



Profiling provision that supports the delivery of RSHP education

Rape Crisis Scotland and Zero Tolerance

Title of programme: **Equally Safe at School: A Whole School Approach to Gender Based Violence Prevention**

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About the programme

This is a pilot programme which supports secondary schools to take a holistic approach to tackling gender based violence, with measures to promote gender equality hand in hand with measures to prevent and respond effectively to gender based violence. It is being delivered through a partnership between Rape Crisis Scotland and Zero Tolerance, with an evaluation being undertaken by University of Glasgow. It is funded by the Scottish Government Violence against Women and Girls Fund until 2020. During the pilot we are working with 8 schools to test and further develop the model and materials, and to evaluate the model's effectiveness. We are also exploring how best to make it available more widely from 2020 onwards.

Over the course of the pilot we work closely with the students and staff to help them develop a clearer understanding of the nature and forms of gender based violence, to promote equality through the curriculum and in everyday school life, to be able to identify and respond effectively to incidents, and to provide better support to survivors. Measures address the school ethos, curriculum, policy and leadership, and there is a key role for young people working alongside staff to identify their own priorities and how best to address them. Key learning from the pilot to date underlines the importance of school management supporting, coordinating and prioritising the intervention, and of devolving responsibility for key activities to passionate staff members.

Links to information

Further information about the intervention and contact details can be found here:

<https://www.rapecrisisscotland.org.uk/equally-safe-at-school/>