

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

Friday, 29 September 2023 at 10.00 am

Microsoft Teams

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Minutes of previous meeting. (Pages 3 - 10)
3. Matters arising
4. LSCSB Action Log. (Pages 11 - 12)
5. Declarations of interest
6. Rutland Council membership of the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board. (Pages 13 - 20)
Rik Basra, Community Safety Coordinator, Leicestershire County Council will present this report.
7. Safer Communities Performance 2023-24 Quarter 1. (Pages 21 - 26)
Rik Basra, Community Safety Coordinator, Leicestershire County Council will present this report.
8. Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner update. (Pages 27 - 30)
This report will be presented by Sajan Devshi, Performance and Assurance Officer, OPCC and Claire Trewartha will be introduced as the new CEO of the OPCC.
9. Teen Health Service. (Pages 31 - 42)
Joanne White, Team and Partnership Manager – Teen Health 11-19 Service, Leicestershire County Council will give a presentation.



10. Public Health update: Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Services. (Pages 43 - 46)

Debra Cunningham, Public Health Strategic Lead (Health Related Harms), Leicestershire County Council will present this report.

11. Violence Reduction Network update. (Pages 47 - 60)

Grace Strong, Strategic Director, Violence Reduction Network will give a presentation.

12. PREVENT Duty Guidance Refresh.

Ian Stubbs, Prevent Local Delivery and Communities Regional Advisor – East Midlands will give a presentation.

13. Other business

14. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled to take place on Friday 15 December 2023 at 10.00am.



Minutes of a meeting of the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board held via Microsoft Teams on Friday, 30 June 2023.

PRESENT

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| Mrs D. Taylor CC | Leicestershire County Council |
| Cllr. L. Phillimore | Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Chair - Blaby District Council |
| Cllr. L. Blackshaw | Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Chair - Charnwood Borough Council |
| Cllr. P. Cumbers | Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Chair – Melton Borough Council |
| Cllr. M. Mullaney | Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Chair – Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council |
| Cllr. D. Woodiwiss | Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Chair – Harborough District Council |
| Cllr. K. Loydall | Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Chair – Oadby and Wigston Borough Council |
| Mr. N. Bannister CC Matt Cane Inspector Duncan Southall Jo Hewitt | Combined Fire Authority Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service Leicestershire Police Public Health, Leicestershire County Council |
| Bob Bearne Rupert Matthews Rani Mahal | Probation Service Police and Crime Commissioner Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner |
| Wendy Hope | Integrated Care Board |

Officers

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| Katie Herbert | Leicestershire County Council |
| Sabrina Hussain | Leicestershire County Council |
| Carly Turner | Leicestershire County Council |
| Anita Chavda | Leicestershire County Council |
| Euan Walters | Leicestershire County Council |
| Tim McCabe | Charnwood Borough Council |
| Giuseppe Vassallo | Charnwood Borough Council |
| Carol Parker | Blaby District Council |
| Rachel Burgess | Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council |
| Sarah Pickering | Harborough District Council |
| Mark Smith | Oadby and Wigston Borough Council |
| David Walker | Melton Borough Council |
| Lee Mansfield | North West Leicestershire District Council |
| Ian Stubbs | Prevent East Midlands |
| Detective Sergeant Chris Perry | Leicestershire Police |

Apologies

Cllr. M. Wyatt

Community Safety Partnership Strategy
Group Chair – North West

Leicestershire District Council

Cllr C. Wise

Rutland County Council

Chief Supt Johnny Starbuck

Leicestershire Police

Joshna Mavji

Public Health, Leicestershire County
Council

Rik Basra

Leicestershire County Council

1. Introductions and apologies.

Introductions were made and the list of apologies was noted.

2. Election of Chairman.

RESOLVED:

It was proposed, seconded, and AGREED that Mrs. D. Taylor CC be elected Chairman of the Board for 2023/24.

Mrs. D. Taylor CC in the Chair

3. Election of Deputy Chairman.

It was proposed, seconded, and AGREED that Mr. N. Bannister CC be elected Deputy Chairman of the Board for 2023/24.

4. Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2023 were taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

5. Matters arising

With regards to minute no. 36: 'HMP Fosse Way update', it was noted that the prison had now officially opened.

6. LSCSB Action Log

The Board considered the LSCSB Action Log, a copy of which, marked 'Agenda Item 6', is filed with these minutes.

It was agreed that Action no. 1: Leicestershire Police to provide a report to a future meeting of the Board regarding lessons learned from the Covid-19 pandemic, was no longer required and should be removed from the Action Log.

With regards to Action no. 5: CSP Chairs visit to Warning Zone, it was noted that the visit had gone well and the main themes arising from the visit were that Warning Zone required more funding and volunteers.

RESOLVED:

That the status of the Action Log be noted.

7. Declarations of interest

The Chairman invited members who wished to do so to declare any interests in respect of items on the agenda for the meeting.

Mr. N. Bannister CC declared that he was employed by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) but was not acting as a representative of the CPS at this meeting and any opinions he gave or statements he made were separate to those of the CPS.

8. Safer Communities Performance 2022/23 - Quarter 4.

The Board considered a report of the Community Safety Co-ordinator, Leicestershire County Council, which provided an update regarding Safer Communities performance for 2022/23 -Quarter 4. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 8', is filed with these minutes.

It was noted that there had been some recent incidents where children had got into difficulties swimming in open water and messages needed to be disseminated warning of the dangers. Social media could be used. People needed to be encouraged to go to managed sites such as the one at Rutland Water that had lifeguards. It was also noted that Warning Zone had a section on water safety.

It was also noted that there had been several incidents of damage being caused to life saving equipment that was located near open water.

RESOLVED:

That the 2022/23 Quarter 4 performance information be noted.

9. Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service.

The Board considered a report of Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) which provided an update on the work of the Service in relation to community safety. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 9', is filed with these minutes.

It was noted that many First Time Entrants to the Criminal Justice system had been involved in driving offences such as Driving Without a Licence. The overall numbers were not large. These people were dealt with by the Adult Courts so that if they did gain a Licence in future they would have points added to it. Partnership working was taking place between LFRS and the County Council to tackle this issue and promote initiatives such as the Fatal Four safer driving programme. Other diversionary initiatives needed to be considered as well.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted;
- (b) That the Board supports the protection and prevention activities being undertaken by Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service.

10. Probation Service.

The Board considered a report of Bob Bearne, Head of Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Probation Delivery Unit (LLR PDU), which provided an update on developments with the Probation Service locally. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 10', is filed with these minutes.

Arising from discussions the following points were noted:

- (i) LLR PDU had been subject to an HMIP Inspection in November/December 2022 and as a result of the Inspection report an Action Plan had been put together. Some of the actions on the Plan had already been completed. It was agreed that the Action Plan would be circulated to Board members after the meeting.
- (ii) The new prison HMP Fosse Way in Glen Parva had a large team of Probation Officers within it. Whilst this was a positive, it did have an impact on Probation recruitment elsewhere in Leicestershire and Rutland as the recruitment for both was likely to come from the same catchment area. Reassurance was given that despite the recruitment issues in Probation, the required monitoring of offenders was being carried out and high risk cases were being prioritised. There was currently a lot of inexperienced Probation Service staff however in the next 12 months large numbers were due to qualify as Probation Officers.
- (iii) The Probation Service did not have the resources to send a representative to every partnership meeting but some meetings would be prioritised. In response to a request for a Probation representative to attend meetings of the Blaby and Hinckley Joint Community Safety Partnership it was agreed that consideration would be given to this after the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted.

11. Public Health Update.

The Board considered a report of Public Health, Leicestershire County Council, which provided an update on the range of services that the public health department commissioned and provided that aligned with the Board's priorities. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 11', is filed with these minutes.

Arising from discussions the following points were noted:

- (i) Public Health had commissioned a 2-year pilot Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Early Intervention Service. The service provided by RISE Mutual commenced in January 2023 and RISE Mutual were keen to promote the service and the support of Board

members would be welcomed in this regard. In response to a question from the Chair as to how many people had used the service so far it was agreed that the information would be provided after the meeting.

- (ii) In response to a question as to whether data regarding Domestic Abuse referrals could be reported to the Board it was explained that the information was held by different partners including Public Health, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Leicester City Council, and work was currently taking place to collate the data and it was intended that it would form part of performance reporting to the Board in the future.
- (iii) The Public Health department was currently procuring a whole family relationship service to address the issue of parental conflict and improve the lives of children and young people experiencing this. The service would be provided through the Teen Health 11-19 service and would commence in the next year.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted.

12. Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking and Organised Immigration Crime.

The Board received a presentation from Detective Sergeant Chris Perry, Leicestershire Police, regarding Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking and Organised Immigration Crime. A copy of the presentation slides, marked 'Agenda Item 12', is filed with these minutes.

Board members raised concerns about the low number of convictions relating to Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking and Organised Immigration Crime. There had only been 15 convictions in the previous 4 years. In response it was explained that the legislation (Modern Slavery Act 2015) was relatively recent and the Police and the judiciary were only now gaining a better understanding of how to tackle these offences and collect evidence. Victims were often reluctant to take part in video recorded interviews and therefore other forms of evidence had to be found. Some reassurance was given that even if there was not a conviction, the victim would be safeguarded and given opportunities for improving their lives.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the presentation be noted.

13. Regional Prevent Benchmarking.

The Board received a presentation from Ian Stubbs, Prevent Local Delivery and Communities Regional Advisor – East Midlands, regarding the results of benchmarking which had taken place with regards to how the Prevent Duty was being met in Leicestershire. A copy of the presentation slides, marked 'Agenda Item 13', is filed with these minutes.

Arising from the presentation the following points were noted:

- (i) Both the County and District/Borough Councils in Leicestershire needed to improve their venue hire policy to be compliant with the statutory duty and ensure that

council owned premises were not being used by radicalising influencers. It was emphasised that leasing arrangements also needed to be reviewed as the prevent duty applied to all council owned and not just council run properties. A Task and Finish Group was looking at the venue hire policies and leasing contracts being used in Leicestershire and would be making recommendations for improvement. Good practice around venue hire would be shared with Prevent leads at District/Borough Councils and guidance would be disseminated including a checklist. The training regarding Prevent was also being reviewed and refreshed.

- (ii) The benchmarking took place every year in April and it was aimed that improvements with regards to how the Prevent Duty was being met in Leicestershire would be made before the next round of benchmarking.
- (iii) Links had been made between Prevent and other partners such as the NHS. The Prevent Local Delivery and Communities Regional Advisor attended Regional Safeguarding Board meetings. Though there was always further work and integration that could take place.
- (iv) It was suggested that an event could take place to raise awareness of the Prevent Duty amongst County, District and Parish Councillors. County Hall, Glenfield was proposed as a possible venue for the event.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the contents of the presentation be noted;
- (b) That officers be requested to give consideration to holding an awareness raising event for elected members regarding the Prevent Duty.

14. The LLR Hate Strategy Statement 2023-26, and Delivery Plan.

The Board received a presentation from Anita Chavda, Projects and Planning Officer, Community Safety Team, Leicestershire County Council, regarding the LLR Hate Strategy Statement 2023-26 and Delivery Plan. Copies of the Strategy Statement and Delivery Plan are filed with these minutes.

It was noted that the Probation Service was not listed as a member of the LLR Strategic Hate Crime Group and requested that they be invited. It was agreed that Bob Bearne, Head of Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Probation Delivery Unit, would be invited to future meetings.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the presentation be noted.

15. Future meeting dates.

RESOLVED:

That future meetings of the Board take place on the following dates all at 10.00am:

Friday 29 September 2023;
Friday 15 December 2023;
Friday 22 March 2024;
Friday 28 June 2024;
Friday 27 September 2024;
Friday 13 December 2024.

10.00 - 11.35 am
30 June 2023

CHAIRMAN

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Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board Action Log

| No. | Date | Action | Responsible Officer | Comments | Status |
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| 1 | 18.3.21 | Training on Modern Slavery to be arranged for local authority officers and LSCSB members. | Gary Bee/Rik Basra | Capacity is an issue for bespoke training. | Amber |
| 2 | 09.12.22 | ASB – System Governance Co-ordination Officer Further update requested for next LSCSB meeting. Board to also receive a report at a future meeting outlining the options for continuing the role after contract end date. | Charlotte Keedwell/Gurjit Samra-Rai | The requirement for the role and further funding has been agreed by partners for a further two years. Charlotte Keedwell however has left the role for another position. A recruitment process for a replacement has been undertaken and a successful candidate appointed to start in Sept. A report will be brought to a future Board once the new appointee is in place. | Amber |
| 3 | 9.12.22 17.3.23 | Update at a future Board meeting regarding Leicester University work to understand impact of HMP Fosse Way on the local community. Blaby District Council asked to provide an update for the Board meeting in December 2023 on the impact of HMP Fosse Way on the local community. | John Richardson John Richardson | An initial scoping exercise was completed by Leicester University. Leicester University have been invited to put forward a proposal for undertaking the detailed follow on study. An update will be brought to a future Board meeting when available. This is likely to be a lengthy process and will be brought to a future Board when appropriate. | Amber |
| 4 | 30.6.23 | Probation – Circulate Action Plan in response to HMIP Inspection report, and provide a further Probation update at a future meeting. | Bob Bearne/Euan Walters | Action Plan circulated 4 July 2023. | Green |
| 5 | 30.6.23 | Public Health – Provide attendance figures for 2-year pilot Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Early Intervention Service. | Jo Hewitt | Email sent to LSCSB attendees on 10 July 2023 informing that the data is not yet available. | Amber |

| No. | Date | Action | Responsible Officer | Comments | Status |
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| 6 | 30.6.23 | PREVENT – Look at holding event at County Hall to inform elected members about Prevent. | Anita Chavda/Ian Stubbs | | Amber |
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LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES' STRATEGY BOARD

29th SEPTEMBER 2023

RUTLAND COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES' STRATEGY BOARD

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the proposal that Rutland County Council become a member of the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board (LSCSB).
2. The report sets out background information and rationale, the legal basis for the application, potential implications/benefits together with recommendations.

Background and Legal Basis

3. Safer Communities Strategy Boards were set up as a result of The Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007, Section 8 of which states that "for each county area there shall be a county strategy group". Accordingly, both Leicestershire County and Rutland Councils have created bodies to ensure regulatory compliance and manage community safety matters efficiently and effectively, as follows:
 - (a) The LSCSB coordinates community safety priorities across Leicestershire and includes representatives from the County Council, Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs), and the "responsible authorities" (including, Police, Public Health, Fire and Rescue, National Probation Service, and the Police and Crime Commissioner). Representatives from Rutland County Council and Leicester City Council are also invited as participating observers, with no voting rights.
 - (b) Rutland Council likewise has a Safer Rutland Partnership comprising local partners to oversee community safety matters. To ensure regulatory compliance Rutland Council has indicated that it will retain the Safer Rutland Partnership which will run in tandem with its LSCSB membership.
4. The 2007 Regulations confirm that representatives from other local authorities may attend the LSCSB meetings:
 - (a) "Strategy group meetings may be attended by persons who represent co-operating and participating persons and bodies and such other

persons as the strategy group invites.” (Section 3(6)).

- (b) “County strategy group meetings may be attended by persons who represent co-operating and participating persons and bodies for the areas in the county area and such other persons as the county strategy group invites.” (Section 8(6))

Rationale for Rutland Membership

5. Crime, anti-social behaviour and domestic abuse matters are not restricted to County boundaries, work relating to ‘County Lines’ is an obvious example. The proposal will provide opportunities to better share information, intelligence and resources and help reduce duplication of work with many of the stakeholders involved covering both Leicestershire and Rutland.
6. Rutland Council’s attendance at meetings of the LSCSB as an active participating observer already benefits joint working and communication. A more formalised arrangement will engender a more effective partnership between Rutland the current Board and in particular bordering Districts and Boroughs.
7. There is already very close alignment of shared community safety priorities across Rutland and the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board (LSCSB). By working collaboratively public service organisations can share, expertise, ideas and resources and cost for mutual benefit.

Proposed Changes to the LSCSB Terms of Reference

8. Subject to approval it is proposed that the LSCSB Terms of reference are amended as follows:
 - a. Rutland County Council be added to the Board’s membership.
 - b. The name of the Board is amended to ‘The Leicestershire & Rutland Safer Communities Strategy Board (LRSCSB).
 - c. The Chair of the new LRSCSB will be the Leicestershire County Council lead member for Safer Communities, and the Vice-Chair will be the Rutland County Council lead member for Safer Communities.

Additional Considerations

9. The Rutland County Council membership of the LSCSB will, it is proposed, necessitate a number of additional ancillary changes, including;
 - (a) A modification to the name of the Board to ‘The Leicestershire and

Rutland Safer Communities Strategy Board’.

- (b) Changes to the Board Terms of Reference to reflect the additional membership including changes to arrangements to appoint the Chair and Deputy Chair to the Board. A copy of the draft amended terms of reference is attached (appendix 1).
- (c) The Community Safety Agreement (CSA) is a ‘County’ level document setting out the ways the responsible authorities in the county might work more effectively to implement the identified priorities by joint working. The ‘Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007’ require each county area to formulate one, so both Leicestershire and Rutland CC will be required to publish separate documents. The Leicestershire County Council CSA will reference Rutland CC membership of the Board and where relevant incorporate reference to Rutland CC shared priorities.
- (d) Incorporation of Rutland key performance indicator datasets on the Board online performance dashboard and include these within the standing performance reporting framework to Board.

10. Both Leicestershire County Council and Rutland Council’s respective Cabinets have considered and agreed the proposal subject to the Board’s approval.

Recommendations

- 11. The Board are asked to consider the contents of this report and the proposal that Rutland County Council become members of the Board, and are asked to;
 - (a) Approve Rutland CC membership of the Board;
 - (b) Approve progressing the additional matters as detailed at 8 (a) – (d) or indicate amendments required to proposed actions;
 - (c) Approve the LRSCSB Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix 1.

Officers to Contact

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Appendix 1 – Draft LRSCSB Terms of Reference

APPENDIX 1
LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SAFER COMMUNITIES'
STRATEGY BOARD

Terms of Reference and Membership

1. Purpose

The Leicestershire and Rutland Safer Communities Strategy Board (LRSCSB) will oversee and co-ordinate the implementation and delivery of Leicestershire Community Safety Partnership and Rutland County Council priorities requested by the Board including coordination of the Police and Crime Plan.

The priorities include, reducing offending and re-offending, substance-related crime and disorder, protecting those considered to be most vulnerable in the community, reducing anti-social behaviour and increasing public confidence in local crime and disorder services.

The Board will lead the strategic approach to Safer Communities in Leicestershire and Rutland Counties and encourage agencies and partnerships to work jointly and collaboratively. The Board will also, where appropriate, encourage sharing of resources, to deliver Safer Communities common priorities and statutory responsibilities/duties, for example in relation to Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR's) and 'PREVENT'.

2. Role and Responsibilities

- To provide strategic leadership in delivering Safer Communities priorities across Leicestershire and Rutland.
- To develop joint approaches to community safety and encourage collaborative working across agencies and partnerships in Leicestershire and Rutland.
- To prepare a Community Safety Agreement for the county and promote and support the principles underpinning it. Ensuring where appropriate this also incorporates shared community safety priorities from Rutland County Council.
- To facilitate greater alignment between Community Safety Partnerships and other bodies and structures with community safety responsibilities, including Rutland County council, the work of the Substance Misuse Board, Safeguarding Board and Health and Well-being Board.

3. Membership of the Board

The Board comprises representatives from the County Council, Rutland County Council, each of the seven District Community Safety Partnerships, the OPCC, the Local Policing Directorate Commander - Leicestershire Police, Leicestershire CCGs, the National Probation Service and Combined Fire Authority.

The membership of the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board (the Board) is detailed in Table 1 below. In addition, Leicester City Council are invited as “guests” i.e., participating observers with no voting rights.

4. Chairing Arrangements

The Chair of the LRSCSB will be the Leicestershire County Council lead member for Safer Communities and the Vice-Chair will be the Rutland County Council lead member for Safer Communities.

5. Substitute Members

Substitute members may be nominated as follows, for -

Leicestershire County Council's Cabinet Lead Member, another elected member from that Authority.

Rutland County Council Cabinet Lead Member, another elected member from that Authority.

The CSP Strategy Groups - any other member of that CSP Strategy Group (i.e. a senior officer not necessarily an elected member).

Leicestershire Police, any other appropriate officer.

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service, any other member of that authority.

The Providers of Probation Services, any other appropriate officer.

The Leicestershire Integrated Care Board, any other appropriate officer.

Public Health, any other appropriate officer.

Leicestershire County Council Assistant Director Targeted Early Help and Children's Social Care, any other appropriate officer.

OPCC, or any other appropriate officer.

** Substitute members shall have voting rights in these circumstances only.

6. Operational Arrangements

The Board will meet at least quarterly.

The quorum for meetings of the Board will be a minimum of 6 voting members, this to include representatives from a minimum of 3 different partner agencies.

The Board may co-opt additional members when required to help progress specific areas of work.

The work of the Board will be supported by a Senior Officer Group and secretariat support will be provided by Leicestershire County Council's Democratic Services section.

7. Voting by the Board

In accordance with the Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007 (as amended in 2011) voting on Community Safety Agreement is limited to the responsible authorities as identified in Section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, who are represented on the Board.

These representatives are identified by an asterisk in Table 1 below. On all other matters all members of the Board are entitled to vote.

8. Senior Officer Group

The Senior Officer Group (SOG) will -

- support the work of Board, as outlined in the above Terms of Reference
- develop the agenda and prepare papers for all Board meetings
- take forward actions from Board meetings

Table 1 - LSCSB Membership

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| <p><u>Representing</u></p> <p>Leicestershire County Council Cabinet Lead Member*</p> <p>Community Safety Partnerships (1 elected member representative per district area)</p> <p>Blaby*</p> <p>Charnwood*</p> <p>Harborough*</p> <p>Hinckley and Bosworth*</p> <p>Melton*</p> <p>North West Leicestershire*</p> <p>Oadby and Wigston*</p> <p>Rutland CC</p> <p>Leicester City Council</p> <p>Leicestershire Police*</p> <p>Police & Crime Commissioner</p> |
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Leics. Fire & Rescue Service

The Fire Authority*

Integrated Care Board

National Probation Service

Public Health

County Council Assistant Director, Education and Early Help *

**members entitled to vote on the Community Safety Agreement (see 'Voting by the Board' at section 6).*

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LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

29th SEPTEMBER 2023

SAFER COMMUNITIES' PERFORMANCE 2023/24 Q1

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board (LSCSB) regarding Safer Communities performance for 2023/24 Quarter 1 (Q1).
2. The Safer Communities dashboard for Q1 is now available as an interactive online dashboard via the link below.

https://public.tableau.com/views/LSCBSaferDashboard/SaferDashboard?:language=en-GB&publish=yes&:display_count=n&:origin=viz_share_link

3. The dashboard includes a rolling 12-month trajectory for that indicator. The bar charts give a district breakdown and where available the regional average is also shown.
4. It should be noted that the report presents broad county wide trends and the accompanying narrative reflects this. Performance within localities can differ, sometimes dramatically, and the report should be read with this in mind.

Report Summary

5. The overall trends follow previous reports with nothing exceptional to report. Most indicators are stable/levelling some after lengthy increases. Main points for Q1 2023/24 are summarised below.

(a) Crime:

- i. Total Crime; A fall on 'total crime' during 'Covid19' was followed by sustained increases to a current level well above pre-covid, this upward trend now appears to be levelling.
- ii. Burglary both commercial; and domestic and vehicle crime reports had followed the upward trend but overall remain below pre-covid levels.

- iii. The exception is the 'Violence with Injury' rate which has shown a sustained lengthy upward trend and sits well above pre-covid levels. There are initial signs of levelling for this indicator also.
- (b) MARAC repeat referral rates had previously risen to a peak of 51% in June 2020. A figure above the 'SafeLives' recommended upper threshold (40%); it has steadily fallen since and stabilised to a current rolling 12-month figure of 37%.
 - (c) Accepting local anomalies, reports of Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) both directly to the Police and on 'Sentinel' (The partnership ASB management system) show reports reducing over time. Counter intuitively, survey results (Leicestershire Insight Survey) indicate the reductions in ASB are not reflected in public perceptions regarding ASB levels.

Ongoing Reductions in Crime

6. Performance in each crime performance area for Q1 is summarised below:
- Overall crime is on the increase with 73.84 offences per thousand compared to 74.12 the same period the previous year.
 - The residential burglary rate had seen a slow but steady rise a trend that has levelled for the last two quarters. The current rolling 12-month figure is 2.99 offences per 1,000 compared to 2.28 the previous year. District breakdowns are broadly similar with two localities above the average.
 - Burglary Business & community offence rates broadly follow the same trend as Burglary Dwellings albeit at a lower rate with the trend plateauing over the last four quarters. The current rate at 1.18 offences per 1000 population compared to the previous year 1.19 per thousand population.
 - Vehicle offences had previously reduced over nine quarters but then increase for four quarters before levelling to 5.53 offences per 1000 population, this is almost the same as the same period the previous year (5.51).
 - Violence with injury offences have shown a steady rise for two years, the rate of increase had shown the first signs of slowing and levelling. The figure currently sits at 9.84 offences per 1000 population. The large sustained upward trend is reflected regionally and indeed nationally.

Reducing Offending and Re-offending

7. The performance indicators relating to youth justice are collated in arrears, the latest available data is to Q1 2022/23 and remains unchanged from the previous report.

(a) **First Time Entrants to the Criminal Justice System**

The number of first-time entrants (FTE's) entering the criminal justice system (CJS) aged 10-17 has shown sustained falls, the table below

shows the extremely positive trend. Unsurprisingly, the reducing trend has eventually slowed and stabilised.

FTE totals for Leicestershire only were:

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| 2014/15 | 190 |
| 2015/16 | 124 |
| 2016/17 | 126 |
| 2017/18 | 101 |
| 2018/19 | 100 |
| 2019/20 | 111 |
| 2020/21 | 88 |
| 2021/22 | 84 |

The 2022-23 Q1 figure (90) shows an increase albeit following sustained falls over many years.

(b) Reoffending by Young Offenders

The rate of re-offending by young offenders has shown a positive downward trend. The reoffending rate currently sits at 0.53 per thousand population compared to a previous rolling year figure of 0.77 offences.

8. A KPI introduced in Q4 2019/20 was in regard to “Education, Training and Employment (ETE) of Young Offenders. This indicator measures the proportion of young people on relevant youth justice disposals who are actively engaged in suitable education, training and employment (ETE) when the disposal closes. Active engagement is defined as 25 or more hours for young people of school age and 16 or more hours for those above statutory school age.
9. The Youth Offending performance figure for young offenders actively engaging in education, employment and/or training (EET) is 63.6% at ‘disposal’ which is up compared to the same period the previous year (52.90%).
10. Additional KPI’s regarding adult reoffending are in development in conjunction with the Probation Service locally and the data dashboard will be updated accordingly.

Repeat Victimisation and Vulnerable Victims

11. The MARAC repeat referral rate has come down from a 12-month rolling figure of 51% at its peak in June Q1 2020/21, there has been a steady reduction in repeat referrals since stabilising to the current 37%. As a reminder, the ‘SafeLives’ recommended upper threshold for repeat referrals is 40%.
12. Following a recommissioning process by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Public Health Services new arrangements have been put in place to support victims of domestic abuse. The Board will receive separate updates regarding these services from commissioners.
13. Several additional indicators have been added to the online performance dashboard. These include domestic crime and incident rates, domestic violence

with injury rates, sexual offence rates and hospital admissions for violence. The new KPI's focus on providing a broader understanding of performance across domestic and sexual abuse.

14. Of note is the 'Domestic Violence with Injury' rate per thousand (3.88), 'Domestic Crime and Incidents' rate (17.32) and the 'Sexual Offences' rate (2.77) per thousand population had all been steadily rising over the last year although now as with other crime categories, levelling off.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Satisfaction

15. ASB performance data is separated into two broad categories, survey data and 'hard' figures in the form of incident reports.

(a) Survey Data – The last four quarters have seen a drop in positive responses. There are two questions in the Leicestershire CC Insight Survey most relevant to ASB Satisfaction.

- i. *"% of people that agree ASB has decreased or stayed the same"* survey responses give a figure of 69.70% which is notably fewer than in the previous year 90.35%.
- ii. *"the % who feel safe outside in their local area after dark"*. currently 70.61% which is less than the rate 12 months ago of 78.72%. The current national average is 71%.

(b) ASB Incident Data – the online portal has a detailed breakdown, in summary there are now two sources as detailed below.

- i. Police Data; this covers ASB incidents gleaned from the police call management system, this is shown as 'Total ASB (rate per thousand population)' this is in-turn further broken-down utilising the 'PEN' code and ASB is categorised as either 'Personal' 'Environmental' or 'Nuisance'. This dataset is obtained when police call handlers deem a call is ASB and code the call accordingly. There is as such a caveat that calls are correctly identified as ASB and categorised appropriately.
- ii. ASB recorded on Sentinel (the partnership ASB case management system). This dataset contains all case managed reports of ASB recorded on the system by both Police and Local Authority partners.
- iii. The two data sources are not distinct and there will inevitably be some duplication, for example not all reports of ASB will be case managed and find their way onto Sentinel, likewise reports made directly to local authorities will obviously not feature on the police call handling system.

16. To summarise the general trends in ASB incident reporting:

- (a) In relation to Police data total reports of incidents categorised as ASB to Q1 are relatively stable, reports are slightly down (6.57 per thousand) on the previous year (6.14), there are however significant differences in reporting across localities.
- (b) In relation to 'Sentinel' Case managed data the overall numbers of incidents managed on the system has continued a general downward trend, the most recent quarter showing 6.51 offences per thou. compared to 12.67 reports per thousand this time last year. Again, there are significant differences across localities.

Preventing terrorism and radicalisation

- 17. The number of hate crimes reported to the police remains very low and is currently 1.75 offences per 1000 population. This is marginally higher than the previous year (1.73). The increasing albeit very slow upward trend has continued over the last two years.
- 18. Racially or religiously aggravated crime is very low with 0.83 crimes per 1,000 population across Leicestershire, marginally lower than last year (0.86).
- 19. A question from the Leicestershire Insight Survey asks residents how much they agree that people from different backgrounds get on well. Latest figures show 87.04% of respondents agreed that people in their area get on well together. This is slightly lower than the previous year's response (90.20%).

Recommendations

- 20. The Board note the 2023/24 Q1 performance information.

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Appendices

The Safer Communities Performance Dashboard is 'Online', the Q2 data is available via the link below.

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LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

29th SEPTEMBER 2023

LSCSB UPDATE: OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Background

1. The Executive team supporting the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire is known as the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). This team has been put together specifically to enable the PCC to successfully carry out his duties. The OPCC is led by a Chief Executive, whose responsibility is to manage the staff team and provide a monitoring role to ensure that standards remain high. The team also includes a Chief Finance Officer to advise the PCC on financial matters and the impact of any decisions regarding the budget, spending and commissioning. Other specialist staff provide support on key areas of business and manage the administrative functions of the OPCC.

Notable developments and challenges:

Past Year

2. The OPCC have applied for Safer Streets 5 on behalf of two areas which is Oadby and Wigston and Melton Mowbray. The amount we are attempting to secure is approximately £300k each, for a total of £600k approximately. The bid for Oadby and Wigston focuses on Neighbourhood Crime while the bid for Melton Mowbray focuses on Anti-social Behaviour. If successful a number of crime prevention measures will be rolled out ranging from CCTV cameras to infrastructure upgrades, video CCTV for residents to interventions for youngsters causing ASB. Rollout would occur until March 2025 and will likely be an on-going theme for these two CSPs as we work with them for delivery if we are successful. We should know in September some point if we are successful. The Violence Reduction Network (VRN) have also submitted a bid of approx. £300k that will look to tackle violence against women and girls (VAWG).
3. We held another Community Safety Partnership Conference in August to bring members of the partnership together. This was an opportunity to network, update partners on work we had been doing via commissioning, the VRN and the importance of evaluation with the new CSP framework. We've sent a survey out for feedback asking partners to complete this, it takes 30 seconds so please do update this when you get a moment.

4. We have over 50 projects that we have been able to track to date that are funded by the CSP funding the OPCC gives to CSPs. Approximately half the budget has been spent to date by partners.
5. We are running Bid Workshops via our commissioning team to help grassroots and smaller organisations be more successful in securing funding. If you are aware of any small organisations that could benefit, we encourage reaching out to our commissioning team on the details. We teach people about the process for each application, how to complete applications and how they are scored to help people maximise the chances of success. Round 2 of the Commissioners Safety Fund is currently open until early October and a pot of up to £10k is available to apply for. Full details on our website under the commissioning section.
6. The OPCC's People Zones project has progressed and we've completed the research stage and are at the action stage. We have had 3 grant rounds for this already with 1 final one remaining and due in November 2023. Projects that have been granted funding are already in motion and being rolled out. The funding level across projects is approx. £100k to date.
7. We have created a 360 Virtual Reality (VR) film aimed at 9-11-year-old primary school children across LLR to educate them on safer online practices. The aim is to reduce harmful behaviours such as cyber bullying and violence. We are creating a supporting curriculum that will be delivered by teachers as part of this early intervention programme. A challenge we are currently facing is finding the best delivery partner to help roll this project out.
8. PCC elections are due in May 2024 and this could potentially cause changes in how we work with partners as well as general strategic direction dependent on the outcome.
9. We've had a new CEO start that is replacing the interim CEO Andrew Champness. The OPCCs new CEO is Claire Trewartha.

Coming Year

10. Activity over the coming year will be as follows:
 - To increase grassroots applications for the Commissioners Safety Fund, particularly from the county areas as we do not tend to get many from areas such as Rutland.
 - To support partners, roll out the Serious Violence 'SV' duty through our newly recruited SV team.

- We are looking to potentially develop new People Zones. This would be led by data surrounding public health, crime statistics and local assets.
- Safer Street 5 (if successful) will be rolled out over 18 months.

Key issues for partnership working or affecting partners

11. Community engagement for projects such as People Zone is an area of development and challenge. This is being addressed through the grant rounds and on-going community presence.

Recommendations for the Board

12. This report is for the board to note.

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teen health

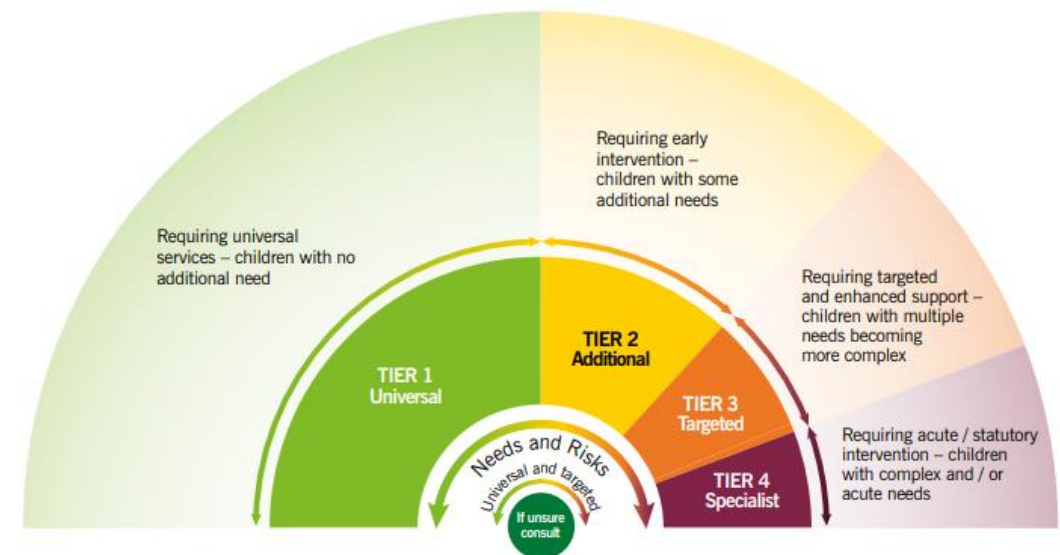
11-19 service

Service Information

What does the service look like?

- Integrated within Early Help Service
- Supporting delivery of Healthy Child Programme
- Focus on universal prevention with seamless transition between CFWS and 11+

Different types of assessed need and levels of intervention



Our Priority Areas



Supporting resilience and wellbeing

Promoting self care and improving health literacy

Supporting healthy lifestyles

Improving health behaviours and reducing risk taking

Supporting complex and additional health wellbeing needs

Supporting vulnerable young people and improving health inequalities.

A smaller version of the 'teen health 11-19 service' logo, positioned above the Leicestershire County Council logo.

Our Priority Areas

Support to improve emotional wellbeing:

- Self esteem
- Body image
- Building resilience

Supporting young people to make healthier choices:

- Reducing substance misuse particularly cannabis use
- Reducing alcohol consumption

Supporting Healthy Relationships:

- Building positive relationships
- Reduce violence in intimate relationships
- Promoting positive sexual health and wellbeing

Current Service Delivery

1:1 Brief Intervention:

- YPHWO 5 YP maximum capacity.
- Criteria for 1:1 support.

Groups:

- REACT 14+ group in localities.
- Wellbeing group in schools for KS3.
- Healthy relationships group in locality.
- Pop up sessions in schools.

Drop in sessions:

- Being delivered in schools.
- Lunch time and after school dependent on needs.
- Wellbeing and Sexual Health focus.

Networking:

- All schools have accepted the offer.
- Building relationships with in school.
- Planning events/campaigns in their areas.
- Working together with other local agencies.

www.teenhealth.org.uk

Service Data: Jan to June 2023

1170 referrals received into the Teen Health



1:1 Brief Intervention:

- Worked with Over 80 Young People

Groups:

- 111 groups delivered across Leicestershire secondary schools and community venues (March 2023 – June 2023) - The Wellbeing and REACT group (doesn't include summer groups)

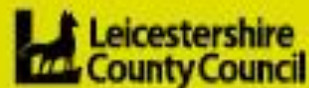
Drop in sessions:

- 719 YP have been seen .

Sexual Health:

- 19 out of 43 schools have had sexual health registration events co delivered with LSH.
- Over 1000 YP signed up for c-card

www.teenhealth.org.uk



Feedback and Voice



I like how I can let all of my feelings and emotions out with the HWO and she has taught me how to manage my anger and how not to lash out and instead stay calm.

1:1 Young Person

As a parent, I was really impressed with how the HWO kept in touch with me and especially the review meeting that we had to look at what K had done, I could see that the HWO had really listened to, and taken on board all of K's worries and she really made sure that K understood what they had done together.

10/10 and 1000 stars for the HWO 😊

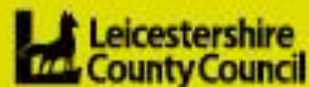
Parent

It has been really helpful as my confidence has got better and I can see that I have lots of things in place that I can use in different ways when I am struggling.

Group- Young person

The HWO was helpful and caring and I felt listened to. I would have loved to have them working with me for longer 😊
I feel more confident and have learned some really good strategies that I use.

1:1 Young Person



The Team

Ami Lynch Team Leader (West)

Alesha Jethwa

Emma Pratt

Sam Harris

Lisa Preston

Sam Gill

Mindy Dhaliwal

Michelle Paulson

Stella Taylor

Joanne White

Team and Partnership Manager

Emma Parker Team Leader (East)

Vashima Takoliya

Chelsey Branson

Simon Frear

Jay Brewin

Nicki Rhodes

2x new posts

Referral Information – **MUST** have consent of young person



Teen Health 11-19 referral

Referrer Details

Are you making this referral for yourself? *

 Yes No

Referrer

First name *

Surname *

Email address *

Please check you have typed the email address correctly with no spaces in it or at the end

- You will need child's name, home address, date of birth and the child's contact details
- If you know of other agencies involved with the family it is helpful if you can include any details, i.e names of practitioners
- It is also helpful if you are able to put what has already been tried previously.
- You **MUST** have Young persons consent.

Referrals



- Professionals, parents and young people can refer using the simple on-line referral form

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/teen-health-11-19>

- If you are require advice around making a referral you can contact our Support & Advice Line:
0116 305 8727

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The Leicestershire County Council logo, featuring a stylized black silhouette of a stag's head and the text 'Leicestershire County Council' in a black, sans-serif font, set against a yellow rectangular background.

Questions?

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LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

29th SEPTEMBER 2023

LSCSB UPDATE: PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE – DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SERVICES

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update of the domestic abuse and sexual violence services commissioned by Public Health. A previous report was presented to the Board in December 2021 providing details of the procurement with commissioning partners, Leicester City Council, Rutland County Council and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. See the following link: https://politics.leics.gov.uk/documents/s165549/DSVA%20Recommissioning%20Update_LSCSB_20211210.pdf

Background

2. New contracts for domestic abuse and sexual violence services have been in place since April 2022. The Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse (DSVA) service system was commissioned by commissioning partners Leicestershire County Council, Leicester City Council, Rutland County Council and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). These services replace the UAVA (United Against Violence and Abuse) service that operated for several years across Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland. The DSVA Service System comprises of;
 - Helpline and Engagement Service provided by Free from Violence and Abuse (FreeVa) – commissioned by OPCC for LLR;
 - Domestic Abuse Locality Service provided by Living Without Abuse (LWA) – commissioned by Public Health for Leicestershire and Rutland; Leicester City have a separate contract for this service
 - Sexual Violence Support Service provided by FreeVa – commissioned by OPCC for LLR;
 - Leicestershire Safe Accommodation Support Service provided by Women's Aid Leicestershire Limited (WALL) – commissioned by Public Health for Leicestershire. Leicester City have a separate contract for this service.
3. The DSVA Service System is funded from existing budgets from each commissioning partner and does not include funding provided to the local authority from the central government Domestic Abuse Act 2021 funding grant.

4. Whilst each commissioning partner has their own contracts and separate contract management processes there is a Joint Working Agreement between commissioning partners that outlines how all partners will work together. As a part of that Joint Working Agreement there are regular joint commissioner's meetings where overall performance is monitored and issues and concerns can be discussed and resolved.

Progress:

5. All contracts and services in place for 1st April 2022. There were initial challenges for all services and commissioners to ensure that the individual services worked as a coherent whole/system, whilst delivering services to their individual service specifications.
6. To support the transition it was agreed that the Domestic Abuse Helpline number (0808 802 0028) would remain the same and that the Helpline and Engagement Service would be the access point to all services, undertaking the assessment and initial support.
7. Extensive promotion of the new service system took place during the first year of the contracts and all the services delivered information sessions to a range of partners and organisations.

Performance

8. There were initial concerns that there were difficulties in calls being answered by the Helpline and Engagement Service and this had an impact on referrals and performance of both the Domestic Abuse Locality Service (DALs) and the Accommodation Related Support Service. This was related to recruitment and staffing challenges at the start of the contracts. However, the percentage of calls answered has improved significantly and this is no longer a concern.
9. Domestic Abuse Locality Service - overall the service is performing well and has seen a steady increase in the number domestic abuse victims starting support each quarter. Whilst there has been a drop in referrals from Helpline + Engagement Service each quarter there has been a corresponding increase in referrals from other sources.
10. The service is now approaching capacity and individual caseloads are higher than ideal. This is due to the continued increase in referrals received and the high number of cases that need longer term intensive support. As a result, there are fewer cases being closed and individuals exiting the service. The service is managing this by introducing a stratification/prioritisation process and ensures that all high-risk cases are offered support within 24 hours.
11. Accommodation Related Support Services – overall the service is performing well. However, there are a limited number of referrals that are received via the Helpline and Engagement Service with a majority of referrals being received from other agencies.

12. A performance summary for the first year of the contracts 2022-23 by quarter is attached as an appendix at the end of this report.

Challenges

13. During the procurement process the government announced additional funding for all local authorities as part of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021. This funding announcement occurred too late to be included within this procurement. The Domestic Abuse Act funding, which amounts to approximately £1.1m each year for the council, is managed within Children + Family Services. This means there is a separate workstream of commissioning and service delivery related to the Domestic Abuse Act funding. The challenge is how to ensure a co-ordinated and coherent service pathway for victims of domestic abuse.
14. As previously mentioned, the Domestic Abuse Locality Service is reaching capacity and whilst the service is developing innovative ways of managing referrals, caseloads and risk it is likely that they will have to operate waiting lists at some point in the near future.

Future Plans

15. As previously mentioned, commissioning partners will be developing an overarching Performance Dashboard that contains key indicators from each element of service system. Work has started on this process but has been delayed due to staffing changes and a review currently being undertaken by one of the commissioning partners.
16. The Joint Working Agreement was written and agreed at an early stage of the procurement and will be reviewed to ensure it remains fit for purpose.

Recommendations for the Board

17. It is recommended that the Board notes the content of the report.

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Appendix A - Performance Summary 2022/2023

APPENDIX

Table 1: Domestic Abuse Locality Service provided by Living Without Abuse (LWA)

| | | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total Q1-Q4 | |
|------------|--|----------------|-----|-----|------|-------------|-----|
| Engagement | Number of referrals accepted into the service | 115 | 263 | 198 | 164 | 740 | |
| | Number of referrals not accepted into the service | 5 | 9 | 42 | 27 | 83 | |
| | Contact made following referral | Within 48 hrs | 91 | 233 | 168 | 131 | 623 |
| | | Within 72 hrs | 4 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 17 |
| 72 hrs + | | 19 | 25 | 25 | 30 | 99 | |
| Outcomes | Victims with positive case closure | Number | 23 | 19 | 3 | 20 | 65 |
| | | % | 89% | 87% | 100% | 83% | 90% |
| Exits | Number of service users exiting the service within the quarter | Planned Exit | 109 | 66 | 88 | 74 | 337 |
| | | Unplanned Exit | 100 | 62 | 26 | 32 | 220 |

Table 2: Leicestershire Safe Accommodation Support Service provided by Women's Aid Leicestershire Limited (WALL)

| | | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total Q1-Q4 | |
|-------------|---|------------------|------|-----|------|-------------|-----|
| Engagement | Number of referrals accepted into the service | 7 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 22 | |
| | Number of referrals declined | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Number of hours of support per quarter | 191 | 330 | 158 | 193 | 872 | |
| Outcomes | Victims with positive case closure | Number | 5 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 17 |
| | | % | 100% | 50% | 100% | 100% | 85% |
| | Clients moved to appropriate housing within each time frame | 6 months or less | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| | | 6-9 months | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| | | 9-12 months | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 12 months + | | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 | |
| Exits | Number of clients exiting the service | Planned Exit | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 18 |
| | | Unplanned Exit | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |



An Overview of the VRN and the Serious Violence Duty

29 September 2023

Grace Strong

Director

Violence Reduction Network

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

About Us

We are one of the 20 Violence Reduction Units across England and Wales which receive Home Office funding to prevent and reduce serious violence.

The core function of VRUs is to offer leadership, establish a core membership and, working with all relevant agencies operating locally, provide **strategic co-ordination** of the local response to serious violence.

The VRN (our local VRU) is a wide alliance of groups, communities and organisations from across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland who share the common goal of reducing and preventing serious violence through understanding and tackling its **root** causes. The Network is supported by a central team .

The key success measures are reductions in:

- hospital admissions for assaults with a knife or sharp object
- knife-enabled serious violence
- non-domestic homicides



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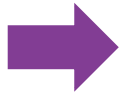
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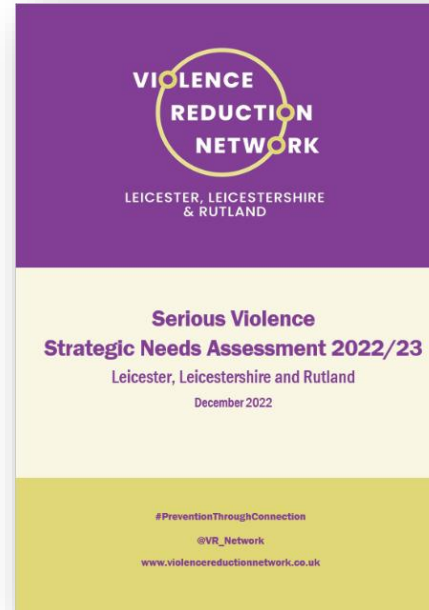
A 4 step process to preventing violence

Our Work: Data Sharing and Use

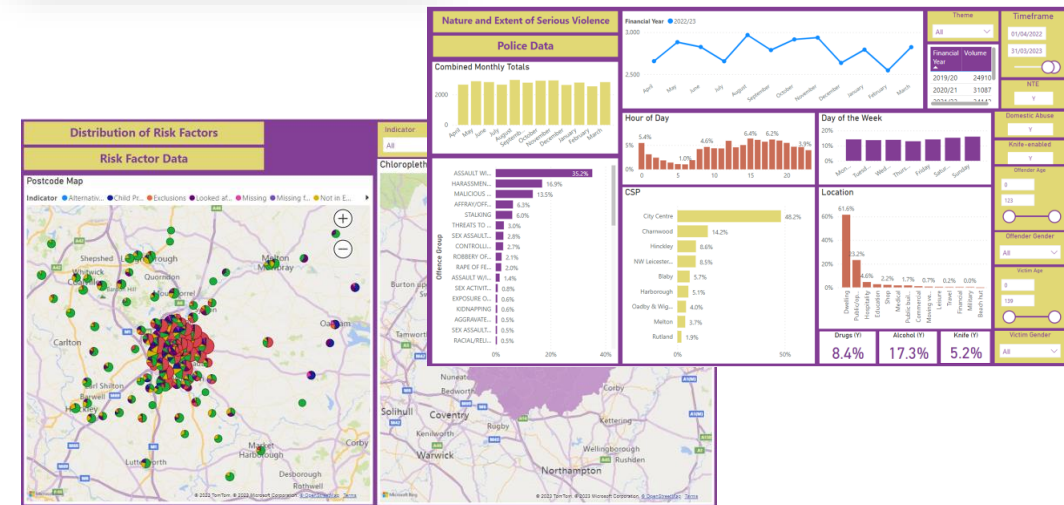
Information Sharing Agreement



- ✓ Leicestershire Police recorded crime
- ✓ Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit (A&E attendances and hospital admissions)
- ✓ East Midlands Ambulance Service
- ✓ Community and Young Person Surveys
- ✓ Commissioned Services / Voluntary and Community Organisations
- ✓ Social care data – Leicester City Council, Leicestershire County Council and Rutland County Council
- ✓ Education data – Leicester City Council, Leicestershire County Council and Rutland County Council
- ✓ Offending data – Leicestershire Police
- ✓ Anti-social behaviour data – Leicestershire County Council (LLR-wide)
- ✓ National data – Data from the Department for Education, Public Health Profiles and the Office for National Statistics



Multi-Agency Dashboard

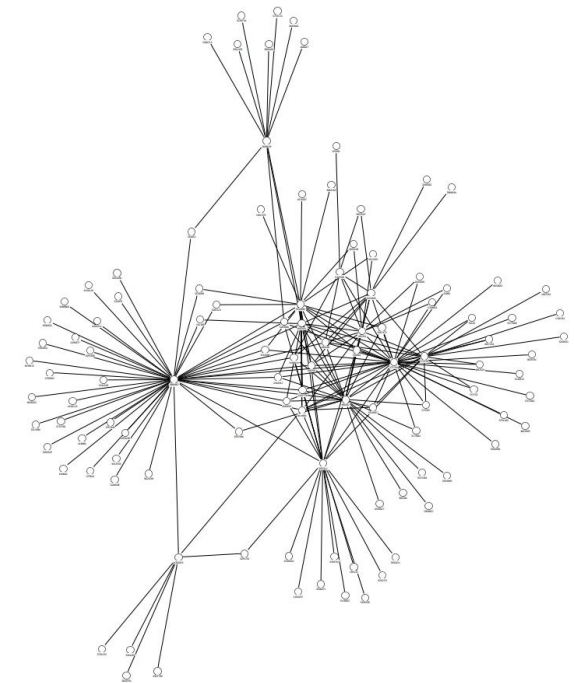
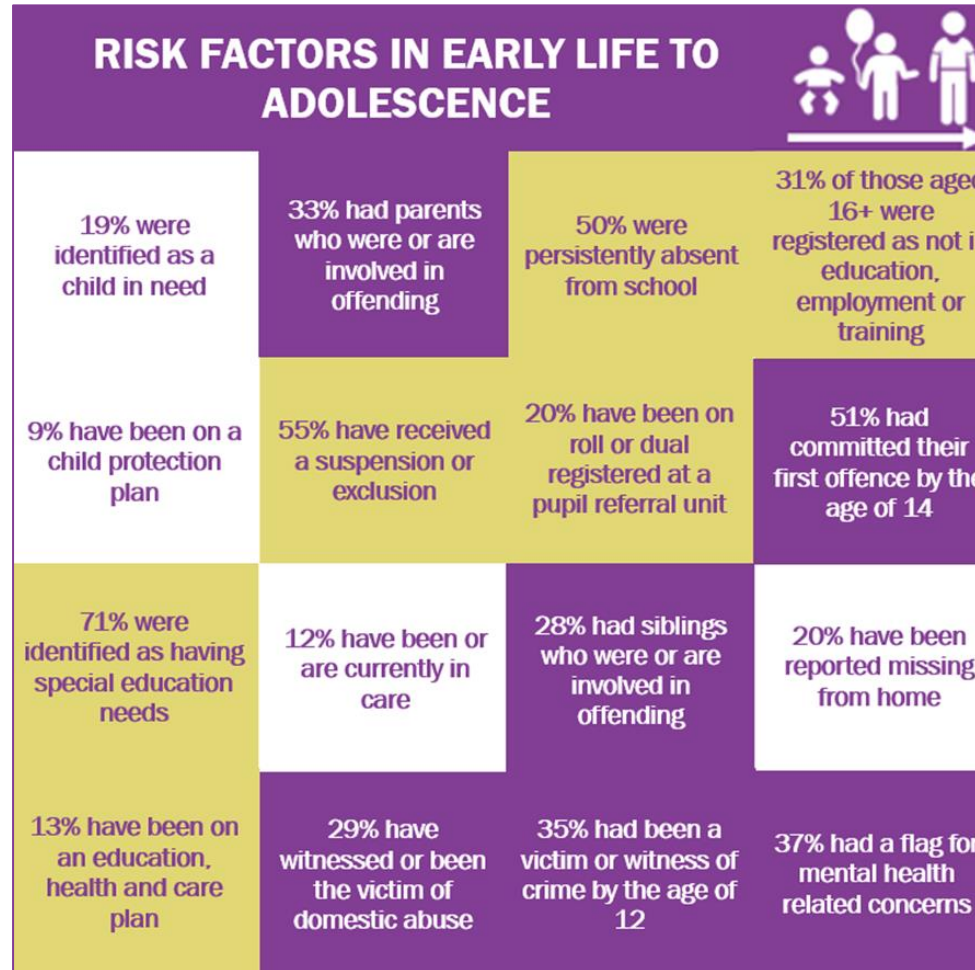


Our Work: Deep Dives

VIOLENCE REDUCTION NETWORK
LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND

Preventing Serious Violence After School
VRN Briefing No.8

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Social Network Analysis

Our Work: Co-Production

Participation



Co-Design



Leadership



Community Oversight and Scrutiny



Co-Delivery



Our Work: Designing Interventions

- Data-driven
- Focuses on gaps in local provision
- Use of available evidence
- Co-produced
- Based on a Theory of Change
- Outcome monitoring in place

| ESTIMATED IMPACT ON VIOLENCE | APPROACHES | EVIDENCE QUALITY | |
|------------------------------|---|------------------|------|
| | | Low | High |
| High | Focused deterrence | | |
| | Social skills training | | |
| | Cognitive behaviour therapy | | |
| | Sport programmes | | |
| | A&E navigators | | |
| | Trauma-specific therapies | | |
| Moderate | Pre-court diversion | | |
| | Relationship violence prevention lessons and activities | | |
| | Mentoring | | |
| | Restorative justice | | |
| | Hot spots policing | | |
| | Bystander interventions to prevent sexual assault | | |
| | Multi-systemic therapy | | |
| Low | After-school programmes | | |
| | Interventions to prevent school exclusions | | |
| | Anti-bullying programmes | | |
| | Adventure and wilderness therapy | | |
| | Parenting programmes | | |
| Unclear | Police in schools | | |
| | Knife surrender schemes | | |
| | Media campaigns | | |
| | Trauma-informed training and service redesign | | |
| Harmful | Boot camps | | |
| | Prison awareness programmes | | |

Our Work: Interventions

| | Primary Prevention | Secondary Prevention | Tertiary Prevention | | |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| | Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) | The Reach Programme | Early Intervention Service | Violence Intervention Project (VIP) | The Phoenix Programme |
| Data driven need and evidence-informed design | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serious violence is most commonly committed by 10-19-year olds (SNA, 2022) Providing quality education in early life and a safe and nurturing educational environment is a protective factor (CDC, 2016) Mentoring programmes and social norm change are likely to have a moderate impact of serious violence (YEF 2021) Evaluations of MVP show that it is effective in improving attitudes and confidence in intervening | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Widely recognised that school exclusions increases vulnerability and propensity to violence (UK Gov, 2018) Exclusions in LLR are unequally distributed – 60% reside in just 10 postcode sectors which are in 'hotspot' areas for serious violence Programmes which incorporate intensive mentoring, social skills training, mental health support and recreational activity show promise in prevention serious violence (YEF, 2021; CDC, 2016) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leicester has higher rates of first-time offenders and children in the justice system compared to national rates Pre-court diversion has the potential to protect a child against future involvement in violence (YEF, 2021) – it can support reintegration, prevent labelling and avoid the CJS Programmes which incorporate mentoring and work with families to provide broader contextual support have been shown to be effective (YEF, 2021; CDC, 2016) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LLR has higher rates than the national average for assault-related admission for a knife or sharp object, and recent trends show an increase in violence-related attendances to A&E Leicester has higher rates of children in the justice system, and the peak ages for committing serious violence is 15-19 followed by 10-14 years. A&E Navigator interventions are likely to have a high impact on preventing violence and pre-court diversion programmes a moderate impact (YEF, 2021) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The local rise in SV is directly linked to a group dynamic involving three inter-connected parts: members of OCG, a USG and network of criminally active young people. Data shows cohort live in challenging circumstances with layers of vulnerability (e.g. ACEs and trauma, domestic violence, exclusions, substance misuse, live in urban areas with high social deprivation and crime) Research suggests focused deterrence (FD) could have a high impact on reducing serious violence (YEF, 2021) |
| Description of intervention | The MVP project is a peer-led leadership and bystander programme. MVP trains students as Mentors and equips them with the confidence, knowledge and skills to identify and speak out against bullying, abusive behaviour and violence. It aims to tackle the beliefs, attitudes and culture which can give the message that violence is acceptable. Ultimately MVP promotes the healthy social norms and culture which is known to prevent violence. | The Reach Programme is an intensive six-month mentoring programme aimed at preventing exclusions. At-risk young people receive Social Skills Training, support with their confidence and wellbeing, and opportunities to participate in recreational activity (e.g. sports, arts and music). The Youth Worker will also provide support to the young person's family and work with their friends. | EIS is delivered by Prevention Officers who provide a 12-week tailored programme for young people who receive a community resolution or are at risk of offending. It seeks to prevent offending through improved anger management and well-being, and increasing engagement in positive activities such as ETE. Support is also offered to the families and carers of those engaged with the programme. | VIP provides timely and tailored support to young people attending A&E or Custody. Commonly referred to as a 'reachable moment', support workers engage with the young person at this critical point and offer support to assist recovery and address pressing issues such as safety and emotional well-being. The workers will continue to support the young person in the community, offering mentoring and practical assistance to empower them to achieve their goals. | The Phoenix Programme offers an age-appropriate, concrete and tailored package of support to participants focussed around hope, opportunity and connection. This is delivered through a multi-agency team which includes community navigators with lived experience. The team delivers in local communities and takes a pro-active approach to engagement. When participants refuse to engage and/or there are concerns in relation to continued harm, the enforcement and disruption element is deployed. |
| Target group | 11-16 year olds in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland | 10-17 year olds in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland | 10-17 year olds in Leicester who receive a police or panel issued CR or are at risk of offending | 11-25 year olds who attend A&E for violence related injuries or custody for serious violence offences | 10-65 year olds in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland |

Specialist Sport Provision: YEF (2022) rates sport programmes as being likely to have a high impact on crime and violence. This provision will provide young people with swift and long-term access to a broad range of sports and physical activities to run alongside the support that they receive from the intervention which connected with them in a 'reachable space'.

Specialist ETE Provision: Leicester and Leicestershire have higher rates of young people who are NEET when compared to the national average, and ETE are considered protective factors which reduce the risks of (re)offending. This provision will provide specialist employability support and quick access to credible education, training and employment opportunities.

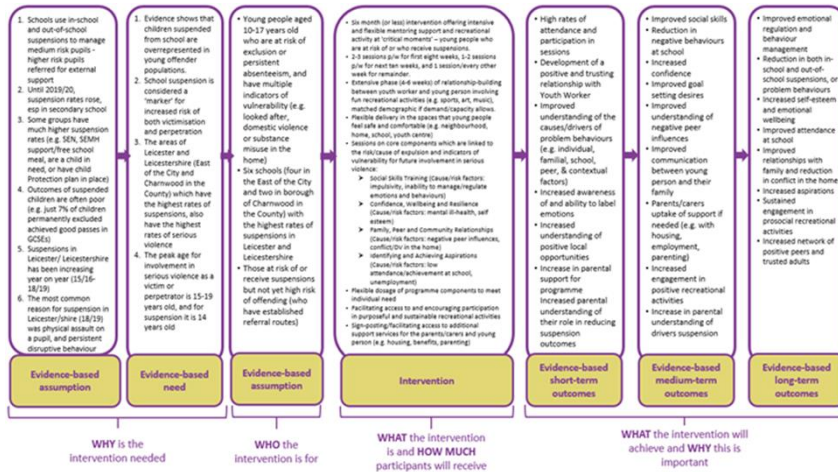
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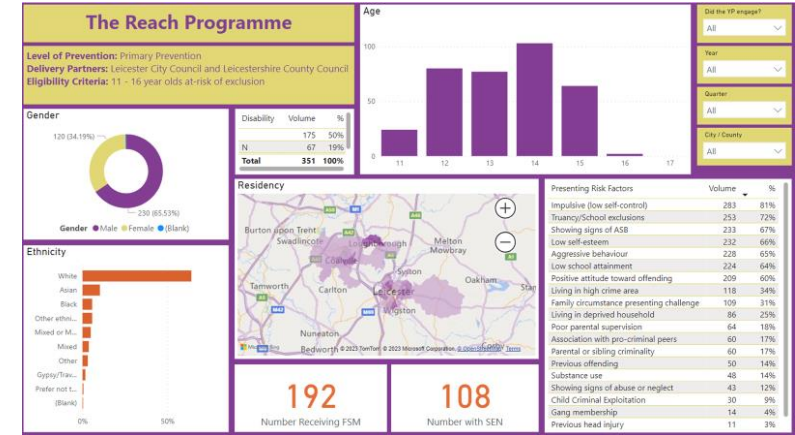
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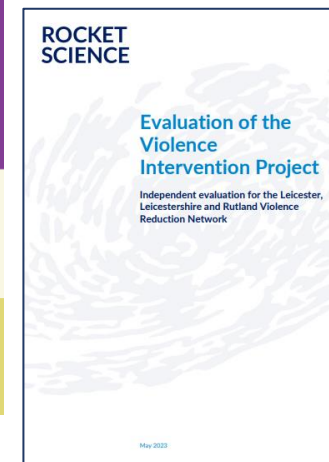
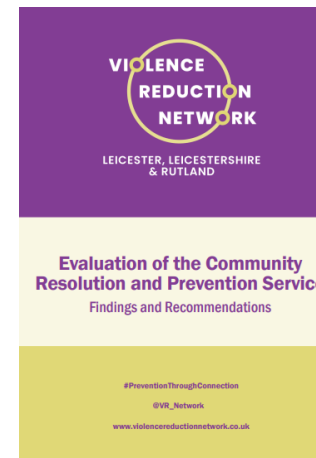


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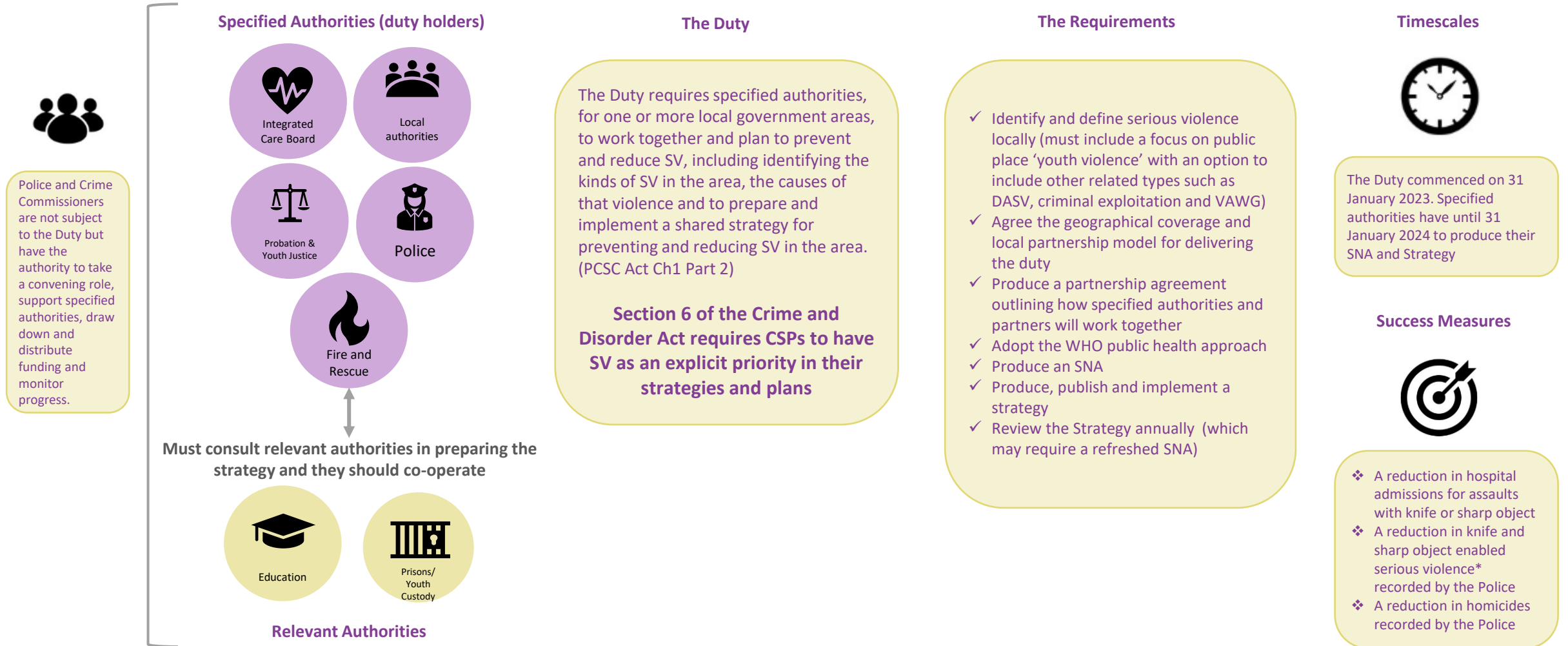
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Feasibility Studies & Evaluations



Serious Violence Duty: A Summary

The requirements of the duty are very similar to the work of our VRN partnership except it places a legal duty on specified authorities



* Details have been requested

Requirements

1 Defining Serious Violence

Specified authorities (SAs) are expected to define serious violence.

The Local Definition has been agreed as:

“Violence resulting in significant physical injury and other serious harm, including sexual violence. Violence may be committed with or without weapons, and may take place in domestic or public places”

2 Defining the Local Area

Specified authorities should agree the local partnership model (and its geographical area) for discharging the duty.

It has been agreed that the area will be LLR-wide and the Strategic Partnership Board and VRN will be the local partnership model.

*A mandatory Partnership Agreement has been signed-off and submitted to the Home Office by the deadline of **31 March 2023**.*

3 Understanding Local Issues

The partnership should work together to establish the local Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA) by 31 January 2024.

The VRN team have produced the Strategic Needs Assessment based on the new definition. Locality-based violence profiles are now being produced for each CSP.

4 Preparation, Publication and Implementation of a Strategy

The partnership must collectively develop a strategy which should outline the multi-agency response that will be taken to prevent and reduce serious violence in the local area (by 31 January 2024).

A series of co-production events have been held or are planned including a final workshop in September for Implementation Leads. The VRN will produce the LLR-wide Strategy and it will be signed-off by SPB. CSPs will need to ensure their local violence issues are addressed within their Strategies.

Additional Resource

- **1 FTE Data Analyst** – Ethan commenced his role on 4 September and will provide additional analytical capacity to CSPs.
- **2 FTE Partnership Officers** (Violence and Vulnerability). Shameera has commenced her role as Senior Partnership Officer and will offer hands-on support to CSPs including in relation to strategy development and delivery. She will mainly focus on County CSPs with the remaining post focusing on the City (in process of recruitment).
- **1 FTE SPB Board Officer** Morgan has commenced in role and is offering administrative support and strengthening connections between the business of all SPB Boards and CSP locality-based delivery.

Roles and Responsibilities:

VRN Team

Leads production of partnership agreement and LLR-wide SNA
Leads production and continues to co-ordinate delivery of LLR-wide Strategy for SV
Supports specified and relevant authorities to mobilise for duty including self-assessments and on-going support
Provides data reports to SPB Exec
Works closely with and supports new staff in OPCC team

OPCC Team

Produces locality-based profiles for CSPs
Supports CSPs in strategy and plan development and delivery
Acts as link between system-level work and localities
Provides data insights to CSP strategic boards
Offers Board support to SPB Exec
Increases sustainable data sharing and products across broader SPB Exec priorities

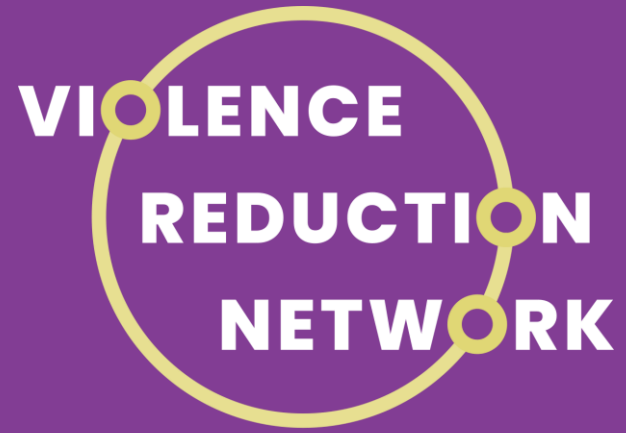
SV Duty Delivery

Specified and Relevant Authorities

Continue to work with the wider VRN partnership including communities
Identify a Lead to join the Implementation Group to support SNA and strategy development
Disseminate internal briefings and develop organisational/sector plans for delivery of the duty
Ensure CSP representation at locality-level

Community Safety Partnerships

Brief CSP members on the new duty
Continue to engage with VRN briefings and products and attend the SV Delivery Group
Work with the OPCC team to inform the structure and content of locality-based profiles and an approach to including SV in CSP strategies and plans



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