

Council Briefing

Gun and Knife Crime in Sheffield

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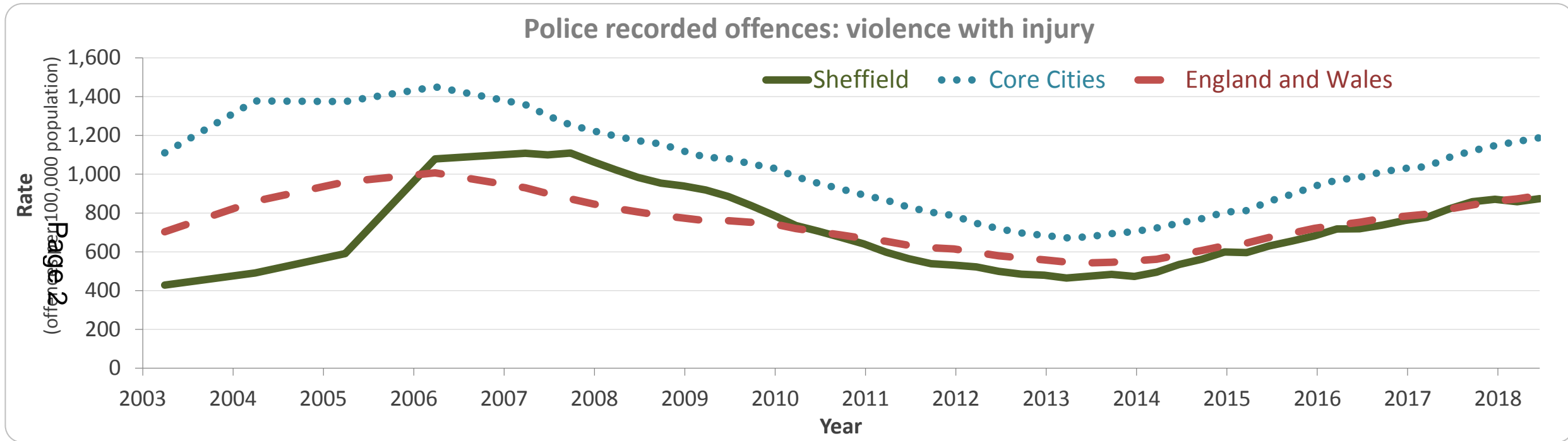
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Agenda Item 4

Violence with injury

Police recorded crime per 100,000 population

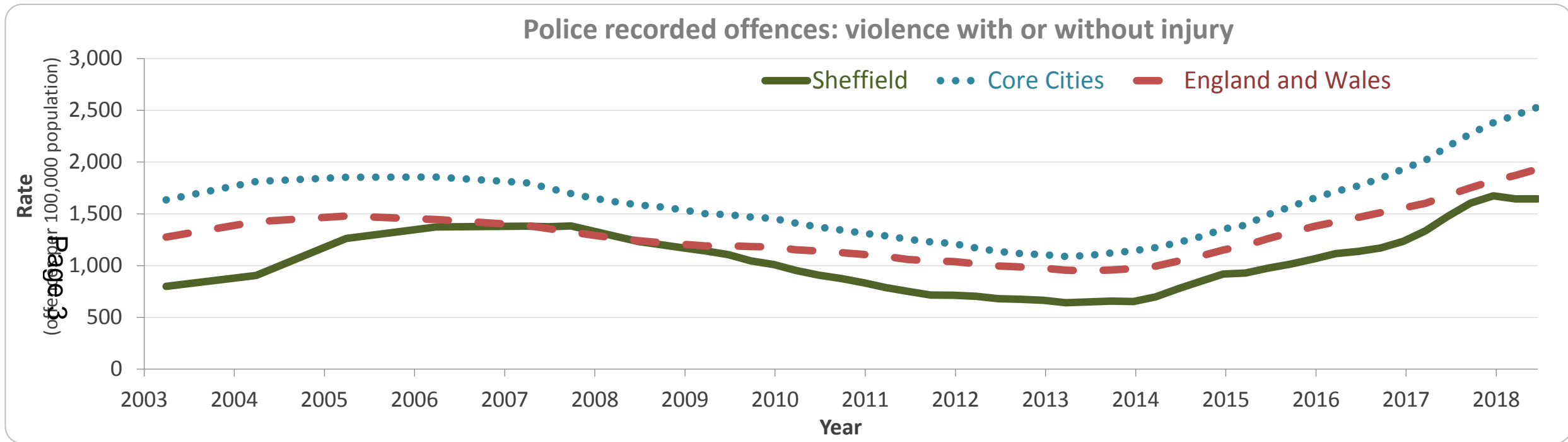


Sources: ONS, Recorded crime data at Community Safety Partnership / Local Authority level; Recorded Crime Data at Police Force Area Level

- Recorded rates of violence with injury have been increasing across England and Wales since 2012/13.
- Despite a larger than average increase over the five years, Sheffield's rate remained the lowest of the English Core Cities in the twelve months to June 2018.

Violence with or without injury

Police recorded crime per 100,000 population

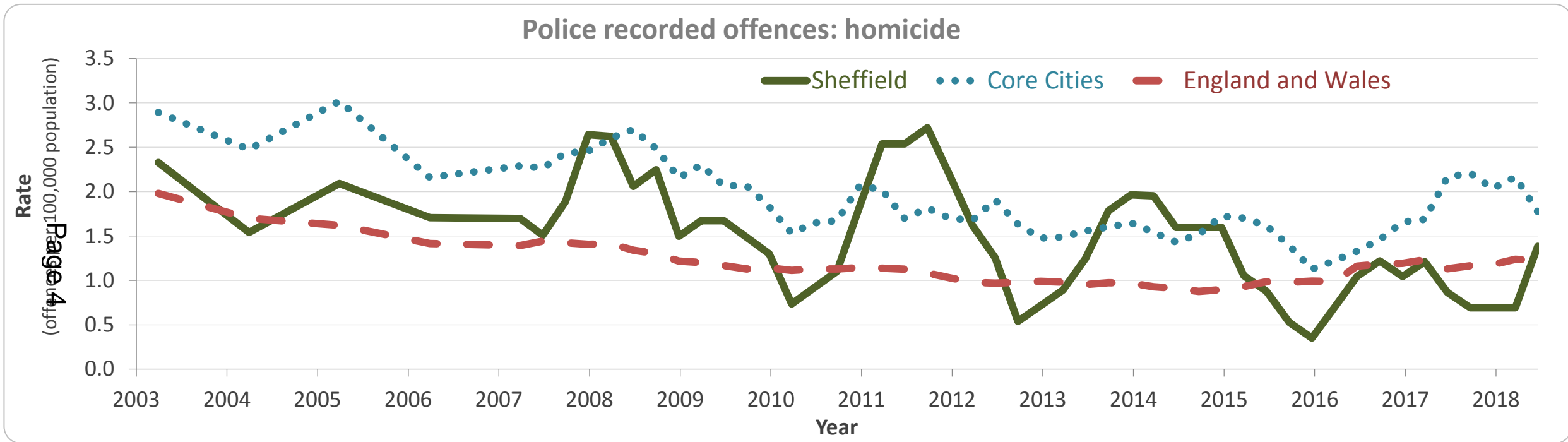


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- After adding offences that did not include injury, Sheffield's rate remains below those of England and Wales and the English Core Cities.
- Despite a comparatively large increase in rates since 2012/13, Sheffield's rate was still the lowest of the eight Core Cities in the twelve months to June 2018.

Homicide

Police recorded crime per 100,000 population

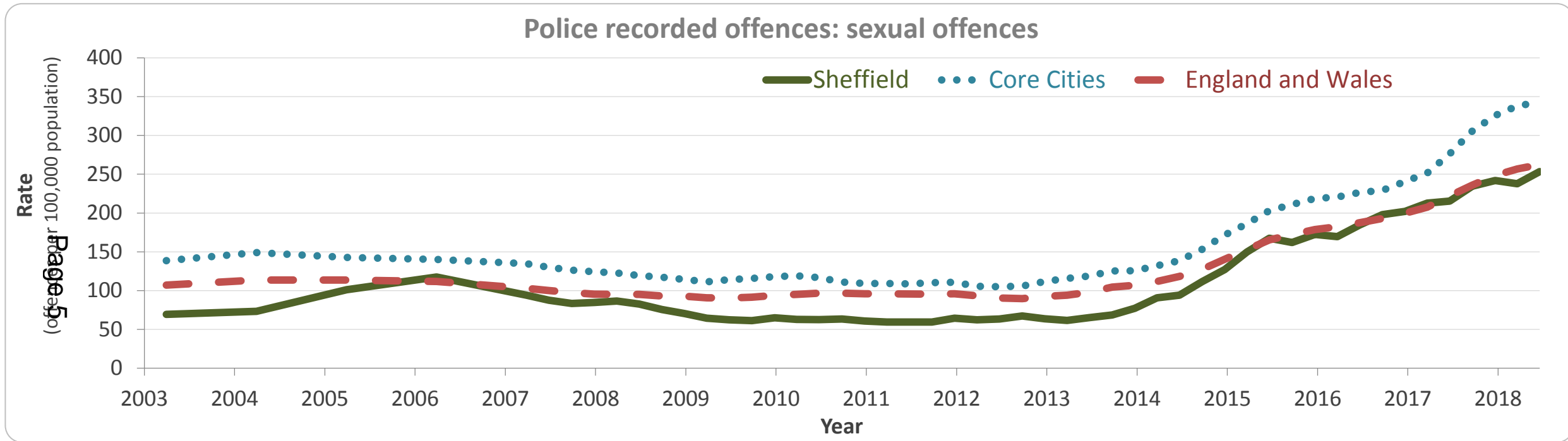


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- The homicide rate in Sheffield fluctuates due to the small numbers involved. The rate in the twelve months to June 2018 represents eight incidents.
- It is hard to see a trend, but it is safe to say that there hasn't been an increase over the past fifteen years.

Sexual offences

Police recorded crime per 100,000 population

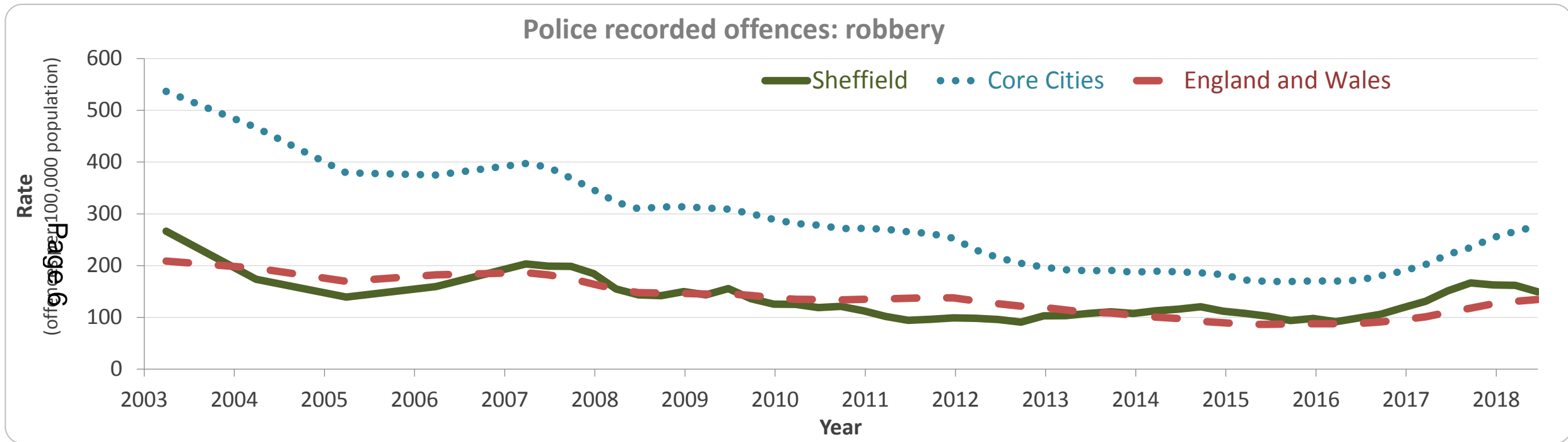


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- There has been a national increase in the rate of police recorded sexual offences.
- Between the twelve month periods ending 31 March 2013 and 30 June 2018, Sheffield's rate increased, however it remains below national average and is the lowest of the eight Core Cities.

Robbery

Police recorded crime per 100,000 population

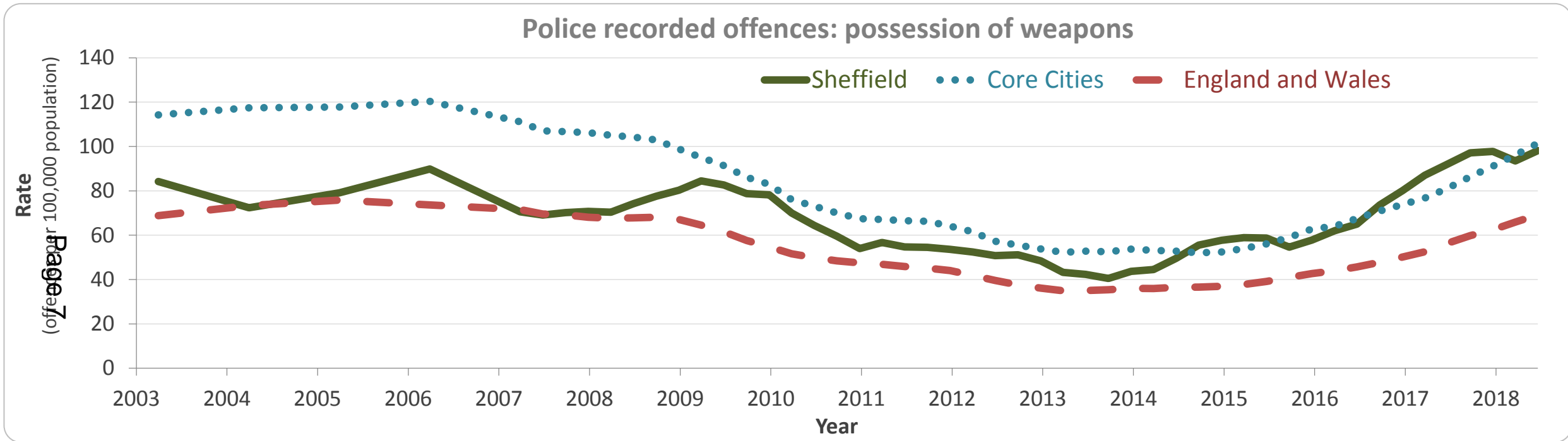


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- The increase in recorded robbery offences in Sheffield in the period to September 2017 was followed by a twelve percent fall in the rate.
- Sheffield's rate for the year to June 2018 is slightly above the England and Wales average and seventh lowest of the English Core Cities

Possession of weapons* offences

Police recorded crime per 100,000 population



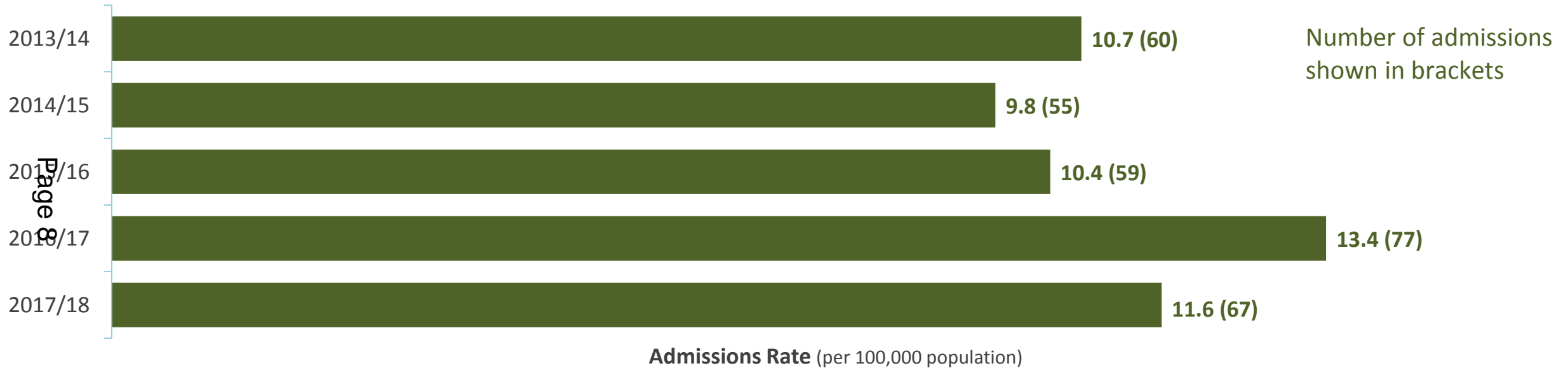
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- The national rate of possession of weapons offences has been increasing since 2013.
- Sheffield’s rate in the twelve months to 30 June 2018 is similar to the Core Cities average and above that of England and Wales.

* Includes firearms, articles with a blade or point or any article made or adapted for use to cause injury to the person, or intended by the person having it with them for such use.

Hospital admissions: assault with a sharp object admissions per 100,000 population

Sheffield rate of hospital admission following assault with a sharp object, 2013/14 – 2017/18



Source: Public Health Intelligence Team, Sheffield City Council - data taken from HES Data Interrogation System (HDIS), NHS Digital 2018

- Sheffield's rate in 2017/18 was lower than six of the other seven Core Cities. Bristol's rate was similar at 11.5 admissions per 100,000 population.
- The rate in Sheffield has fluctuated over the past five years, but was lower in 2017/18 than the previous year. More recent data is not currently available.

Why Now



Our Plan.....

CURRENT AND EMERGING CHALLENGES BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES IN SHEFFIELD

1	Increasing inequality and it's potential effects on crime, violence and civil justice	
2	Adverse childhood experiences and their long term impact on individuals, families and the justice system	
3	Prevention and early intervention delivering a sustainable and substantial shift in resources to focus on these elements	
4	Hot spots the concentration of victimisation, crime and civil problems in our most deprived communities	
5	Wellbeing the relatively poor mental and physical health of those coming in contact with the criminal justice system	

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Sheffield Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership



- Statutory Community Safety Partnership
 - Led by Police and Local Authority
 - Bring together expertise, knowledge, consistency of action
- Statutory requirement to have a local strategy for tackling community safety issues

Community Safety Priorities

- Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment of 12 months crime and disorder information
- Partnership Plan, refreshed annually.
- 2017/18 priorities (will remain for 2018/19):
 - Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
 - Gangs and Youth Violence
 - Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls
 - Hate Crime against the most Vulnerable

The Support Offer for Young People

Universal Prevention/Resilience Building For every young person	Targeted For young people who need more help	Specific For the small number of young people who are even more at risk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family, friends, community • Early Years services • Parenting and Family Support ie MAST • School and College inclusion/pastoral teams, Citizenship, PSHE, enrichment activities • Youth Work, Sports and Leisure activities – 49 council commissioned sessions per week and many more activities from community and voluntary groups • Apprenticeships, Work Experience, Post 16 training and education • Health Services – Gp, mental health, sexual health etc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Youth Team prevention work – work with 800 young people per year at risk of crime/ASB/CSE/exclusion • Support 1500 young people who are NEET or at risk of to secure training/education/employment post 16 • Drug and Alcohol awareness/prevention • Supported accommodation • Alternative education offer • Emotional health and wellbeing i.e. Door 43, Counselling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ‘Star House Portal’ or ‘Youth Portal’ is the conduit for assessment and referral into a range of services for vulnerable young people and the delivery of an integrated health and engagement offer including: • Youth Justice Service • Sexual Exploitation Service • Missing Young People return interviews • Gang Prevention Team/Operation Fortify • Radicalisation

Operation Fortify – Child Criminal Exploitation Service



- This team is designed to rapidly respond to those children and families both on the cusp or a victim of child criminal exploitation (CCE), which may cause significant harm. This includes involvement in criminal activities, for example carrying and holding weapons or drug dealing.
- This multi-agency, proportionate response to risk will include an offer focused on
 - Prevention
 - Diversion/Disruption
 - Enforcement

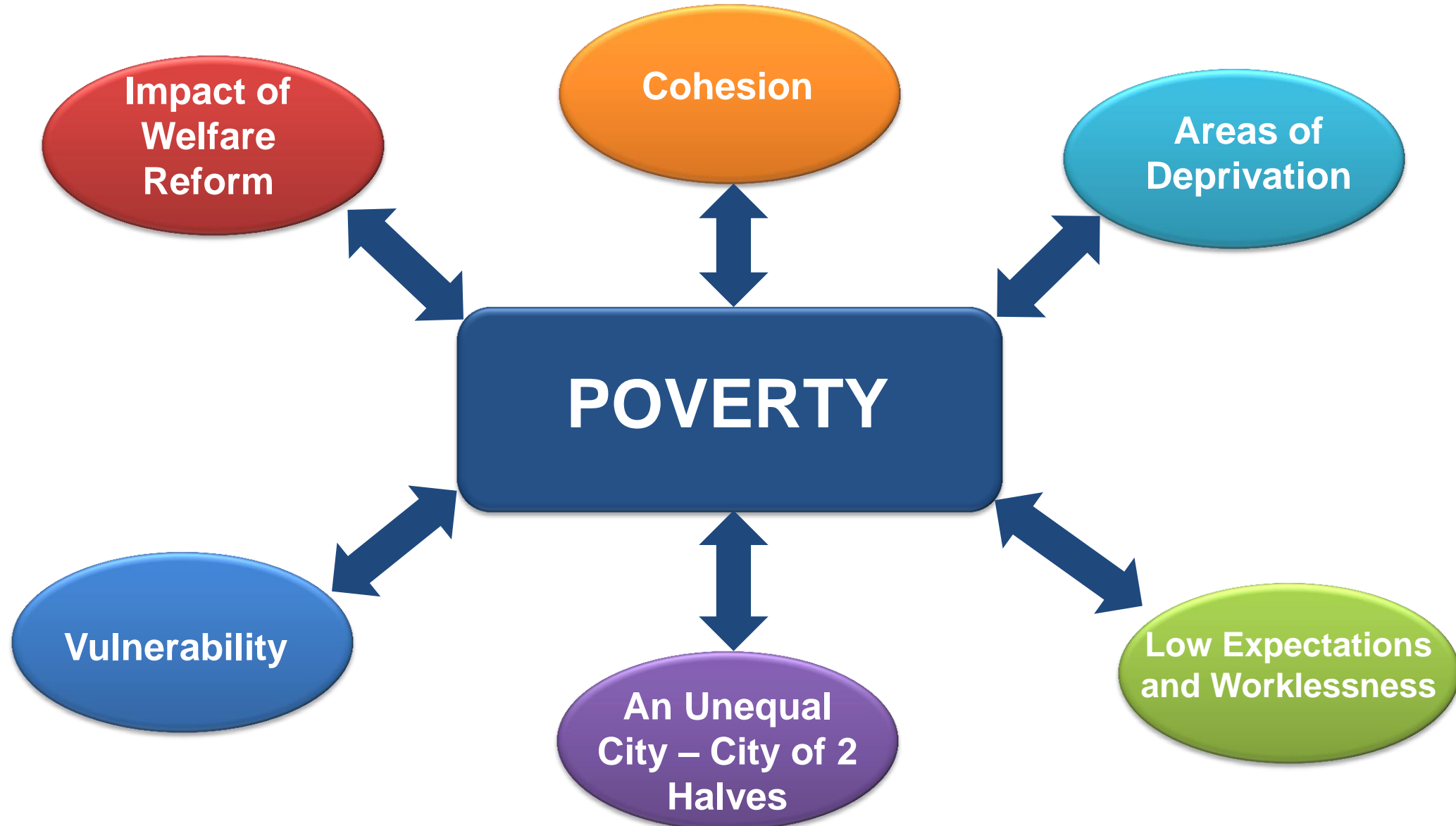
- A primary aim of the CCE team will be to raise awareness of CCE through work with partners delivering briefings to services involved with children. This includes universal services such as Education providers but other agencies who come into families lives such as Housing and DWP.
- Supporting and protecting vulnerable locations, such as children's homes and Pupil Referral Units.
- Home Office funding application for earlier intervention in school

- Diversionary tactics, to promote alternatives for young people with education and Community Youth Team Provision for example.
- Identify hot spot areas, working with partners to employ both meaningful diversions and disruption tactics.
- Direct work with young people and their families and a multi-agency team around the family to safeguard and support, using Signs of Safety creating resilient safety networks.
- Working closely with Youth Justice Service and South Yorkshire Police to engage rather than criminalise Young People.

Vulnerable Young People Governance

- The Vulnerable Young People's Executive Board will provide strategic oversight and direction to services that protect and support young people in Sheffield from Contextual Safeguarding risks.
- The Vulnerable Young Peoples Executive Board will bring key agencies and organisations together to ensure that we are working effectively as a partnership to protect and safeguard children
- The Board will report to the Sheffield Safeguarding Children Board, Gold Command Group and the Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership
- A Review of vulnerable young people services is being conducted by the Leader of the Council. This will recommend further ways to work in a more joined up way in the future to deliver support to vulnerable young people.

Neighbourhood Challenges



Neighbourhood Intervention and Resilience

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- Clear message, dispel myths and set of actions to support communities
- Improved joint working and set of priorities in local areas – prevention and early intervention
- Better deployment of resources (all agencies) tackling root causes
- Gather intelligence, intervene and disrupt the draw these gangs have on young people
- Plan - identification of worst offenders and their networks, isolate and tackle
- Make the best use of the Council's funding and influencing role to bring investing into these areas
- Poverty – relationship between crime hot-spots and helping people into sustainable employment
- Sustainable housing for young people and families - address the imbalance of housing tenures in some areas and H+ management arrangements now embedded
- Local plans - each Neighbourhood is different and solutions will be different
- Programme of dialogue with local communities

Confidence in our Neighbourhoods – Community Dialogue



A number of local events are being arranged over Nov/Dec:

Dates and times of the events will be circulated to elected members and community groups.

- Aim of the events is to increase understanding of each community, share the work undertaken to date, learn from their intelligence and resilience.
- Action Plans that can measure the impact and resilience

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