



Serious Violence Duty - Local Response Plan

South Notts Community Safety Partnership

January 2024

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 authorities¹ 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 Instrument² 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 is also 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.

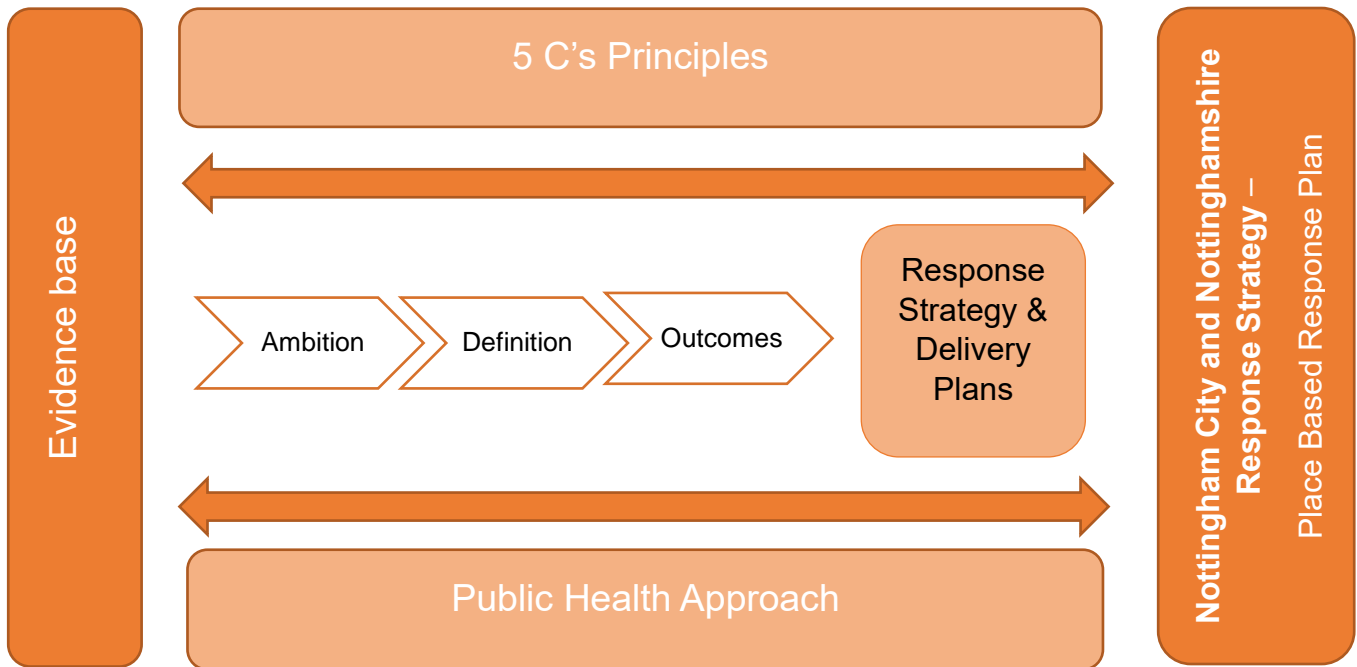
The Strategy will be supported however by a set of clear response plans for implementation of the Strategy and respond to the local evidence based needs. This will require an agreed set of actions with mechanisms and resources in place to enable delivery of all the priorities identified.

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

¹ Police, Local Authorities, Youth Offending Teams, Probation, Fire and Rescue and Integrated Care Boards

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

Considerations for 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 have been 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.

The following provides a flow chart of considerations during 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

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Background

On 9th April 2018, the government published its Serious Violence Strategy setting out an ambitious programme of work to respond to increases in knife crime, gun crime and homicide. This Response Plan aligns to the priorities and ambitions set out in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire's Violence Reduction Partnership's (NNVRP) Serious Violence Response Strategy, of which the South Nottinghamshire Community Partnership is an active partner.

The NNVRP brings together specialists from the PCC, public health, clinical commissioning, police, local authorities, community safety partnerships, criminal justice partnerships, education, and voluntary and community sector organisations with a shared goal to reduce serious violent crime and the underlying causes countywide. It provides strategic leadership and coordination of the countywide response to preventing and reducing serious violence.

The Serious Violence Response Strategy is underpinned by a multi-agency public health approach to understanding the drivers and impacts of serious violence, with a focus on early intervention and prevention, tackling the root causes of violence and preventing young people from becoming involved in crime in the first place.

The Serious Violence Duty commenced on 31 January 2023 as part of the Police Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022. The duty was introduced in the context of an increase in violence over the last decade and a recognition of the impact it has on victims and their families. The Serious Violence Duty requires organisations to work together to share information, analyse the situation locally and come up with solutions, including the publication of local Response Plan, aligned to the Response Strategy, to prevent and reduce serious violence on a local basis.

The Plan outlines a commitment to investing in prevention and early intervention activities that deals with the causes, rather than the consequences, of crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB). The Plan will be subject to annual review to ensure it continues to be responsive to national policy, the local evidence base and emerging insight. Progress will be reported to the Safer Nottinghamshire Board on a quarterly basis.

Our Vision:

Our vision is for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire communities to feel safe from violence and the fear of violence.

Our Mission:

We will work with communities to prevent violence and reduce its harmful impacts through developing a detailed understanding of its causes and investment in evidence-based interventions that make a lasting difference.

Our Focus:

Our definition of Serious Violence recognises the complexity of violence, with a focus on all incidents (including domestic violence) that cause serious harm. It also focuses on other offending that drives violence, so currently includes organised criminality and child exploitation

Need

- Reduction in Serious Violence through a Strategic Partnership Plan for South Notts using an analysis of Data.
- Reduction in serious violence related to alcohol consumption and the night time economy
- Reduction in serious violence linked to alcohol consumption in dwelling and domestic settings
- Reduction in domestic violence including strangulation/suffocation
- Reduction in dogs causing injury
- Reduction in weapon enabled crime
- Reduce vulnerabilities and increase support for vulnerable young people

Source: SNA and local profiles

Priorities

- Data and Insight to improve decision making and sustainability.
- Domestic and Sexual Abuse/Assault (Financial Control, Reporting and Stalking).
- Vulnerability in YP (County Lines, Gangs, Supporting YP to make better decisions).
- Education and Behaviour Change (Education support).

Gaps – What don't we know/improve insight

- Mental Health – Children Excluded from school and school off-rolling.
- Homelessness as a marker – YP people and sofa surfing, transition.
- Breakdown of sexual assault/rape – domestic and public space, historic – how does this affect the numbers?
- Consideration of Under 25's in the Local Area Profiles.

Measures of success

Insert the key performance measures:

- *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*

| Indicator | Baseline (Oct 23) | Update | Percentage change RAG the change |
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| BROXTOWE <i>A reduction in hospital admissions for assaults with a knife or sharp object</i> | TBC | | |
| GEDLING <i>A reduction in hospital admissions for assaults with a knife or sharp object</i> | TBC | | |
| RUSHCLIFFE <i>A reduction in hospital admissions for assaults with a knife or sharp object</i> | TBC | | |
| BROXTOWE <i>A reduction in knife enabled serious violence</i> | 17 | | |
| GEDLING <i>A reduction in knife enabled serious violence</i> | 25 | | |
| RUSHCLIFFE <i>A reduction in knife enabled serious violence</i> | 15 | | |
| BROXTOWE <i>A reduction in all non-domestic homicides</i> | 0 | | |
| GEDLING <i>A reduction in all non-domestic homicides</i> | 0 | | |
| RUSHCLIFFE <i>A reduction in all non-domestic homicides</i> | 0 | | |

| Action | | Lead | Timescale | Progress update | RAG |
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| Priority 1 Understanding data and insight to inform decision making and sustainability | | | | | |
| 1.0 | In depth data analysis to target resources | VRP | 2024/25 | Requires updates from VRP | |
| 1.1 | Engage with communities to capture their views on violence | PCC NCC | 2024/25 | Requires updates from PCC/NCC | |
| 1.2 | Effective data collection and partnership working. Data storage and sharing system between agencies Police, Social Care, Youth Services and LAs for early intervention not just incident resolution. | Police Social Care NCC YOT NCC Youth Services LAs | 2024/25 | Requires updates from lead agencies | |
| 1.3 | Hotspot areas – Identification and focus for partnership. | VRP | 2024/25 | Hotspot areas identified in area profiles | |
| Priority 2 Domestic abuse and sexual violence | | | | | |
| 2.0 | Delivery of the countywide Domestic Abuse action plan | Nottinghamshire Domestic Abuse Board | 2024/25 | Requires updates from DAB | |
| 2.1 | Deliver a perpetrator programme | PCC | 2024/25 | Requires updates from PCC | |
| 2.2 | Deliver White Ribbon Action Plan and maintain accreditation | BBC BWP Equation | Reaccreditation application 2024 3 year action 2024/27 | Reaccreditation application submission Feb 2024 action plan delivery started Jan 2024 | |

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| | | | | 2.3 | |
| 2.3 | Gain DAHA accreditation | BBC GBC | Expected accreditation year 2024/25 | | |
| 2.4 | Expand Safe Spaces within suitable shop watch stores | RBC Equation | 2024/25 | Will require head office approval from each venue potentially 2 places in West Bridgford | |
| Priority 3 Education and behaviour change | | | | | |
| 3.0 | Working with excluded young people outside of mainstream schooling and their families to reduce weapon carrying including the promotion where appropriate of referrals of excluded young people to YJS MyFuture youth support programme. | NCC Education YJS | 2024/25 | Requires updates from YJS | |
| 3.1 | Expand Police Schools Liaison Officers role in schools to include prevention work and work in partnership to address behaviour of repeat and potential repeat offenders. Included in the annual YJS Strategic plan is a long-term aspiration for the YJS to work more closely with SEIOs to promote early intervention and successful diversion | Police Schools YJS | 2024/25 | Requires updates from lead agencies | |
| 3.2 | Work in schools around healthy relationships | Equation | 2024/25 | Requires updates from Equation | |
| 3.3 | Prevention work in Youth Centres – supported by discussions at the NCC Youth Support Group which discussed incoming PPNs. | Youth Service | 2024/25 | Requires updates from NCC | |
| 3.4 | Local authority to develop and implement an Improving School Attendance Strategy, with targeted support to schools in BGR with the highest rates of unauthorised absence. | NCC Family Service NCC Education | 2024/25 | Requires updates from NCC | |

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| 3.5 | Effective staff training | All | 2024/25 | Requires updates from all | |
| 3.6 | Deliver OPERATION SCEPTRE weapon amnesties | Police | 2024/25 | Requires updates from Police | |
| 3.7 | Support for Schools to promote behaviour change. Prevention and reporting comms to parents and carers through schools. Prevention and reporting comms to students (secondary and primary) through PHSE and assemblies. | Schools BBC Police | 2024/25 | Visits into school annually | |
| 3.8 | Early intervention work with parents and families ensuring prevention work is implemented before issues escalate | NCC Family Services | 2024/25 | Requires updates from NCC | |
| 3.9 | Continue to deliver the Positive Future Peer Mentoring programme for you people at risk of offending. | Positive Futures | 2024/25 | Requires updates from YJS | |
| 3.10 | Promote appropriate referral and support of children and families 3.5to The Family Service for targeted early help support. The Family Service will continue to deliver relevant parenting intervention programmes such as NVR, and Managing risk taking teenage behaviour workshops. | All NCC Family Services | 2024/25 | Una Daniels – Early Help Strategy (City). Early Intervention and Prevention Workstream (Notts County Council – Family Hubs). | |
| 3.11 | Positive Future Community engagement projects in geographical areas of concern | Positive Futures | 2024/25 | Requires updates from YJS | |
| 3.12 | Promote appropriate referral and support of children to the YJS MyFuture youth support programme | YJS | 2024/25 | Requires updates from YJS | |

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| 3.13 | Identify young people at risk of being NEET post 16 and refer to Futures NEET support programme, commissioned by NCC children's services. | All | 2024/25 | Requires updates from NCC | |
| 3.14 | Examples of good practice in Keyworth in some schools – ripple the learning, peer to peer learning through schools. | NCC Education | 2024/25 | Requires updates from NCC | |
| 3.15 | Schools – alter approach to behaviour polices and exclusion. Requires willingness from school and partners. YP need to feel connected. | NCC Education | 2024/25 | Requires updates from NCC | |
| 3.16 | Deliver interventions and support at transition age (Year 5/6), there is a disconnect between Primary and Secondary school. | NCC Education | 2024/25 | Requires updates from NCC | |
| Priority 4 Vulnerability in young people | | | | | |
| 4.1 | Promotion of support services available to young people, parents and carers | All | 2024/ | Requires updates from all | |
| 4.2 | Expansion or creation of support groups such as switch up | NHS | 2024/25 | Requires updates from NHS | |
| 4.3 | Delivery of training to teachers by the Tackling Emerging Threats to Children Team (TETC) and to all other statutory and relevant partners of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NSCP) through the NSCP training programme | NCC | 2024/25 | Requires updates from NCC | |
| 4.4 | Neighbourhood Safeguarding and Disruption meetings (NSDs) in districts to manage young people at very high risk of CCE and violence | Police YJS CSC BBC GBC RBC | 2024/25 | NSD meetings monthly BBC in place since 2020 | |
| 4.5 | CCEP meetings at county level to manage young people at very high risk of CCE and violence escalated from the NSDs | NCC BBC GBC RBC Police | 2024/25 | CCEP meetings monthly | |

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| 4.6 | Deliver 4 x Night Angel Operations annually. Drug and weapon detection in the night time economy through drug swabs and hand held metal detectors | BBC | 2024/25 | 4 to be delivered annually | |
| 4.7 | Deliver OPERATION POTASSIUM + in Beeston. Transform Trainings TLC programme to 16 young people identified as at very high risk of CCE and violence in Beeston | BBC | March 2024 | Funding ends March 2024 | |
| 4.8 | Deliver Operation Silverbirch in Arnold Town Centre, targeting youth related ASB and violence including the possession of weapons offences | Police GBC | 2024/25 | Requires updates from GBC | |
| 4.9 | Deliver Night Time Economy patrols in the Front Street area of Arnold, working with Police and GBC Licensing to increase licence compliance | Police GBC | 2024/25 | Requires updates from GBC | |
| 4.10 | Introduce 2 x help points in Beeston Town Centre giving direct emergency access to the Police control room | BBC | September 2024 | To be commissioned 2024 | |
| 4.11 | Distribute Personal Safety Alarms to those vulnerable to attack through events and reported incidents. Target young adults through the University of Nottingham student support team | BBC | October 2023 – October 2025 | Distribution underway | |
| 4.121 | Distribute Personal Safety Alarms by Safer Street Wardens in the Netherfield area | GBC | 2024/25 | Requires updates from GBC | |
| 4.13 | Upgrade Beeston Town Centre, Montrose Court and Inham Nook Park CCTV systems | BBC | September 2024 | To be commissioned 2024 | |
| 4.14 | Implement the upgrade to Bingham Town Centre CCTV system | RBC Police Bingham Parish Council | September 2024 | Up to 7 cameras in Bingham via SS5 | |
| 4.15 | Upgrade lighting Arnot Hill Park | GBC | September 2024 | Requires updates from GBC | |
| 4.16 | Aim to undertake an annual knife awareness event with targeted young individuals subject to funding. | RBC Positive Futures | 2024/25 | Stopped this year due to funding. Aim to restart in 2024 | |

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| | | | | At local venue to Coincide with Op Sceptre. Est up to 70 individual students | |
| 4.17 | Continue to develop the Positive Futures and strengthen the serious violence message to the young. | RBC Positive Futures | 2024/25 | Provide info on events and training and workshops to PF as and when | |
| 4.18 | Deliver student safety initiatives Issue crime prevention and community safety resources | BBC RBC Police NU NTU | 2024/25 | Early Oct fresher's week | |
| 4.19 | The GREAT project delivery in primary schools | Equation | 2024/25 | Requires updates from Equation | |
| 4.20 | RBC working with Police X2 annual partnership NTE sessions, inc police engagement with young people at YPCs, taxi licence and Vehicle checks, drug wiping, Ask for Angela checks (ensure all members of pub watches have Ask for Angela policy in place, or similar) | RBC | 2024/25 | These are annual events in the summer and Christmas | |
| 4.21 | Non term time activities/initiatives at ASB hot spot locations | RBC Positive Futures Police Youth Leaders | 2024/25 | Referrals are from the police Requires updates from RBC | |
| 4.22 | Embed consistent screening and intervention following receipt of Public Protection Notices | YJS CSC | 2024/25 | Requires updates from YJS/CSC | |

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| | Prioritise service for young victims of serious crime through Victim Care (consider YEF evidence which highlights experience of children as victims, especially among those who offend) | Victim Care | 2024/25 | Requires updates from Victim Care | |
| | YJS work with partners to effectively target outreach offer. Detached Youth Worker on streets – long term funded. | YJS | 2024/25 | Requires updates from YJS | |