

Serious Violence Needs Assessment - Recommendations

Health and Wellbeing Together

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Purpose

- To provide an update on the current position of Wolverhampton's response to the Serious Violence Duty and Serious Violence Needs Assessment (SVNA)
- To seek endorsement of the recommendations outlined in the Executive Summary (Appendix A).

Serious Violence Duty

The Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act (2022) sets out partnership requirements in relation to addressing violence in the **Serious Violence Duty** to increase effective collaboration across agencies in preventing serious violence

Requirements of the duty:

- Formulate an evidence-based analysis of the problems associated with serious violence the local area, including the drivers of serious violence
- Produce and implement a strategy detailing how identified issues will be responded to including adequate investment in early intervention and prevention
- Review the local profile in relation to violence
- Ensure there is effective planning and collaboration to support a longer-term approach to preventing violence

The duty applies to:

- local authorities
- the police
- fire and rescue authorities
- specified criminal justice agencies

Prisons, youth custody agencies and educational authorities are also named as core partners.

Serious Violence Needs Assessment

- Developed by a **multi-agency task and finish group** with oversight from Safer Wolverhampton Partnership
- **Focus on prevention** - utilises data and information from a range of sources to examine the prevalence of violence in Wolverhampton as well as driving factors
- **First serious violence needs assessment developed locally** – plans in place for annual refresh aligned with exploitation problem profile and thematic reviews
- **Co-produced with communities** – events held to get the views of key stakeholders and communities with over 200 people engaging.

Development of HHNA Recommendations

- Recommendations developed across the range of topics covered by the needs assessment:



Overarching / strategic (3)



Evaluation and evidence (2)



Coproduction & communities (2)



Education and prevention (2)



Communications/ training (2)



Drug and alcohol use (1)



Commissioning / Interventions (4)



Older adults (1)

- Developed in conjunction with Violence Prevention Steering Group

SVNA Key Recommendations (1)



Review and update the current Serious Violence Exploitation Strategy to emphasise a city-wide focus on prevention of violence. This will include a commitment to improving regularity and consistency of data sharing across the partnership, particularly around risk factors and drivers of violence



Consider how to further engage communities and residents in the violence prevention agenda, including a coordinated communication plan to share key messages with communities and increase perceptions of safety amongst young people

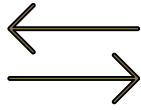


Ensure that commissioning across both local and regional partnerships is joined up and meeting local need, continue to highlight the impact of short-term funding for commissioned violence prevention services and risks around sustainability



Continue and expand the rollout of training to equip professionals, communities and businesses to recognise and respond to risks associated with violence

SVNA Key Recommendations (2)



Further consider risk factors associated with violence and exploitation and consider opportunities for collaboration and to pilot preventative programmes to address them (for example, problematic views of masculinity and substance use amongst young people)



Ensure that the partnership strengthen the link with the education sector in violence prevention activity and ensure that their views and contributions are reflected in strategic planning



Continue to work to embed and promote existing provision within Wolverhampton, including the Community Initiative to Reduce Violence (CIRV) and the Teachable Moment Service in New Cross Hospital. Ensure that pathways to support are clear and accessible



Develop a uniform evaluation framework for commissioned activity to improve understanding of successful interventions and continue to add to the evidence base around 'what works' in relation to violence prevention



Explore opportunities to expand understanding by undertaking further exploration into the impact of social media and drivers for violence amongst those age 25+

Recommendations

It is recommended that Health and Wellbeing Together:

- Note the key findings set out in the Serious Violence Needs Assessment outlined in Appendix A
- Endorse the recommendations outlined in Appendix A and

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