



“We believe that all communities across Merseyside have the right to be free from violence in order to provide the best life chances for all”

TAKING A PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH...



WE AIM TO...

- Tackle the causes of serious violence in Merseyside.
- Reduce serious violence in Merseyside and particularly youth violence in public spaces.
- Identify suitable responses to prevent violence before it becomes a part of someone’s life.
- Provide opportunities for young people to fulfil their life chances away from the impact of violence and crime.
- Ensure our response is bespoke to the challenges in each area of the county.

WE WILL ENSURE...

- Community is at the heart of the VRP:
- Coordination and maximisation of resources:
- Effective Communication:
- Trauma informed approach:
- All funded interventions meet our agreed VRP principles:

SUMMARY OF THE OVERARCHING STRATEGIC THEMES

EARLY INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION
- PATHWAYS FOR ASSESSMENT NEED TO HAPPEN EARLY

- Early years, parent and family-based interceptions
- Influencing inter-generational changes
- Target young people at risk
- Work within margins of community
- Provide opportunities for young people
- Embed a trauma informed approach
- Embed a whole school approach
- Timely identification of SEND
- Ensure all key workforces aware of VRP
- Engage with relevant education/training eg ACES

EVIDENCE AND BEST PRACTICE
- ENSURE THE ACTIVITIES BEING DELIVERED ARE THE RIGHT ONES

- Use the Problem Profile and Data Hub to understand the drivers and target activities
- Ensure appropriate monitoring and evaluation is in place to measure implementation and outcomes
- Develop local steering groups to support delivery and sustainability issues
- Facilitate regular Cheshire and Merseyside-wide meetings to share best practice

TRUSTED VOICES AND CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

- Community safety activities
- E.g preventive policing, maximise opportunities to prevent violence
- Targeting of hotspot areas
- Community based interventions
- Housing support
- Feedback loop ‘you said, we did’

INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUSTAINABILITY

- Violence reduction in all policies
- Ensure the voice of the community is embedded within the narrative
- Ensure partnership working across the system
- Collaboration and joint commissioning with a longer term vision
- Communication plan- Communicating the strategy and the impact to all partners including the community

PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE

- Develop a framework to integrate planning, delivery and evaluation
- Implement appropriate monitoring and evaluation measures to ensure the process and outcomes of the VRP can be evidenced
- Prioritise activities based on efficiency and outcomes
- Continue to embed a systems approach to evaluation (e.g. Egan, McGill, Penney et al 2019)
- Collect and act upon current comprehensive data and analysis e.g. Data Hub & Problem Profile

KEY SHORT TERM SUCCESS MEASURES WILL INCLUDE...

- Increase in number of young people provided mental health interventions.
- The voice of young people and communities are embedded in the priorities and work of the VRP
- Increased and effective interventions around serious violence within schools.
- Increased support for the most vulnerable students across all educational using effective mentoring.
- Improved access to accommodation for young offenders and their families.
- Better support for at risk offenders at point of arrest
- Improved identification of hotspots to better target interventions and resources.
- Increased understanding of ACEs and provision of support in organisations including suitable referrals
- Improve data quality within organisations for TIIG

LONG TERM SUCCESS MEASURES WILL INCLUDE...

- Improved Feelings of safety within communities and young people including reduced fear of violence.
- Increased aspirations in young people.
- Reductions in school exclusion and persistent absence.
- Reduction in overall levels of knife crime and serious violence in under 25s.
- Increase in levels of young people engaged in NEET and increase involvement of businesses and training providers.
- Reduced levels of violence reoffending in those under 25.
- Increased sustainability of effective interventions in years 1 and 2 of VRP within the core business of organisations.

