

# **Serious Violence Duty - Local Response Plan for 2024/25 -2026/27**

**Nottingham Community Safety Partnership**

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## Serious Violence Response Planning

### Context

The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts (PCSC) Act 2022 provides new duties in respect to Serious Violence. The specific new Serious Violence Duty (SVD) requires specified authorities<sup>1</sup> to work together to prevent and reduce serious violence, including identifying the kinds of serious violence that occur in the area, the causes of that violence, and to prepare and implement a strategy for preventing and reducing serious violence in the area. The Statutory Instrument<sup>2</sup> confirmed that the Duty would commence on 31 January 2023.

The specified authorities are required to develop:

- a. An understanding of local issues: the partnership should work together to establish the local 'strategic needs assessment' of serious violence
- b. Preparation and implementation of a strategy: The strategy should set out how the proposed actions will enhance and complement existing local arrangements responding to serious violence. This may include consideration of joint funding or investment to support local early interventions and responses. Partnerships will also need to consult with any and all educational institutions, prisons and secure settings situated in the local area as part of this process.
- c. Review -The partnership should review the strategy on an annual basis. A review should specifically consider how the interventions and solutions have impacted on serious violence within their area

A Serious Violence Duty delivery plan detailing how the Duty funding will be implemented will also be required to be submitted to the Home Office by January 2024.

### Response plan

It has been agreed by specified authorities that an overarching county-wide Response Strategy will be developed and published to meet the requirements of the SVD by January 2024.

The Strategy will be supported however by a set of clear response plans for implementation of the Strategy and respond to the local evidence based needs. This will require an agreed set of actions with mechanisms and resources in place to enable delivery of all the priorities identified.

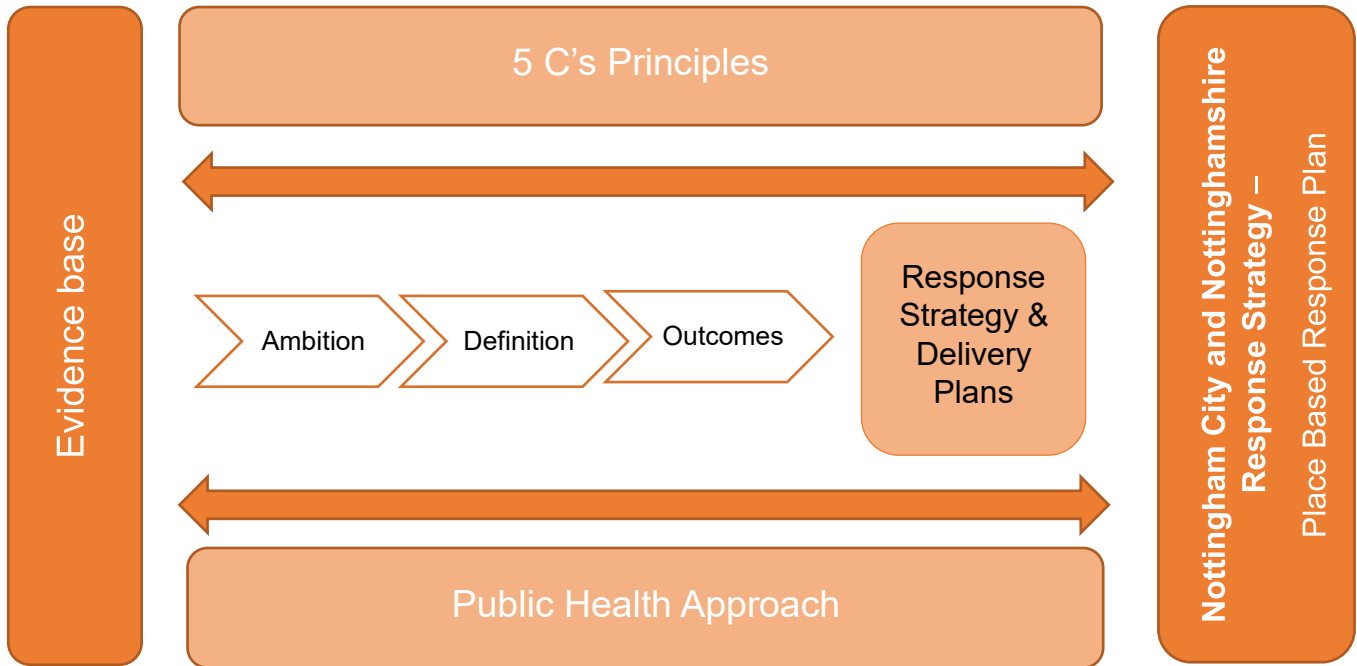
The place based Serious Violence/Community Safety Partnerships will take responsibility for the development and implementation of these response plans.

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<sup>1</sup> Police, Local Authorities, Youth Offending Teams, Probation, Fire and Rescue and Integrated Care Boards

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2022/1304/part/3/made>

## Considerations when developing the response plan



The purpose of the Place Based/District response plans is to set out the priorities and actions for each district in supporting the implementation of the Response Strategy. They should be developed within the context of the evidence base (Strategic Needs Assessments) and support the agreed ambition/vision; definitions and overall outcomes of reduction of serious violence and improving population health. It should be clear how the Response Plans will feed into the implementation of the Response Strategy through the focus on delivery to meet local needs.

The following provides a flow chart of considerations in the development of the Response Plan.

## Preparation considerations

Who to involve in the response planning and how this will be achieved

Access to and familiarisation of the evidence base and overarching response strategic priorities

Understanding what is already being implemented

Partner familiarisation of their responsibilities and roles

What do we know?

Understanding the SNA findings and Response Strategy priorities



What are our strategic priorities?

What are the key themes we want to address to respond to the evidence and Response Strategy



What could we deliver to respond to each strategic priority?

Develop a long list of potential actions which consider the root causes, risks, protective factors, impact, place and communities involved



Option appraisal

Review which of these responses are realistic and evidence based. Ensure a balance of responses ranging from early intervention to enforcement and use of powers



Prioritisation and planning of response/actions  
How, who and when will each action be delivered



Measuring

Who and how will the responses be monitored

## Reducing Serious Violence Response Plan

### Nottingham Community Safety Partnership

#### Background and Vision

This plan is the Nottingham response to serious violence and complements the Nottinghamshire wide Serious Violence Response Strategy. As a partnership our vision is for every person living in, working in or visiting Nottingham to feel and be safe from violence and violent crime and we will achieve this by:

- Offering leadership and strategic coordination of the local response to serious violence
- Supporting a multi-agency public health approach to preventing and tackling serious violence
- Focusing on early intervention

Through focusing on these objectives we are aiming to deliver the following outcomes:

- Preventing people from becoming involved in serious violence
- Reducing instances of serious violence

The definition of serious violence is that agreed and adopted by the Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Partnership.

#### Need

For an assessment of need please refer to the Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Partnership Serious Violence Strategic Needs Assessment 2024 ([link to be inserted](#))

#### Priorities

The strategic priorities outlined in this plan are:

- City centre and the interconnected environment
- Governance, data, resources and assets
- Youth provision and engagement

## Measures of success

Key performance measures are:

- A reduction in hospital admissions for assaults with a knife or sharp object
- A reduction in knife enabled serious violence
- A reduction in all non domestic homicides
- A reduction in serious violence in the city centre
- A reduction in serious violence in the Night Time Economy

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Update</b>	<b>Percentage change</b>
<i>Hospital admissions for assaults with a knife or sharp object</i>	April 23 – March 2024	TBC	TBC
<i>Knife enabled serious violence</i>	April 23 – March 2024	TBC	TBC
<i>Non-domestic homicides</i>	April 23 – March 2024	TBC	TBC
<i>City centre serious violence</i>	April 23 – March 2024	TBC	TBC
<i>NTE serious violence</i>	April 23 – March 2024	TBC	TBC

Action	Lead	Timescale	Progress update	RAG	
<b>Priority 1: City centre and the interconnected environment</b>					
1.1	Conduct an assessment of current provision and practice in the city centre, with a view to identifying gaps or areas of improvement. A 4P's plan to be developed based on this.	Police	Q1 2024/25		
1.2	Assess practice and provision in other areas, in particular the Core Cities of England	NCC – Community Safety	Q2 2024/25		
1.3	Assess the impact of voluntary sector funding reductions on provision in the city centre	NCC – Community Safety	Q1 2024/25		
1.4	Ensure the continued operation of Violence Against Women & Girls initiatives in the city centre, in particular the Consent Coalition and Safe Space Pledge	NCC – Community Safety	Q4 2024/25		
1.5	Explore the use of residual Late Night Levy funding to support the expansion or continuation of initiatives in the Night Time Economy	VRP	Q1 2024/25		
1.6	Review and explore options for maintaining safe spaces within the city centre	Police	Q2 2024/25		
1.7	It's in Nottingham Community Trust – working with Private, Voluntary and education sector to improve the youth offer in the City Centre	It's in Nottingham	Q2 2024/25		
1.8	Ensure that Purple Flag status is retained through dedicated partnership working and addressing any issues identified in the recent assessment	It's in Nottingham	Q4 2024/25		

1.9	Re-establish the NTE Safety Group and develop a partnership action plan for the group	Police	Q2 2024/25		
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<b>Priority 2: Governance, data, resources and assets</b>					
2.1	Develop a data led approach to identifying problematic locations and areas in need of targeted interventions	NCC – Community Safety	Q2 2024/25		
2.2	Develop a performance and outcomes framework to support the work of the group	NCC – Community Safety	Q1 2024/25		
2.3	Review governance structures to ensure that all relevant groups are reporting to the NCSP Board via the Serious Violence Strategic Group. This to include the NTE Safety Group and Late Night Levy Group and any others of relevance	NCC – Community Safety	Q1 2024/25		
2.4	Develop an information or intelligence sharing agreement for agencies that work within the city. To be based on the existing CP Intelligence model.	NCC – Community Safety	Q2 2024/25		
2.5	Examine how the partnership can provide appropriate data to support funding bids	NCC – Community Safety	Q2 2024/25		
2.6	Review neighbourhood problem solving and local voluntary sector partnership arrangements in the context of NCC budget reductions	Police & NCC – Community Safety	Q2 2024/25		
2.7	Review how best to improve contextualised safeguarding, in particular in relation to safe spaces	VRP	Q2 2024/25		



2.8	Undertake to embed learning from the First Time Entrants into Youth Justice research funded by the VRP	All	Q3 2024/25		
2.9	Consider the current offer from the universities and how this could be expanded or improved upon	NTU & University of Nottingham	Q1 2024/25		

<b>Priority 3: Youth provision and engagement</b>					
3.1	Examine options for including young people in sport programmes, including mentoring opportunities	NCC – Youth Justice	Q2 2024/25		
3.2	Work with NCC Education on a programme to engage schools in the provision of youth activities and interventions	NCC - Education	Q1 2024/25		
3.3	Explore widening participation and referrals into the NFRS Bootcamp programme	NFRS	Q1 2024/25		
3.4	Produce list of externally and locally funded youth provision	NCC – Community Safety	Q1 2024/25		

		Nottingham College			
3.10	Maximise the signposting and referral of young people into prevention and early intervention services	All	Q4 2024/25		
3.11	Maximise the use of external funding to tackle serious violence within the city – Safer Streets, YEF and any other funding available	NCC, Police & VRP	Q4 2024/25		
3.12	Ensure that the Youth Outreach Team from the police Prevention Hub is connected with other youth provision and educational support	Police	Q2 2024/25		
3.5	Review the funding of the Equation training offer in schools to establish whether this can be targeted more effectively	NCC - Education	Q2 2024/25		
3.6	Consider the impact of the potential ending of VRP funding in March 2025 and examine alternative funding arrangements for current youth provision	VRP	Q2 2024/25		
3.7	Examine how best to reduce fixed term and permanent exclusions from schools and other educational establishments	NCC - Education	Q2 2024/25		
3.8	Review locality based working arrangements in the context of likely changes to the NCC neighbourhood offer	NCC – Community Safety	Q2 2024/25		
3.9	Consider how best to engage with young people who are not in education, employment or training	NCC Education &	Q2 2024/25		