

Report to Health and Well Being Board

**Community Safety Partnership Priority 3 of the CSP is: Violence and Vulnerability:** Tackling gang related activity and offensive weapons to reduce drug driven violence

Much of our work driven by the Essex wide Violence & Vulnerability framework and the response to the 2019 Annual Public Health Report on serious youth violence and going forward delivering on part of Domain 6 – community safety within the H & WB strategy and the serious violence duty

Working with public health there is a commitment to have a draft serious youth violence strategy by June 2023, this will also link to the Combatting drugs partnership as well as respond to the new Duty that will be placed on us in relation to Serious Violence.

In order to deliver on this through the chair we have reflected on and revised our governance structure in order to reduce duplication and provide clarity on accountability

Aims:

We will Align to the Violence and Vulnerability Framework for Essex to achieve:

- Improved understanding and changing attitudes to violence
- Supporting communities to initiate change
- Delivering programmes which prevent and reduce serious violence

Governance and Partnership Engagement:

**Revised governance:** the chair of the Violence and Vulnerability Board in Thurrock has raised concerns over duplication of some of the work within the VV board and with the new H & WB Strategy in place and the revision of the action plan in line with the Serious Violence Duty it would be appropriate to review the governance to deliver on this work.

Subsequently it has been agreed that the overarching ownership of this action plan is moved from the Violence and Vulnerabilities Board to the Community Safety Partnership Board.

Dr Jo Broadbent, Director of Public Health for Thurrock will remain as the lead Director for delivery.

The Community Safety Partnership Strategic Board, Brighter Futures Board, Youth Crime Governance Board and Local Safeguarding Childrens Partnership all have a part to play as highlighted in the report shared

This board has been identified to take a lead on surveillance and tertiary. This report today focuses on secondary and tertiary in the delivery of this priority with leads as below:

Ref	Category	Board/Body	Lead Officer/s
1.	Surveillance: Action to understand and monitor the problem at a population level	YCGB	Dr Jo Broadbent

	including the effectiveness of a whole system approach		
2.	Primary Prevention: Action to 'inoculate' the wider communication against the risk of becoming either a victim or perpetrator of serious violence	Brighter Futures	Michele Lucas
3.	Secondary Prevention: Intervention with those with existing risk factors to mitigate risk	LSCP - MACE	Clare Moore & Priscilla Bruce-Annan
4.	Tertiary Prevention: 'Treatment' of perpetrators and victims of violence to reduce further harm	YCGB and CSP executive group	Fiona Pallett & Michelle Cunningham
5.	Community Awareness, Education and Prevention to support Delivery of recommendations	CSP executive group	Fiona Pallett & Michelle Cunningham
6.	Drivers of Violence	CSP executive group	C/I Mark Barber

Overarching Annual reports will be provided to:

- Health and Well Being Board
- Cleaner Greener Safer Overview and Scrutiny (within annual CSP report)
- CSP Strategic Board
- Youth Crime Governance Board

This report to the H & WB focuses and details on the tertiary aspect.

The plan will be monitored and updated by the CSP manager. This action plan will contribute to Domain 6 of the new Health and Well Being Strategy 2022/26

#### Performance:

Q1 and Q2 2022/23

The operational gang related violence group meets monthly and currently manages 23 nominals. Information is shared, risk reviewed and actions identified either through intervention or enforcement. The detailed report for the first 6 months of this year is summarised below:

- There have been a total of 44 nominals monitored and discussed in the 6 months ending Sept 22, during this period 13 new referrals have been received, 12 of which have added to the matrix, and 7 of them RAG rated red
- Throughout the period 7 nominals have been removed from discussion
- 61% of those discussed were aged between 17-21years. This is a significant age bracket for services involved in supporting or managing nominals, as we often see a great transition from youth to adult services. During this transition youth services often fall away and are not always replaced by their counterparts in adult services.
- We continue to see correlation with regards to the residence of nominals becoming more central to Thurrock, with the largest number residing within Grays. This correlates with the increased presence of GTM members on the

matrix and Grays being considered the main territory in which the gang operates.

- 1 Criminal Behaviour Order has been obtained
- Op Overwatch has taken 8 young people to court and interim Gang Injunctions obtained – this supports with safeguarding these young people reducing risk of Exploitation whilst providing offer of intervention. They are now working on obtaining gang injunctions for adults within the cohort.

Through public health we continue to work with Xantura to develop an intel led approach to identifying those at risk.

A & E data recording is poor however for 6 months to Sept 22 at Basildon hospital there have been 54 attendances for injury recorded with addresses of incident, which is an 11% increase. 6 are aged under 18. 39 male and 11 female. 7 injuries recorded a bladed article.

Risks/Issues/Threats:

- Inadequate reach of generic youth services to provide meaningful after-school activity for young people remains a gap with lack of offer for primary age and resource gap for CREW mentoring project. Red Balloon continue to be active in priority areas.
- Cost of living increase is a risk to increased opportunity for young people to be exploited

Monitoring against Delivery Plan:

**Achievements to Date:**

- Of the 31 recommendations within the Annual public Health Report 2019 16 remain in progress.
- Parenting offer reviewed and from April 22 the new teams structure aims to create a much more cohesive offer to parents with the same team co-ordinating all aspects of improving parental skills and to avoid non-engagement through the current dispersed model
- Through the 11-19 Strategy group Education providers share best practice on skills based learning between all schools with regular reports provided to the group and best practice shared from a range of education providers.

**Schools:**

- Staff training package focusing on Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) and gangs which can be delivered either online or in person is aimed at all staffing groups working within the school context
- Schools have been promoted to submit intel reports and more information is being shared
- With a contextual safeguarding approach in mind:
  - we offer secondary schools the opportunity of a termly school meeting which brings together partners to discuss young people of concern through the lens of prevention.
  - collective contextual safeguarding report is produced by the Gangs and CE Lead, Community Safety Partnership Manager and Business Manager for the Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership on a

termly basis. This provides up to date information on current contextual concerns in Thurrock, including hotspots, emerging issues and data from substance misuse services, missing episodes, and the Gang Related Violence forum

- Specific awareness session for parents of young people. aims to explore CCE, gangs and its associated harms and provides practical advice on how parents can support a young person as well as spotting the signs. Also attend parent engagement events run by the school, e.g. open evenings.
- Have three main support options for young people in schools,
  - drop-in sessions,
  - offer of workshops to target a specific group of young people or focus on a particular topic
  - 1-2-1 intervention.

The delivery of these sessions is largely dependent on the provision already available in the school and based on need. The support we have been able to provide young people has prevented permanent exclusions on two occasions.

- Olive Outreach programme is in place and being well received by Secondary schools who are referring
- The recruitment of a 'Young Persons Exploitation Worker' has allowed for more structured work to be delivered to our under 18 years cohort. The provides opportunity for a 12 week period of structured intervention to be delivered which specifically focuses on gangs and exploitation.
- Inspire have funding to support young people to obtain photo ID and therefore into work as well as funding kickstart posts.
- Our gang's lead is working with schools delivering training and awareness, looking at parent workshops and all secondary schools have been offered termly meetings to discuss those of concern and to host drop in sessions
- St Giles Trust continue to provide support in 2 schools

#### **Next Steps:**

- Continue to progress work with Xantura to develop predictive risk model for youth violence and gang involvement and to use it effectively to provide tailored preventative packages to enable effective multi-agency response to those at risk
- Walk online roadshows highlighting risks in relation to online exploitation, gangs and knife crime planned for years 5/6/7/8 in Nov 22 and March 23
- Strategic assessment in relation to youth violence has been provided, with the delivery plan to be refreshed in line with findings
- To utilise police driven data to focus on identified geographical areas Tilbury / Grays / W Thurrock
- Community – CVS and Thurrock network collate voice of community and workshops / awareness and weekly newsletter

#### **Funding:**

- Subject to agreement to carry forward funding into 23/24 £150,000 of funding has been secured from the VVU with £64,000 pending further

detail. Note this funding must focus on intervention targeted within geographical areas Tilbury / Grays / W Thurrock

- £9,330 allocated by CSP to this priority
- Funded provision:
  - Olive Outreach (in place)
  - Outreach for primary schools – to develop
  - Funded REACH places for primary schools – to implement
  - St Giles – currently in 2 schools – from April will be day a week in 4 schools
  - Working to submit bids to extend the exploitation worker and add in another post to support with the wider school intervention

#### Reviews:

The CSP exec are reviewing a non-domestic abuse violence in Thurrock report for 2021 and will support review of current activity and identify any gaps towards the new Duty on CSP's and partners in relation to Serious Violence. The key findings are below in relation to non-domestic abuse violence :

- Of the 4,294 violence against the person classification 19% were violence with injury and 67% of those defined as “community violence”
- Within community violence 73% of suspects and 72% of victims are male (where recorded)
- All knife related crime was committed by males and 92% of victims were male with 75% of named suspects linked to drugs
- Grays Riverside and West Thurrock and South Stifford wards accounted for 30% of community based violence

The Substance Misuse and Alcohol Needs Assessment has been completed.

We are working with the Violence and Vulnerability data scientist to produce a serious violence strategic needs assessment by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. This will be a SET wide document with inclusion of each District/Unitary area. This will continue to develop beyond this time and will drive our serious violence strategy.

#### Opportunities:

- The Health Family work and Family hub will provide opportunities for early intervention
- To expand projects which are having early benefits e.g. Olive Outreach work and young person's exploitation worker
- Reroute – expand Essex project to Thurrock to support young people Released Under Investigation (RUI)
- To access funding from VVU to target harden Koala Park
- To seek to extend the work of St Giles Trust into 4 schools

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