

Update

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Welcome to this special edition of what will become a quarterly publication, sharing news about Gloucestershire Mentoring Programme.

Since our launch in March, we've been promoting the Programme more widely and seeing an increasing flow of referrals. And we've settled into routine service delivery, staying in constant contact to ensure a seamless offer. We've also been working with the Programme evaluator to develop a growing understanding of the young people we're supporting and fine tune our practices. And we're pleased to be bringing some of the early findings to you now.

Given the timing of this edition, I'd like to give a special 'shout out' for our volunteer mentor recruitment event next Wednesday, 14th Sept. 'More details in the 'How you can help' section – we're hoping you can help us secure a good turnout!



Our successes

- Supporting 100 girls and young women onto the Programme.
- Supporting 94 of these young people with active mentoring and pre-engagement.
- An extended training offer for volunteer mentors
- A robust evaluation framework in place codesigned with research organisation, Rocket Science.
- Getting the word out a joint press release, regular social media posts, radio interviews, securing new advocates and briefing key police and social care teams.

What's next

- A big push on volunteer recruitment, as we're aiming for almost 300 mentoring relationships in our first two years.
- Growing connections and doing more to increase awareness.
- Looking forward to using Action ACEs Gloucestershire's new online training resources!

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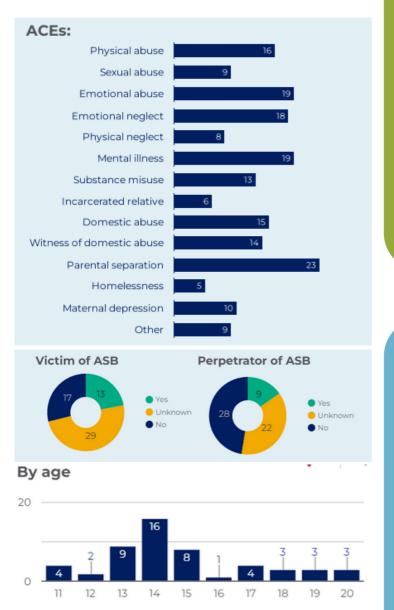
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A snapshopt of what we're learning



How you can get involved

As part of our volunteer recruitment drive, we're planning a Garden Party for Wednesday 14th Sept – drop in between 5:30 and 7:30pm at Greyfriars Bowling Green in Gloucester. Please help us spread the word by sharing the invitation accompanying this update!

We're also sharing a couple of awareness raising posters - if you're able to display or share them, it'd be a great help.

THANK YOU!

We're grateful to Phil White in the Youth Support Team for a great training session back in April. It helped us understand the unique multi-agency Youth Justice set up in Gloucestershire and explore how GMP can best complement this offer.

We're also indebted to the organisations behind the recently launched Go Volunteer Glos website

Finally, a round of applause for the amazing people who have already become GMP volunteer mentors, having completed their mentor training. We're thankful to have them on board and really appreciate their commitment to the Programme's young people.

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