery plan, shared ambitions and examples of good practice. We also focused on monitoring requirements, youth voice, data insights and developing **theories of change** linked to evaluation and outcome measurement.

Community Engagement

The Power of Sport

Throughout March, our Chair Jonathan Evison and Director Richard Kendall visited some of our funded interventions.

Tigers Trust explained how football is a universal language and can **break down barriers** for young people from all backgrounds. It was great to hear how our organisation has helped support the team with our Navigators programme and Young Futures Panel.

At Box Smart, we learnt that boxing is becoming more popular with girls and young women and how the team is **building strong links** with other youth providers.

Hull FC Foundation's 'Play 2 Potential' project gives young people the chance to meet new friends and try different sports to improve their fitness. The programme includes **personal development activities** so young people can gain useful life skills and volunteering experience.

We're proud to fund these brilliant programmes. Sport is an important focus for the Humber VPP – it encourages young people to be **physically and mentally active** and aware of the impact of negative behaviours.



Hull Minster's Christmas Tree Festival

We were delighted to take part in the Lord Mayor of Hull's Christmas Tree Festival at Hull Minster. The decorations on our tree were linked to **healthy relationships**, including messages from young people on what it means to be a good friend and advice from our [Anyone. Anywhere. campaign.](#)

Together for Tomorrow

In August 2025, we had a brilliant time at the Together for Tomorrow event in Nunsthorpe, organised by Lincolnshire Housing Partnership and Humberside Police.

It was great to speak to local families about our **projects and campaigns** (and to play giant Connect 4!).



Local Events

Throughout the year, we attended events aimed at improving the lives of young people, **engaging with communities and professionals** across the Humber region. Events included Humberside Police's Night Challenge awards ceremony, the 'Good to Go' open day at Newland Allotments and the 'Health of Hull's Children' workshops at the University of Hull.

[Click to learn more about our projects](#)

Youth Voice

Young Humber Ambassadors

On the 9 October 2025, **over 100 pupils** from local schools took part in the Young Humber Ambassadors event at the University of Hull. Organised by Future Humber and the Hull and East Yorkshire Children's University, the event inspired the next generation with keynote speakers and engaging activities.

We spoke to the young people about **what makes them feel safe**, such as trusted adults, sports, and being a good friend. Our interventions are required to demonstrate how they respond to the concerns, wants and needs identified by young people across the region – including the themes highlighted by the Young Humber Ambassadors.

Key insights:

Just like adults, children and young people want to know they are being **listened to and heard**.

Many children recognised that not only does **being kind to other people** make them feel good, but it can also make yourself feel good.

They rely on adults to be **good role models** and to help them navigate what is safe or unsafe.

[Click to read the report](#)



Mapping Youth Voice / Youth Connect

Since launching, we have engaged young people through co-created campaigns, focus groups and initiatives such as [Hope Hacks](#). While these efforts have been valuable, we recognise the need to go further to engage young people and **embed youth voice meaningfully and consistently** across our partnership.

That's why we commissioned [Eski](#) to lead a project that builds on existing youth voice and engagement activity in the region. The project avoids duplication, valuing what has already been said and identifies how we can **act on it more effectively**. Outcomes include a directory of organisations currently engaging young people and a report of findings from young people in the youth justice system.

Key insights:

Violence was framed as **protection and survival** – with weapons carrying highlighted as a method of safety rather than a means to cause harm.

Young people are crying out for more **accessible, positive activities**.

Mental health is a serious concern for young people at an increasingly younger age, both because of Covid-19 and the consumption of social media.

They need to trust that the care they are receiving is genuine and will be consistent to build **beneficial positive relationships**.

[Click to learn more](#)

Knife Crime Awareness

The Ben Kinsella Trust is a charity that tackles knife crime through education and campaigning. Their namesake, Ben, was just 16 years old when he was tragically murdered in a knife attack in 2008. Since his murder, his family have tirelessly **championed for change**.

In March 2026, the charity led fantastic sessions for our team, partners, and local caregivers to help us better understand knife crime from the perspective of young people.

For the in-person workshops in Hull and Scunthorpe, we explored the links between stress and brain development, online harms, and trauma-informed approaches. Their webinars offered practical advice for carers and professionals to have **supportive conversations with young people**. We learnt about the role of trusted adults, signs of exploitation and the impact of social media.

The charity has also created a **digital parents and carers guide** for our organisation with useful tips and resources for talking to young people about the risks of carrying a knife.



Key takeaways from attendees:

"I'll use [the training] to drop information into conversations with the young people I volunteer with and also to **educate my own children**."

"I'll work with the **PSHE leads** to communicate these key learnings into schools and equip them with signposting for effective support."

"I'm pleased to have links and resources to access **further support**."

Following an in-person training session, **100%** of attendees agreed that they had a good understanding of the drivers of knife crime (53% of these strongly agreed).



4.87 average rating for the in-person training sessions.



[Click to explore knife crime awareness resources - including the webinars and digital guide](#)

Training & Upskilling

We're always learning and growing in our approach to violence prevention. This page highlights training sessions we organised for our partners, and external events where we spread the word about our great work.

Facing Danger in the Helping Professions

When: 28 April 2025

Attendees: 18 professionals from our interventions

Where: Barton Cricket Club, North East Lincolnshire

About: Led by Dr Iain Bourne, this skills-based programme helped attendees to respond skillfully, appropriately and effectively to behaviour that can be difficult, disturbing and dangerous. The training is dramatised with critical incidents being re-enacted. After each scenario, participants had the opportunity to discuss their reactions, assessment and response to the behaviour.

St John Ambulance Taster Session

When: 4 July 2025

Attendees: 16 professionals from youth-facing organisations

Where: St John Ambulance's headquarters, Hull

About: Attendees discovered how to refer young people and book sessions, as well as gaining firsthand experience of the provision.



Humber Generalist Medical School

When: 2 July 2025

Attendees: NHS staff

Where: Hull Royal Infirmary

About: Along with our Hull Navigators, we presented to frontline NHS staff as part of Humber Generalist School's trauma module. The Humber Generalist School is a programme set up by NHS colleagues that looks to enhance NHS staff's practice and holistic thinking.



Introduction to the ICB Trauma-Informed Toolkit

When: 22 September 2025

Attendees: 20 intervention leads and delivery staff

Where: Tigers Trust, Hull

About: This workshop introduced the 'Organisational Toolkit,' a resource to help services assess their current position within the four stages of a trauma-informed approach. It also supports the development, implementation and review of policies and procedures to ensure alignment with trauma-informed principles. Participants worked in groups to explore how the toolkit can be applied within their own service areas.

[Click to view the framework](#)

Webinars

Throughout the year, we hosted webinars with expert speakers to educate the public and professionals about violence prevention.

Language Matters

Date: 26 November 2025

Guest speaker: The Children's Society

This insightful webinar explored the role of language when supporting young people. Over 150 viewers joined to learn how the words we use can help – rather than harm – victims of child exploitation.

94% of attendees said they intended to make a change to their practice as a result of this session.

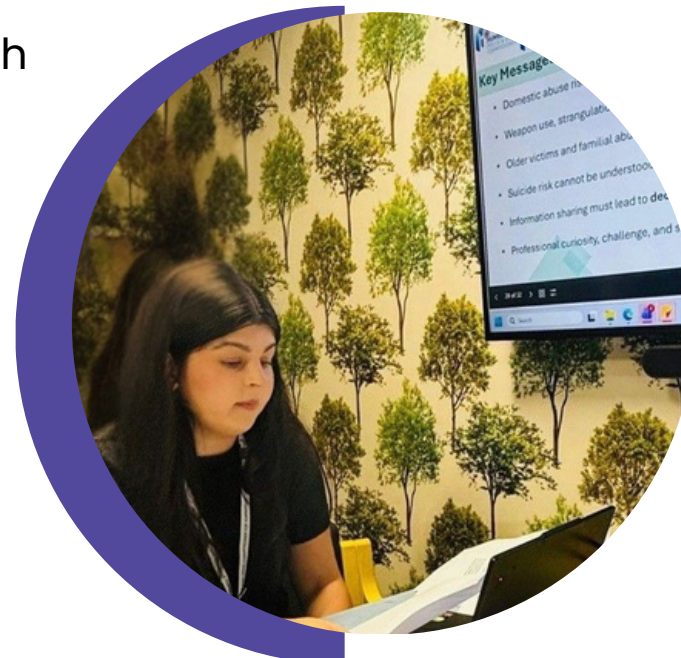
Shared Learning from Domestic Abuse-Related Death Reviews (DARDRs)

Date: 23 February 2026

Guest speakers: Amna Ijaz (Graduate Research Assistant) and Kay Durrant (Hull Safeguarding Adult Board Chair)

DARDRs are statutory reviews conducted following a death where domestic abuse is known or suspected to be a contributing factor. This webinar highlighted key findings and recommendations from the report.

[Click to watch the webinar](#)



Taking a Public Health Approach to Serious Violence

Date: 11 February 2026

Guest speaker: Dawn Foster, founder of We Do Wellbeing

Dawn Foster explained how a public health approach can help organisations end violence and promote healthier communities.

[Click to watch the webinar](#)

Parents and Carers: Keeping our Children Safe

Date: 11 March 2026

Guest speaker: The Ben Kinsella Trust

This session provided parents and carers with the knowledge and confidence to have supportive conversations with young people about knife crime and violence.

[Click to watch the webinar](#)

Knife Crime Essentials

Date: 17 March 2026

Guest speaker: The Ben Kinsella Trust

Over 70 people joined this webinar to gain an understanding of the drivers of knife crime – and how we can help to reduce it.

[Click to watch the webinar](#)

Education

Pol-Ed

In December 2025, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Humberside purchased access to the 'Pol-Ed' programme to improve young people's awareness of **risks, citizenship and the law**.

Developed by West Yorkshire Police and subject matter experts, Pol-Ed is an educational programme available to schools and community groups in the Humber region, **free of charge**.

Covering early years through to Key Stage 5, the ready-to-go resources are split into four overarching themes: relationships, keeping safe, understanding the law, and wellbeing. Along with lesson plans, assembly presentations and activities for pupils, Pol-Ed has created special event packs for **awareness dates** – including Knife Crime Awareness Week.

Pol-Ed's resources are linked to the Department for Education's statutory guidance and the PSHE (personal, social, health and economic) Association Programme of Study. They can be used throughout the year, or reactively to address specific needs of the community, e.g.: a spike in anti-social behaviour.

[Click to visit Pol-Ed](#)



I have been teaching PSHE for over 20 years and these are the best set of resources that have ever come out and they are free and so up-to-date and relevant.

– Mrs Vernon, Woodhouse Grove School (Bradford)

From December 2025 to March 2026, **304** primary and secondary schools in the Humber region have signed up to Pol-Ed. This is **68%** of schools in the region.

'Why are safe hands important' was the **most-delivered topic**, followed by 'What is discrimination' and 'What are protected characteristics?'

In the Humber region, **North Lincolnshire** delivered the most Pol-Ed sessions (256), followed by the East Riding of Yorkshire (148).

Not In Our Community

Not In Our Community (NIOC) has created new resources to educate young people across the Humber region about crime prevention and safety.

The resources have been co-created with feedback from schools, youth groups and young people to make sure they are relevant and engaging. Topics include anti-social behaviour, online harms and child exploitation.



Last year, their programme reached **3,841 young people** (aged 24 and under).

The NIOC website received **45,133 views** and 1,444 file downloads from April 2025 to March 2026.

[Click to visit NIOC](#)

Education Continued

Safer Schools Partnership

The Safer Schools Partnership is a collaboration between the Humber VPP, Humberside Police, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and **every school across the region**.

It aims to promote positive engagement leading to a **building of trust and confidence** between schools and the police.

The initiative is also designed to improve safety and safeguarding within and around schools, help **develop prevention strategies**, and aid in efforts of early intervention by promoting positive pathways for young people across the Humber area.

In October 2025, Sirius Academy North re-signed the Safer Schools Agreement and became the **first school in the region** to receive a certificate to mark the partnership.

[Click to learn more about the partnership](#)



Education Partnership

The Education Partnership brings together experts in **safeguarding, education, public health and early intervention**. Active partners include the OPCC, Humberside Police, Humberside Fire and Rescue and Safer Roads Humber.

Their website offers a wide range of educational resources and national organisations that provide valuable information around **crime and safety topics**. Users can also access training opportunities and see which campaigns and interventions are taking place across the Humber area.

Members **meet every few months** to share best practice, hear from guest speakers, receive updates and give feedback on anything topical, especially about crime safety. In 2025–26, **guest speakers** included YourPoliceUK, the Hull University Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Fearless, and the Ben Kinsella Trust.

You can sign up to their newsletter for regular updates on educational activities and resources.

[Click to learn more](#)

Data & Insights

Strategic Needs Assessment

Data is at the heart of everything we do. And our Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA) helps us **translate data into insights**. The SNA includes **analytical activities** carried out by our partnership and we use it to understand serious violence in the Humber region.

SNAs are a Home Office requirement for all Violence Reduction Units and provide the evidence base for **shaping our response strategy** and commissioning interventions. The data aims to identify priority crime types, drivers of serious violence, risk factors, people at risk, and hotspot locations.

Key insights:

In comparison to 2023/24, there was a **reduction in knife/sharp object violence** in both police and hospital admissions data. Serious violence (as defined by the Humber VPP) also saw a decrease.

The number of possessions of weapon offences saw an increase. It is probable that this is linked to increased policing activity and changes to the Offensive Weapons Act (2019) making it illegal to possess weapons in a private space.

Most people involved with serious violence were aged between 15 and 35. **One third** of people suffering and perpetuating violence are aged 25 and under.

[Click to read the SNA](#)

Reasons for Children Leaving In-Person Education

We commissioned [Humber Learning Consortium](#) (HLC) to help us **better understand** children who are missing education, electively home educated or not in education, employment or training.

As part of this research, HLC created a questionnaire on **perceptions of disproportionately** in the system, barriers to entering/re-entering education and reasons for leaving in-person education.

HLC also conducted **semi-structured interviews** across the Humber region, talking to both young people and their carers about their personal experiences. Topics included education, support from community organisations, family background and life aspirations.

Key insights:

This cohort is increasing, which links to **rising rates of non-attendance** at school and challenges accessing support for SEND and mental health needs.

The impact of the **Covid-19 pandemic and cost-of-living crisis** may have changed attitudes towards schooling for parents, who may no longer believe every day attendance is as essential as it once was.

Recommendations: continue to promote trauma-informed practice, explore piloting interventions to improve attendance and research ways of joining datasets to identify children not enrolled in education.

[To be published soon – click to view our reports hub](#)

Future Focus

Our latest Delivery Plan outlines the specific actions we'll take in 2026-27 to meet our objectives of preventing serious violence in the Humber region. And where applicable, it states how we will **measure these objectives**.

It also summarises the additional multi-agency actions being taken at a Humber-wide level (i.e. across multiple local authority areas) to implement the regional Response Strategy, as well as actions led by our partners.

Here are some of our **new actions** for 2026-27...



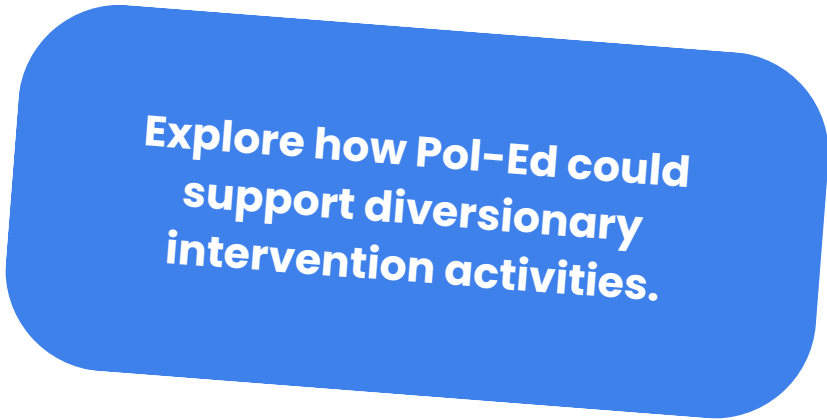
Pilot the use of participatory photography to better understand children's views of their communities.



Scope potential to proactively provide support to children with family members in prison.



Deliver targeted problem solving activity in knife crime hotspots through the Knife Crime Concentrations Fund.



Explore how Pol-Ed could support diversionary intervention activities.



Work with intervention providers to expand our youth voice work, including using Hope Hacks methodology.



Develop "deeper dive" case studies for intervention and Young Futures Panel participants.



Review and explore opportunities to strengthen the regional Serious Violence Duty response, drawing on the latest guidance.

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Response Strategy Refresh

Help us shape a safer Humber region.

This year, we're refreshing our strategic response to the serious violence duty. We're interested in hearing from partners and local organisations who have evidence on the topic of **serious violence, domestic abuse, unmet needs and ACEs** (Adverse Childhood Experiences). This includes plans, reports, datasets and Strategic Needs Assessments.

The [original Response Strategy](#) was published in 2023, following discussions with local partners, communities and young people.

With the new strategy, we're aiming to continue conversations about how we prevent and reduce serious violence across the Humber region. We want to know **if the priorities we have developed are the right ones**, and to hear ideas about how we can work with organisations and communities to deliver them.

If you'd like to share any evidence with us, or have any questions, please email us at:

humbervpp@humberside.police.uk

The table opposite shows the proposed timeline for consultations and reviews.



Action	Proposed Date
Launch of partner and stakeholder consultation on priorities and call for evidence; discussion of selected thematic areas.	18 June 2026
Focus group discussions with an emphasis on young people and other cohorts usually under-represented in surveys – to be delivered in collaboration with interventions and partners as per the Delivery Plan.	June – September 2026
Offer to attend partner board/sub-group meetings or meet individually to gather feedback.	Late June – September 2026
Humber VPP board discussion of emerging priorities and any potential changes to the regional serious violence definition.	17 July 2026
Development and refinement of outcomes and objectives in consultation with partners.	August and early September 2026
Draft Response Strategy, Outcomes Framework and Theory of Change circulated to the Humber VPP board for feedback.	Late September 2026
Final drafts presented to Humber VPP board.	9 October 2026
Amendments if required and dissemination.	Mid-October 2026 onwards

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