



# Impact Report

2025



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## Foreword

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2025 has been a year of exceptional growth, achievement and innovation for StreetDoctors. We have trained 20,364 young people who are now better equipped with the skills, confidence and the willingness to act in the prevention of harm and to save lives in their communities. Our growth has been strengthened by exciting new partnerships and the development of our young leaders' projects and prison pilot, which supports young people's aspirations, healthcare, employment and provides them with a greater sense of belonging.

Over the past year we have created new collaborations to develop projects such as Young Leaders, embedded in communities, to inspire action. By taking ownership and making positive contributions, young people are driving a wider preventive agenda which challenges the cycle of violence and builds safer and resilient communities.

In partnership with Saatchi & Saatchi, we developed 'The Fatal Question' national campaign to tackle the dangerous myths and misinformation surrounding knife violence. It was designed to provoke thought, start conversations, and ultimately save lives by steering young people away from carrying and using knives. The campaign increased the profile of StreetDoctors through national and local media (reaching 21,583,244 people), whilst enabling us to amplify the voice of young people and parents.

In recognition of our progression, we were proud to be finalists at The Third Sector Awards in the Volunteer Team of the Year (Talent Award) and Small Charity, Big Achiever (Excellence Award) categories. At the finals, we won the Volunteer Team of the Year which is a testament to the dedication, passion, and impact of our incredible volunteers and the work we've done over the past two years to transform the volunteer experience.

We have developed our new three-year strategy which builds on the organisation's growth, with the bold aspiration to disrupt the devastating effects of street violence by equipping young people with life-saving emergency first aid skills and to empower them to take action as leaders.

This impact report showcases the incredible work of our teams, partners, and volunteers over the past year. It reflects not only what we've achieved, but how far we've come as an organisation, as we move into our new strategy for 2026–2029.



**Jane Harwood**  
Chair of the board



**Martin Tilbury MBE**  
CEO

## About StreetDoctors

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StreetDoctors is an award-winning national charity which empowers over 20,000 young people affected by violence each year.

StreetDoctors train young people in the physical and psychological consequences of street violence and looks to develop their confidence and willingness to protect themselves and others.

Our training is delivered through a network of young healthcare leaders (trainee doctors, nurses and paramedics) who volunteer with youth workers across the UK, to empower young people affected by violence (aged 11-25) to become lifesavers in their community.

All training is delivered in partnership with a range of youth organisations and we believe in supporting a multi-agency approach to addressing community challenges which brings together partners' unique strengths and skills.

We believe knowledge is power, so we empower young people at risk with the skills to become part of the solution to violence, rather than just being seen as 'part of the problem'.

 **Vision**

An end to street violence affecting young people.

 **Mission**

To empower young people through training to keep safe, save lives and be part of the solution to street violence.

 **Values**

**Visionary:** We strive to be ambitious, forward-thinking, innovative, and to create the drive to inspire action.

**Empowering:** We believe knowledge is power, so we listen to young people, share skills and enable them to make more informed choices.

**Collaborative:** We believe partnerships are crucial, so we work together with funders, stakeholders, youth organisations, healthcare volunteers and young people to reduce street violence.

**Inclusive:** We treat people with respect, compassion, are not judgemental, and we work to ensure equality and diversity is championed.

## Street Violence

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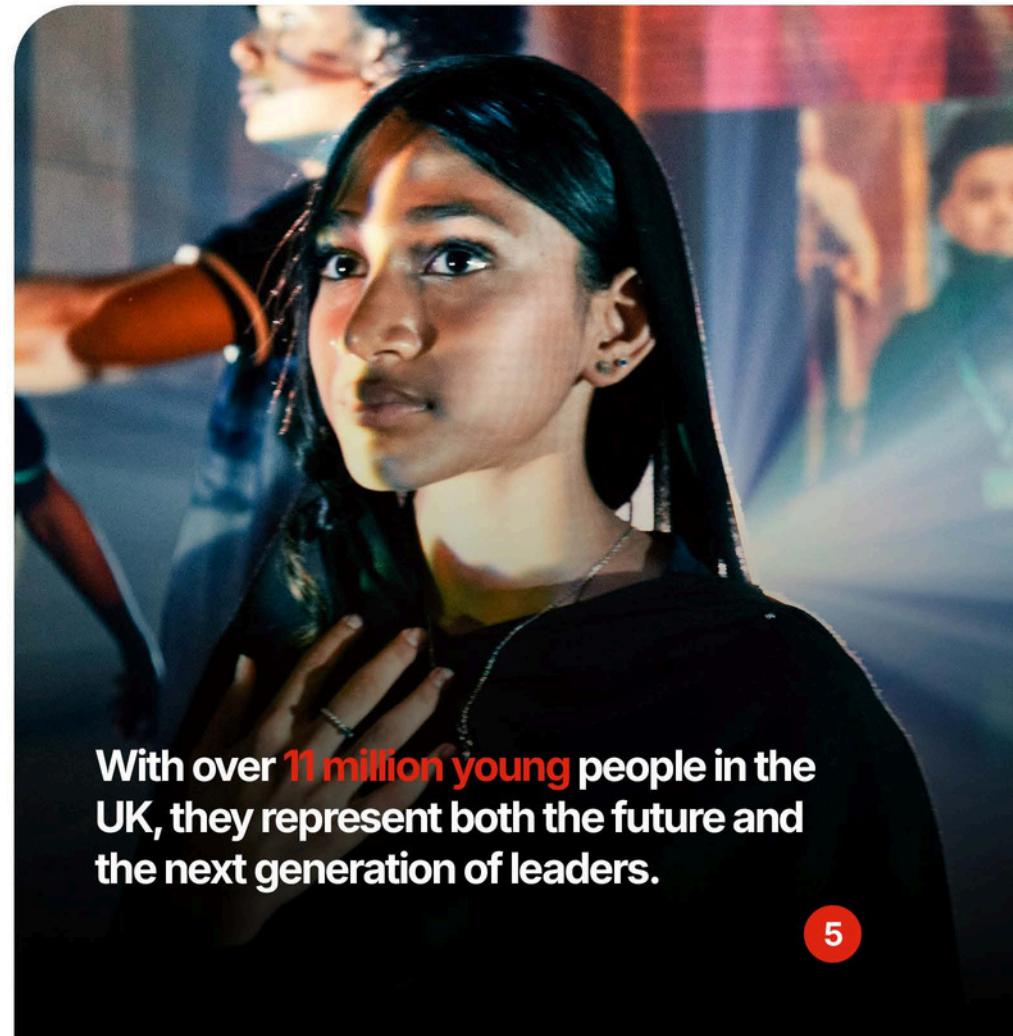
Street violence has serious consequences for individuals and communities, undermining safety and trust. It stems from interconnected social, economic, psychological, and environmental factors such as poverty, inequality, limited opportunity, and weak community support systems.

Many young people report feeling unsafe and powerless, with some carrying weapons for protection. Barriers to education, employment, and positive role models reduce engagement in society and increase the risk of criminality or reoffending.

### Key Statistics:

- 4.5 million UK children lived in relative poverty in 2024 (nearly one-third of all children), up 900,000 since 2010/11.
- 1 in 5 teens (13–17) were victims of violence in 2024, up from 14% in 2022.
- 954,952 school suspensions in 2023/24, a 118% rise since 2018/19.
- 47,612 children in alternative provision, up 82% since 2018/19.
- Knife-related hospital admissions rose 9% in 2023/24, the first increase in five years.

To tackle these issues, young people must be empowered. StreetDoctors believe that young people must have the opportunity to work alongside community leaders to co-design solutions and remove barriers to positive engagement.



**With over 11 million young people in the UK, they represent both the future and the next generation of leaders.**

## Our Volunteers

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Our volunteers deliver life-saving, face-to-face first aid training to young people affected by violence across the UK.

We empower young people to become lifesavers in their own communities, equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to make informed choices about keeping themselves and others safe.

Our volunteer network is made up of medical students and youth workers from 26 teams in 20 cities nationwide. Working alongside young people and local partners, we co-design practical, community-led solutions that address real needs.

StreetDoctors is powered by the passion of its volunteers and the strength of its partnerships, driving lasting change and helping to build safer, more resilient communities.

**Session delivery:** Our volunteers deliver training sessions through partnerships (including, community organisations, criminal justice organisations, education providers and youth organisations)

**Monitoring and evaluation:** We evaluate the impact of our work through before and after evaluations, case studies and focus groups, which enables us to tailor training to the needs of young people and improve our quality.

**Quality work:** Through active engagement with partners and our external accreditation, we are able to provide a high quality of delivery which we are continuously improving with the use of impact data.

**Learning and development:** We provide a training pathway for volunteers which supports their personal and professional development whilst ensuring their volunteer journey is positive and engaging.



**"I have connected with and gained real insight into my local communities in ways I hadn't imagined I could"**  
Elsa, 4th Year Medical Student (University of Birmingham)

## Volunteer Experience

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To strengthen the volunteer experience, StreetDoctors conducts an annual volunteer survey to understand engagement, satisfaction, and organisational performance. Insights from the survey inform improvements across our work.



### Key highlights from the survey:

**100%**

of volunteers strongly agree/agree that they understand the overall mission of StreetDoctors

**96%**

of volunteers feel like their views are valued and listened to

**81%**

of volunteers strongly agree/agree that they have access to regular training

**90%**

of volunteers strongly agree/agree that StreetDoctors has helped improve opportunities to further their careers

**96%**

of volunteers strongly agree/agree that they have improved their confidence through the volunteering

**100%**

of volunteers strongly agree/agree that they are proud to be part of the StreetDoctors team

## Volunteer Case Study

My name is Dima, and I'm a medical student at UCL, going into my 4th year. Growing up in London, I didn't witness knife crime directly, but it was something that shaped the environment I was raised in. At school, we often heard stories of stabbings, sometimes in the station just next door, and safety was always a concern. It was clear our community was deeply affected, and even as a child, I understood how quickly a life could be taken away.

As a medical student, I've since learned the simple but critical steps that can help save a life in those moments, so when I heard about StreetDoctors, a charity where I could share that knowledge, I knew I had to get involved.

It's always so rewarding to see a group of young people grow in confidence, ready to save some lives as they eagerly thank us when we finish delivering a StreetDoctors session. The quiet impact we have on young people attending our sessions is sometimes harder to see, but even just having a conversation where we show empathy and encouragement can make a big difference to them. To some, we are simply instructors, but to others we are mentors and role models - in the position to inspire.

At one training session, a young person explained that there was a lack of representation among the adults for the students to look up to, so having someone who reflected a

different background showed them that diversity won't hold them back from achieving anything they wanted. At another school in Stratford, after teaching the class, students were excitedly asking me about medicine and what they needed to do to follow in my footsteps, which I happily answered.

Moments like these really remind me of the honour it is to be able to not only teach young people how to save a life but also inspire them to achieve their dreams as well.

Overall, StreetDoctors has shaped a huge part of my development as a teacher and future doctor, and I am so proud of our work. I've seen my understanding of first aid and anatomy improve alongside the teaching and communication skills that are essential when delivering sessions.

Beyond that though, I've learnt how important it is that topics such as knife crime are approached with care and sensitivity, especially when working with the young vulnerable people that we have the privilege to teach. I am so grateful to be a part of the StreetDoctors team, and the impact we continue to have on each young person continues to drive me to be an avid volunteer.

A circular portrait of Dima, a young woman with dark hair, wearing a brown hijab and a red top. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile.

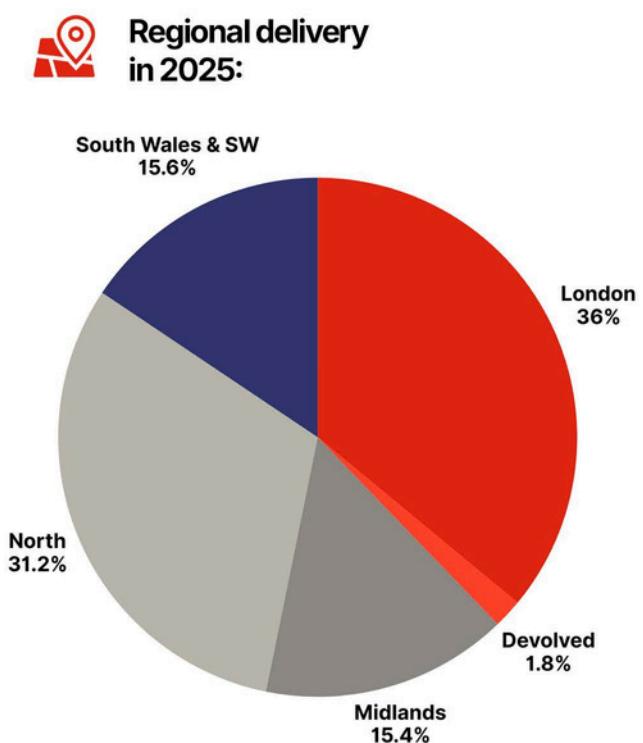
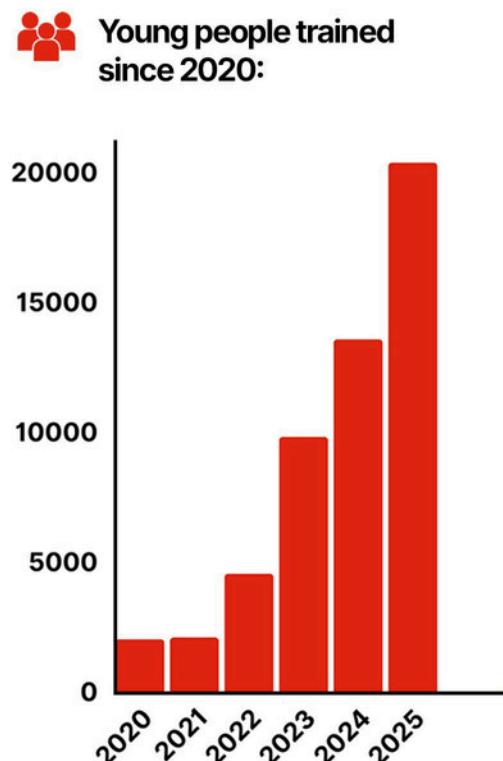
*Dima*

## Delivery

### Our Year in Numbers

In 2025, we have seen significant growth in StreetDoctor's delivery. Since 2022, StreetDoctors delivery has grown by 348%.

This growth has been due to improved performance, increased partnerships and a transformation of the charity operating model:



## Delivery: Impact

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In 2025 we used evaluation measurements with clear metrics at the start and at the end of the training sessions, which ensured the impact could be measured against the learning outcomes. The following data demonstrates the impact results for the year:

**66.8%**

of the young people we worked with highlighted they were actively worried about street violence in their area

**82.1%**

of young people we worked with said they would actively recommend our training to other young people

**83.9%**

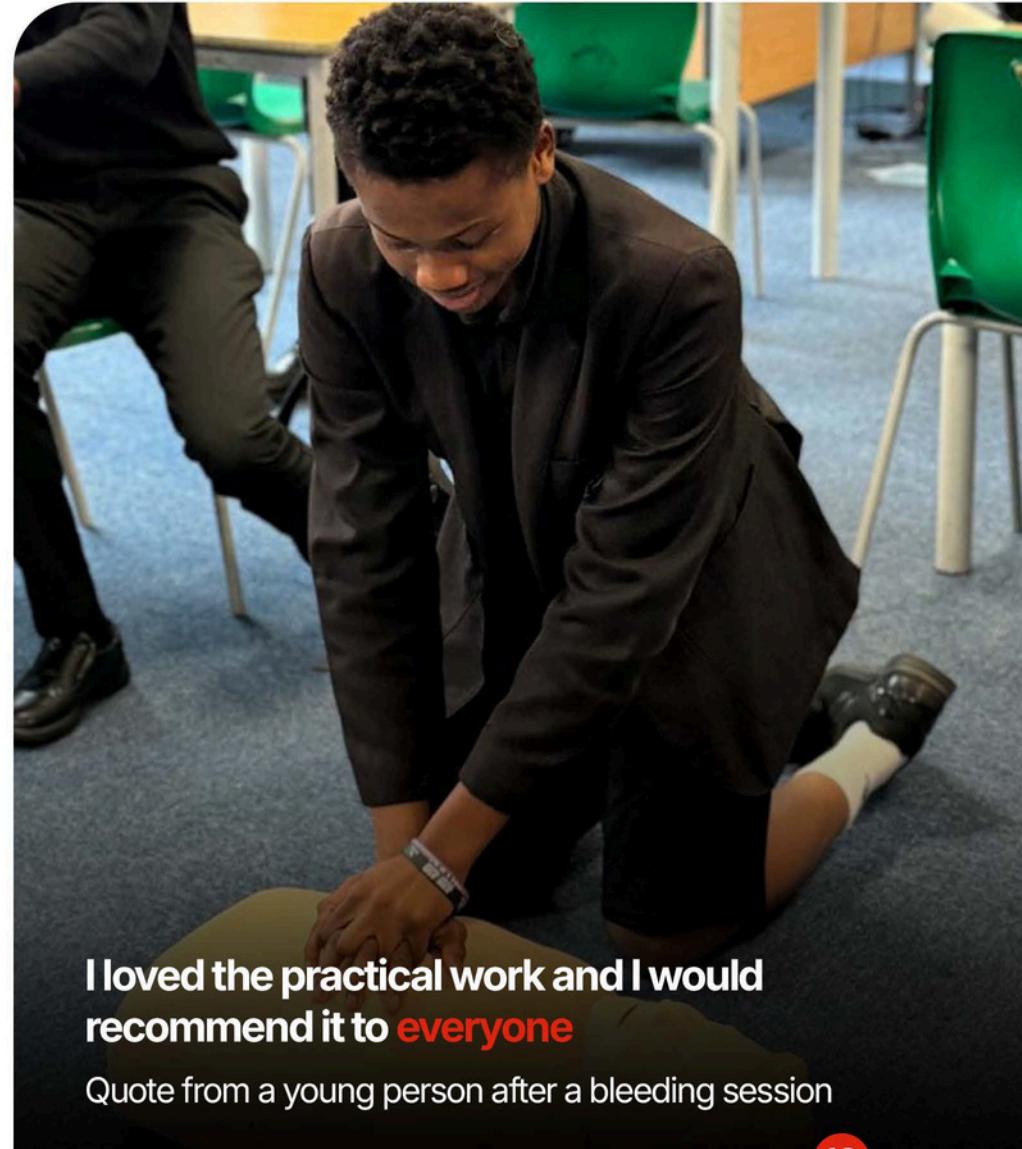
of the young people demonstrated they had increased knowledge and skills of what to do in an emergency

**84.8%**

had increased confidence to act in an emergency situation using new first aid skills

**70.5%**

had increased their willingness to act in an emergency situation to help others



**I loved the practical work and I would recommend it to everyone**

Quote from a young person after a bleeding session

## Delivery: Partnerships

All StreetDoctors training is delivered in partnership with a range of youth organisations, schools, and violence reduction initiatives. We believe in supporting a multi-agency approach to addressing community challenges which brings together partners' unique strengths and skills.

### Highlights in 2025:

- Through local authorities and education providers, we delivered training sessions in 369 schools and colleges.
- We worked with 74 sports clubs, organisations and foundations, to reach targeted communities.
- We collaborated with Youth Justice Services in 17 areas.
- Through our reducing reoffending theme, we worked with the MOJ to support activities in 14 prisons/ youth offender units.
- We delivered partnership projects with 16 Violence Reduction Units (VRU's).
- We ran a showcase event at the NEST in Greater Manchester, which brought together 107 partners from across the sector to collaborate and hear from young people who are affected by street violence.



## Project Case Study

### Anguilla

In 2024, StreetDoctors delivered a Young Leaders Project in Anguilla, supported by the UK Health Security Agency and the Government of Anguilla, with the goal of creating a sustainable, peer-led programme to reduce violence and improve mental health across the island.

#### Understanding the Challenge

During the project's early stages, 84.4% of participating young people shared that violence had become a normalised part of everyday life, affecting both their wellbeing and mental health through related trauma.

#### Our Approach

In 2025, StreetDoctors returned to Anguilla to continue the project, with a focus on public and mental health.

Drawing on StreetDoctors' expertise in co-designing youth-led violence reduction initiatives, the project aimed to empower Anguilla's young leaders to become part of the solution.

The programme encouraged young leaders to recognise emotional and behavioural responses to violence, helping them strengthen their own wellbeing and support their peers. Interactive, visual learning models proved most effective for engagement and understanding.

**Together, we:**

- Co-designed a bespoke peer-to-peer mental health training programme for Anguilla.
- Integrated mental health education into the Young Leaders model, supported by local Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) trainers.
- Elevated the voices of young people through focus groups, co-delivery of sessions, and leadership opportunities.



**Mental health is such a tough subject, but this training has helped us to break it down and make sense on how to keep ourselves healthy and safe.**

Quote from Jayda, Anguillan Young Leader

## Project Case Study

### Key Outputs

- 19 young people completed the 4-day leadership and mental health training
- Training programmes were piloted and co-delivered to 63 young people.
- 5 focus groups and 6+ individual interviews were held to inform programme design.
- A bespoke Anguilla Peer-to-Peer Mental Health Training Pack was created.
- Integration of the new programme into the Young Leaders framework, supported by MHFA trainers, ensuring sustainability.
- Completion of a full evaluation report on project implementation.



### Lasting Impact

This project has laid the foundation for a youth-driven, trauma-informed violence reduction model in Anguilla. By equipping young people with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to act, StreetDoctors and our partners have helped create a generation of peer leaders ready to drive positive change for their communities and beyond.

## Learning and Development

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Our focus this year has been on improving the volunteer learning experience, and the following are a few highlights:

**Developed:** our StreetDoctors Community Healthcare Leaders training pathway, which provides volunteers with the skills, knowledge and experience to support a community focused NHS.

**Created:** new training content for our online induction training, to support the volunteer experience and improve our inclusivity.

**Reviewed:** our training content, including "What to do if someone is knocked out" session, and upskill our volunteers in the new content. Changes to our sessions were based on feedback from young people, volunteers and partners, which ensured we were able to address the greatest community needs.

### Multipliers

This year we also developed our multipliers programme to offer bespoke training to organisations working with young people we may not have previously been able to work with. These organisations include Catch 22's County Lines Support and Rescue team (4 regional teams), North Wales and Cheshire.

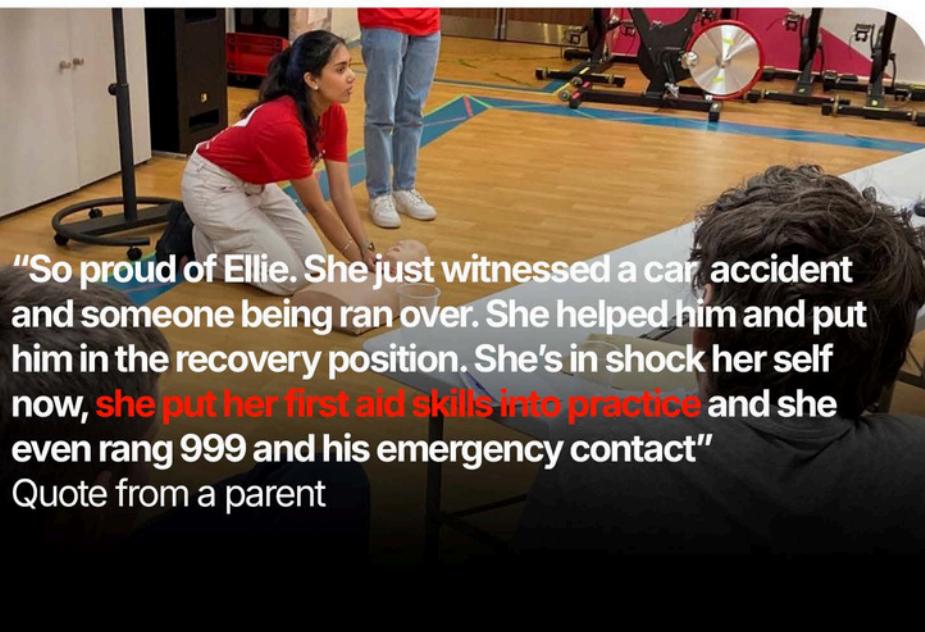


## StepWise

StepWise is a peer social action project for communities affected by street violence to design local solutions. 248 young people completed our StepWise programme in 2025.

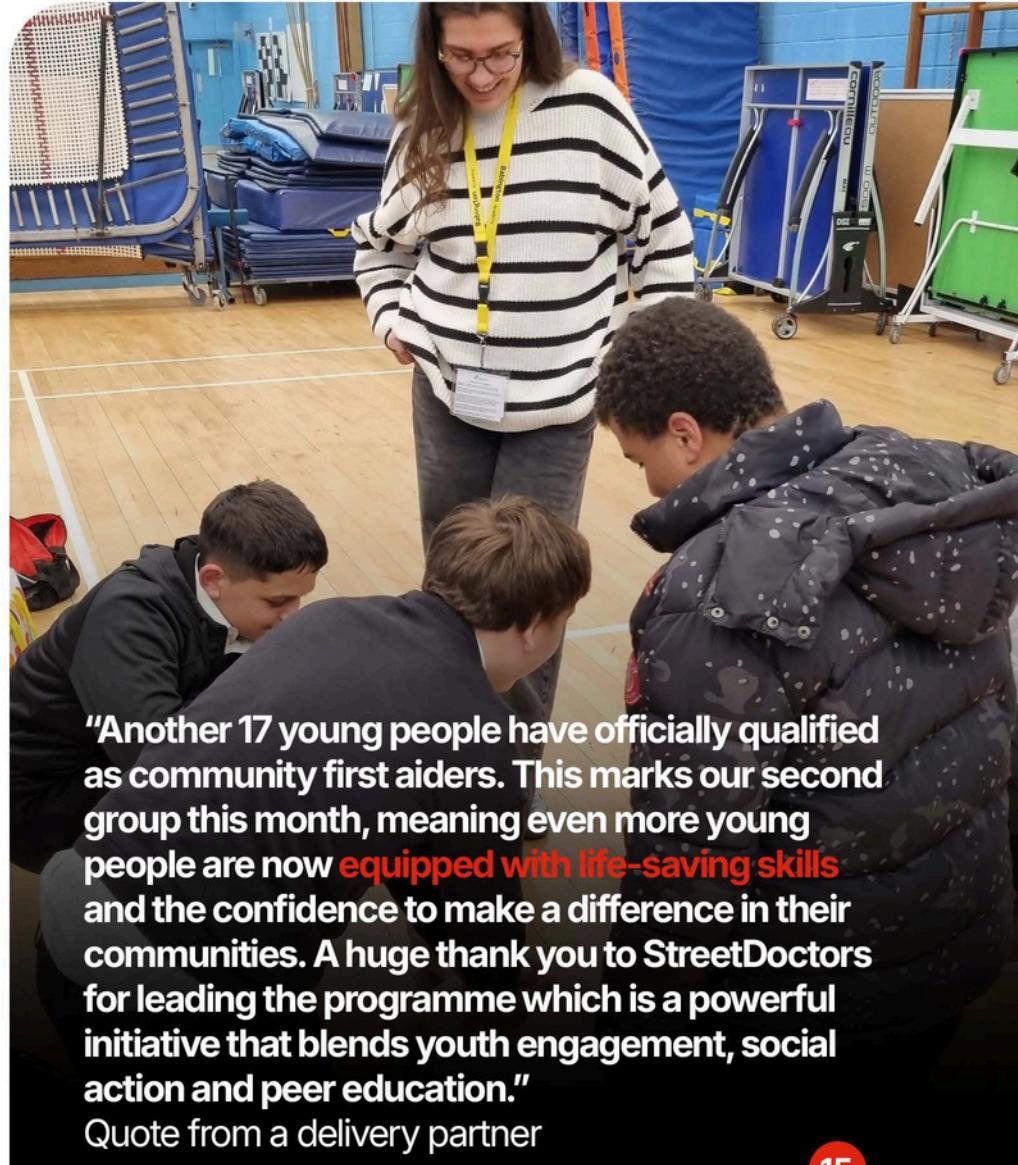
We delivered our StepWise programmes through a range of partners including Southwark College, Bolton Lads and Girls' Club, Bury Children's Services and KYSO.

An example of the impact of this training was a young person who attended the StepWise programme, witnessed a road traffic collision. Due to the confidence and skills she gained, she was able to give first aid to the injured people, alerted the emergency services.



**"So proud of Ellie. She just witnessed a car accident and someone being ran over. She helped him and put him in the recovery position. She's in shock herself now, she put her first aid skills into practice and she even rang 999 and his emergency contact"**

Quote from a parent



**"Another 17 young people have officially qualified as community first aiders. This marks our second group this month, meaning even more young people are now equipped with life-saving skills and the confidence to make a difference in their communities. A huge thank you to StreetDoctors for leading the programme which is a powerful initiative that blends youth engagement, social action and peer education."**

Quote from a delivery partner

## Young Leaders

Following consultation with young people, we implemented a new Young Leaders programme in Greater Manchester in 2025, which has been funded by the Greater Manchester Violence Reduction Unit, Islamic Relief and the Hiscox Foundation.

This programme creates the ecosystem to supports young people to become changemakers in violence reduction and take a leading role in saving lives and educating others. The project offers externally accredited training, employment pathways and supports the wider public health approach to violence reduction.

In 2025 we have delivered 7 peer education programmes, training 61 young people and recruited 13 young people to become leaders in their community. The young leaders have gained increased responsibility through social action, which has provide them with a greater sense of belonging and increased community cohesion.



**Kate Green**  
**Deputy Mayor of Greater Manchester**

"We must move beyond seeing young people as simply vulnerable or at risk — they are key to reducing violence, shaping safer streets, and building stronger, more hopeful communities. When we invest in their skills, confidence and leadership, we don't just prevent harm, we inspire a generation of changemakers who can lead their peers with courage and purpose.

"That's exactly what we're setting out to achieve with the Young Leaders Project, delivered in partnership between StreetDoctors and the Greater Manchester Violence Reduction Unit. Over the next two years, this pioneering programme will equip young people with life-saving first aid skills, accredited leadership training, and real employment pathways. Most importantly, it gives young people ownership: a chance to step forward as leaders in their own communities and be part of something that creates long-term, sustainable change. We're proud to be leading this work in Greater Manchester and hope to see others follow our lead."

## National Campaign

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In response to the alarming rise in youth knife violence, StreetDoctors partnered with marketing agency Saatchi & Saatchi to launch a powerful new campaign, The Fatal Question.

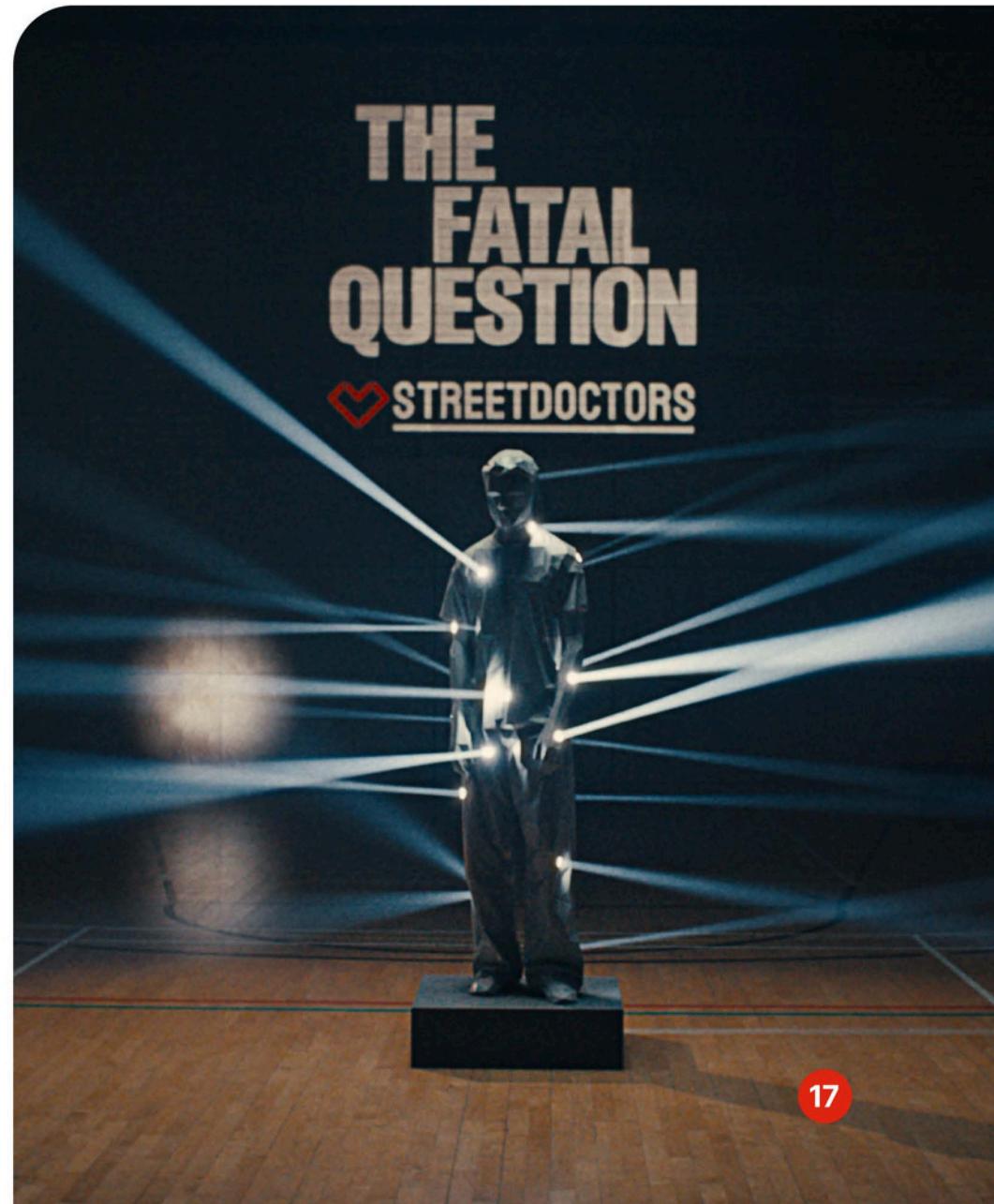
The Fatal Question challenges the deadly myth that a person can be stabbed without causing serious or fatal harm. We confront this misconception head-on, so young people know the real, irreversible consequences of knife violence.

Teenagers from London schools were invited to engage with a life-sized, interactive human sculpture, pointing to areas of the body where they believed a stab wound would not be fatal – revealing the widespread misconceptions at the heart of the campaign.

The campaign saw StreetDoctors feature on primetime ITV, BBC news, Crimewatch and well as featuring in cinema adverts across the UK (reaching 21,583,244 people).

### Awards in 2025:

2025 marked a second consecutive awards year for StreetDoctors, with our volunteers winning Volunteer Team of the Year at the Third Sector Awards and being finalists for the Small Charity Big Achiever Award.



## Funding

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In a challenging fundraising environment in 2025, StreetDoctors is grateful for the support of all those who made our work possible; raising money from sponsored events in the community, project-specific grants from funders, and donations from corporate partners.

*"When we came across StreetDoctors, we knew we'd found a really special charity. They are not only equipping young people with the skills and confidence to provide first aid, they are making young people the heart of the solution to street crime by educating them. They're a great addition to the Raise Your Hands family and we are very much looking forward to supporting them over the coming years!"* - Madelaine Jones - Raise Your Hands

### Thanks to:



## New StreetDoctors Strategy 2026-2029 - "Empowering young people's potential"

As we complete 2025, We are proud to introduce StreetDoctors' ambitious new three year strategy which builds on the organisation's growth over the past few years. The strategy reflects our unwavering commitment to improving accountability, operational performance and strategic focus, while growing our impact and professionalism as a charity.

At the heart of our mission is a bold aspiration, to disrupt the devastating effects of street violence by equipping young people with life-saving emergency first aid skills and to empower them to take action as leaders. Our strategy will amplify the voices of young people and use their lived experience to deliver meaningful and effective interventions that prioritise outcomes and long-term impact.

Our new programme themes will build on our organisational strengths, to support young people's aspirations, healthcare, employment and a greater sense of belonging. By taking ownership and making positive contributions, young people will drive a wider preventive agenda which challenges the cycle of violence and builds safer and resilient communities.

We will strengthen our partnerships and create new collaborations, to drive creative projects and innovations, which are embedded in communities to inspire action. Over the next three years, this strategy will commit StreetDoctors to increased accountability and further growth, which is driven by building our capacity, stronger governance and a focus on operational excellence.

We hope you will join us on the next stage of StreetDoctors journey and ensure positive change is a reality.





Empowering young people to keep themselves and others safe.

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