

Thurrock Health And Wellbeing Strategy

2022-2026

Levelling the Playing Field
in Thurrock



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Introduction and overview report to Thurrock Health
and Wellbeing Board

Domain 6, Community Safety – Year 2

Domain 6 Community Safety

Domain Aims and Ambitions

To ensure that Thurrock is a place where people feel and are safe to live, socialise, work and visit. We will also ensure that victims/survivors of crime are able to access support to cope and recover from their experiences, should they need it.

What we want to achieve

We know that certain groups are more likely to be the victims of crime, including; women and girls, children and young people, the elderly and those with learning difficulties and disabilities. Crimes disproportionately affecting these groups include but are not limited to domestic violence and abuse, sexual violence and abuse, hate crime, fraud, scams and cuckooing, as well as other forms of abuse and exploitation.

We want Thurrock to be a place where people feel and are safe, whether this is in the community, schools, workplaces or within homes. We want to prevent and safeguard the most vulnerable in our society from being victims of crime, abuse and exploitation. In the tragic instances where this does occur, we want to ensure that victims/survivors are able to access appropriate support to cope and recover from their experiences.

How this Domain levels the playing field

This will Level the Playing Field by:

- Reducing the number of victims locally, and therefore preventing the physical and mental impacts they might have otherwise experienced
- Preventing those who already experience vulnerabilities from facing further inequalities
- Ensuring victims/survivors are supported to cope and recover from their experiences and are able to live safe, happy, healthy and fulfilling lives.
- Improving the health (both physical and mental) of perpetrators

Domain Goals

- **6A We want all children to live safely in their communities**
- **6B Work in partnership to reduce local levels of crime and opportunities for crime to take place**
- **6C Improve the local response to supporting victims/survivors of abuse and exploitation to improve their health and wellbeing**
- **6D Protect residents from being the victims of crime, with a focus on those with increased risk of experiencing exploitation and abuse**

Goal 6A. We want all children to live safely in their communities



What we want to achieve

All children in Thurrock are able to feel safe and be safe in their communities.

Some key challenges

High rates of crimes, including violent crimes, are observed amongst young people locally. We are now seeing young people with a more entrenched pattern of offending and a greater degree of complexity and risk. Particular concerns include:

- Thurrock has the second highest rate of recorded violence with injury offences against young people aged 10-24 in Essex and the 4th highest rate of ambulance call outs to young people because of violence.
- Recent years have seen an increase in gang activity within the borough. There has been an increase in the 'County Lines' model of offending as well as the development of Thurrock based gangs involved in the supply of drugs. This is further exacerbated by the relocation of gang nominals into Thurrock by other local authorities.
- The increasing use of knives and offensive weapons.
- Gangs taking over the homes of vulnerable people and using them as a base of drug dealing, also known as 'cuckooing'.

The outcome of these challenges is:

- The significant demand placed on the local system, including Health, Social Care, Police and the Criminal Justice System.
- The exploitation of residents, particularly those who are already vulnerable, is further exacerbating conditions and inequalities they may already be facing.

Goal 6A. We want all children to live safely in their communities



How we will achieve this Goal

This priority will primarily be achieved through facilitating a coordinated strategic approach to tackling Serious Youth Violence and Vulnerability. This includes delivery of the Brighter Futures Strategy's Strategic Priority 3 '*Enable all children to live safely in their communities, with a Focus on Youth Justice*' and implementation of the recommendations from the 2019 Annual Public Health Report 'Youth Violence and Vulnerability'.

The ambitions of Strategic Priority 3 are to:

- Further develop insight to identify the most at-risk children and families and intervene early with tailored intervention packages.
- Deliver targeted and tailored primary prevention for populations with greater need.
- Intervene early with tailored secondary prevention to reduce the harms of exposure to violence and violence risk behaviours.
- Provide tertiary prevention for perpetrators and victims of violence to reduce further harm

Further to this we will:

- Continue to tackle exploitation by Organised Crime Groups (i.e., gang related activity) including the use of offensive weapons and support young people and vulnerable people at risk of being exploited by gangs (including cuckooing)

What will we do differently under this strategy?

- Implement a Public Health approach to Youth Violence and Vulnerability – for example developing integrated data insight to identify the most at-risk children and families and intervene early with tailored intervention packages
- Ensure a multi-agency approach to tackling Child Sexual Exploitation and ensuring all possible actions are taken to protect victims. This will include the implementation of a Contextual Safeguarding approach across the Thurrock Partnerships

Goal 6A. We want all children to live safely in their communities



Reporting against our commitments for year 1.

What we said we would do	Progress made
<p>Develop a Serious Youth Violence Strategy</p>	<p>This is in response to the implementation of the Serious Violence Duty and requirement to publish a strategy by end Jan 24. Essex Violence and Vulnerability Unit are developing a Greater Essex strategy in response to their strategic needs assessment (high level draft currently) which we will adopt locally.</p>
<p>Increase in identified gang nominals or children being exploited by gangs engaging in identified interventions under the gang related forum prevention key performance indicators</p>	<p>For year ending March 23, 47 nominals monitored by the gang related forum, 19 new referrals and 18 removed. 10 completed Gang intervention/knife prevention programmes. All those aged < 18 received intervention through either YOS or our Young Person’s Exploitation Worker. 21 were supported in Employment/Education/Training</p>
<p>Reduction in school exclusions as a result of knife crime</p>	<p>Since inception, our outreach programme supported 154 pupils at risk of exclusion with only two being permanently excluded.</p>
<p>Decrease the percentage of YOS cohort of offenders who have reoffended</p>	<p>The MOJ reoffending data published in June 2022 (YDS 110) indicates that Thurrock’s reoffending rate for the yearly cohort was 36.4%. The MOJ reoffending data published in June 2023 (YDS 114) indicates that Thurrock’s reoffending rate for the yearly cohort was 37.3%</p> <p><i>This indicates a very slight increase over the financial year and will be closely monitored at the Youth Crime Governance Board. The cohort is very small (under 12) and therefore the percentages are likely to fluctuate up and down.</i></p>

Goal 6A. We want all children to live safely in their communities



Our commitments and ambitions for Year Two – 2023/24

- Develop a local Thurrock Action Plan in response to the serious Violence Duty and Essex wide strategy aligned to the Health and well Being Strategy to be implemented from April 24.
- The 11-19 Strategy Group review the Violence and Vulnerability agenda to look at solutions in communities and schools.
- The 11-19 Strategy Group Meeting focusses on skills agenda in the borough prioritising access to training, work experience and employment opportunities to vulnerable groups, i.e., YP known to YOT
- Reduce school exclusions: Through Essex Violence and Vulnerability funded projects including outreach support for schools working with young people at risk of permanent exclusion and intensive programmes for those at risk of exploitation and serious violence.
- The work we are undertaking with the Delivering Better Value DfE programme which is looking to support children with additional needs will provide opportunities for additional funding to further imbed outreach provision.
- The Youth Crime Governance Board (YCGB) have reviewed the knife crime protocol for schools and are in the process of finalising before issuing to all schools in the autumn term 2023.

Goal 6B. Work in partnership to reduce local levels of crime and opportunities for crime to take place

What we want to achieve

We want to ensure that everybody in Thurrock is able to feel safe and be safe, resulting in fewer victims of crime.

Some key challenges

It is becoming increasingly difficult to protect residents and ensure they are able to feel safe at all times, with reasons including:

- The use of technology is making it easier for people to engage in criminal activities online and for victims, particularly the vulnerable to be targeted. A higher proportion of adults reported having become more worried about fraud than about crime in general during the pandemic (16% and 10% respectively).
- Children and young people are at increased risk of experiencing extra-familial risks and harm (i.e., harm outside of their home) and concerning and harmful sexual behaviours.
- Due to limited resources, it is not always possible to have a police or authority presence across the borough at all times.

The outcome of these challenges is that:

- Residents who have a high perception of fear are likely to experience negative impacts such as poorer mental health, social isolation and lack of willingness to engage in health improving activities outdoors.
- Harmful behaviours that are not addressed via early intervention can lead to more serious severe consequences for perpetrators and potential victims.
- We must continuously adapt our approaches to protecting and safeguarding residents, particularly those with additional vulnerabilities such as children and vulnerable adults.



Goal 6B. Work in partnership to reduce local levels of crime and opportunities for crime to take place

How we will achieve this Goal

The priority will be achieved via strong multi-agency collaborative working between a range of partnerships including the Community Safety Partnership, Thurrock Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership and the Thurrock Safeguarding Adults Board.

We will also incorporate community safety and crime reduction approaches such as 'Designing Out Crime' and 'Secure by Design' within the council's Housing Strategy and the Local Plan, both of which are currently in development. By implementing such approaches, we will reduce the vulnerability of people and property to crime by reducing opportunities that might be provided inadvertently by the built environment.

Specific aims for this priority include:

- Working in partnership, including with communities, to strengthen local approaches to reducing crime and opportunities for crime to occur e.g., through appropriate use of CCTV, lighting and isolated areas.
- Strengthening local approaches to reducing crime through addressing the drivers of violence and early intervention with those displaying harmful behaviours, particularly harmful sexual behaviours.
- Implementing a Contextual Safeguarding Approach across the Thurrock Partnership in order to keep children and young people, and vulnerable adults safe and disrupt criminal activity and exploitation.
- Implementing approaches to reduce perpetrator offending, with a targeted focus on scams, modern slavery, adult sexual exploitation, cuckooing and hate crime.
- Consulting with residents in order to address locations of concern and increase public perceptions of safety. We will promote the appropriate processes for residents to report their concerns, review alternative channels where applicable and consider the role of guardianship within the community.

What will we do differently under this strategy?

- We will adopt and adhere to the Home Office's new Serious Violence Duty which requires local authorities to work in partnership with key organisations to formulate an evidence-based analysis of the problems associated with serious violence in a local area, and then produce and implement a strategy detailing how they will respond to these particular issues. It is anticipated that this will be adopted through a countywide approach.
- Establish a Combatting Drugs Partnership for Thurrock, to be the multi-agency forum that is accountable for delivering the outcomes contained within the National Combating Drugs Outcomes Framework.



Goal 6B. Work in partnership to reduce local levels of crime and opportunities for crime to take place

Reporting against our commitments for year 1.

What we said we would do	Progress made
Establish a Combatting Drugs Partnership for Thurrock	This has been established as a joint Southend, Essex and Thurrock Drug & Alcohol Partnership (SET DAP), including membership from all 3 Local Authorities, MSE ICS, Essex Police, National Probation Service, OPFCC and Essex Recovery Foundation.
Complete a Joint Local Needs Assessment for Drugs	An Alcohol & Substance Misuse: epidemiological population health needs assessment for Thurrock was completed in August 2022 and is published here . An Outcomes Framework for SET DAP is also being produced to inform local delivery of the National Drugs Strategy.

Our commitments and ambitions for Year Two – 2023/24

- Implement street pastors scheme in Grays to increase presence of trusted adults (in response to feedback from young voices)
- Continue to work in partnership with external agencies, councillors and community, utilising data including crime recording, and ASB reporting to identify emerging criminality/concerns and to implement bespoke problem-solving measures to address. This includes High visibility patrols with police and enforcement officers, pop up engagement events, target hardening measures, and education programmes.
- Re-commission an all-age Substance Misuse Service for Thurrock in line with Human Learning System principles.
- Review the SET DAP Outcomes Framework, to ensure delivery of the National Drugs Strategy at a local level.

Goal 6C. Improve the local response to supporting victim/survivors of abuse and exploitation to improve their health and wellbeing



What we want to achieve

Victims/survivors who have experienced abuse or exploitation are offered timely access to appropriate support and services to help them cope and recover from their experiences.

Some key challenges

A recent needs assessment has provided insight into challenges faced by local victims/survivors:

- The majority of abuse and exploitation is largely hidden, with many victims/survivors feeling unable to seek support, essentially suffering in silence.
- Whilst personal choice might be a factor, barriers to accessing support to cope and recover exist and include fear of stigma, poor responses to disclosures or attempts to seek help and lack of awareness of local support and services.
- Disclosures of sexual abuse were often not met with appropriate responses by professionals and other sources e.g., friends and family.
- Victims/survivors value a holistic offer of support to help them cope and recover, often requiring access to multiple services. However, the way in which the current system is set up does not easily permit such an approach and can often lead to fragmented provision and silo working. They are also often required to tell their story multiple times to professionals across different agencies which is often traumatic.

The outcome of these challenges is that:

- Unresolved trauma can increase risks later in life. Victims/survivors who do not access support to cope and recover are likely to experience poor physical and mental health outcomes, thus potentially impacting many areas of their lives including housing, relationships, making unhealthy lifestyle choices and often requiring more extensive support later in life.
- Victims/survivors who are not safeguarded and supported might also be at risk of facing additional violence and abuse, leading to further physical and mental harm and in some tragic cases, can lead to loss of life through homicide or suicide.
- The landscape of service provision can be difficult for victims/survivors to navigate, particularly when they are at a point of crisis, which can hinder or prevent them accessing support.



Goal 6C. Improve the local response to supporting victim/survivors of abuse and exploitation to improve their health and wellbeing

How we will achieve this Goal

The key delivery mechanisms for this priority are the Thurrock Violence Against Women Strategic Action plan and implementing the recommendations from the 2020 Sexual Violence and Abuse Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. This will include:

- Working in partnership to enhance holistic approaches to supporting victims/survivors cope and recover from their experiences, including physical and mental health outcomes. This offer should include a clear pathway and offer of support that is strengths based and led by the needs of the victim/survivor.
- Consulting with victims/survivors of abuse and exploitation to understand the barriers and facilitators to accessing support to inform local service provision.
- Upskilling the workforce to identify victims/survivors of abuse or exploitation and respond appropriately to disclosures.

What will we do differently under this strategy?

- Design strengths-based services based on the needs and experiences of victims/survivors, leading to improved Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence and Abuse services based on the findings from engagement with local victims/survivors
- The SETDAB Board, Thurrock Council, Southend Council and Essex County Council's 'discovery project' will look in-depth across the three geographical areas to understand what it is like for a victim to navigate the domestic abuse support system, including their experiences, what support is on offer and what the barriers to access this might be
- Working with LSCP and NSPCC, develop a harmful sexual behaviours framework for Children & Young People in Thurrock
- Working with NHSEI and local partners, implement a supportive screening service for survivors of sexual abuse

Goal 6C. Improve the local response to supporting victim/survivors of abuse and exploitation to improve their health and wellbeing



Reporting against our commitments for year 1.

What we said we would do	Progress made
<p>Completion of the SETDAB Board, Thurrock Council, Southend Council and Essex County Council’s ‘discovery project’</p>	<p>A mapping exercise assessed the access routes into services, where these may overlap and where there are gaps in provision. A report was commissioned by Essex County Council through an independent research expert to understand the above areas. The final report was published in February 2023</p>
<p>Develop a harmful sexual behaviours framework for Children & Young People in Thurrock</p>	<p>A Harmful Sexual Behaviours Project has been launched across the multi-agency partnership. Following an audit of provision to support children and young people, practitioner training on the Brook Traffic Light Tool has been rolled out to practitioners working with children and young people to understand the issue and to provide appropriate interventions and support.</p>

Our commitments and ambitions for Year Two – 2023/24

- Redesign of services in relation to DA across Essex is being considered and is in early development stage. In order to ensure victims resident in Thurrock have access to services that meet local needs, the service design will be based on a local needs analysis as well as the wider analysis that has been conducted across SET.
- To increase take up of the Brook Traffic Light Tool training to ensure identification of where intervention and support is required. Audit use and impact of the implementation of the Brook Traffic Light Tool.

Goal 6D. Protect residents from being victims of crime, with a focus on those with increased risk of experiencing exploitation and abuse



What we want to achieve

Fewer Thurrock residents are the victims of abuse and exploitation.

Some key challenges

- The rate of sexual offences recorded in Thurrock is increasing and at a rate faster than the corresponding population group; 2021 saw a 36% increase in reported sexual offences compared to the previous year.
- We know that certain groups are disproportionately at higher risk of being experiencing exploitation and abuse, particularly women and girls. Recent data for sexual offences in Thurrock reported to Essex Police in 2021 identified that 82% of victims were female (13% were male and 5% had no gender recorded).
- Concerns are also noted regarding young people displaying harmful sexual behaviors and committing sexual offences. The highest number of reported offenders of sexual offences locally are aged 11-15 and 37% of victims were aged 11-20 at the age of reporting. Locally, there are particular concerns regarding domestic violence. In 2020/21 domestic violence was related to 35% of all violence against the person crimes in Thurrock and equates to 6,199 reported crimes. Over a quarter of reported sexual offences in 2021 were also linked to domestic abuse.
- For many victims/survivors, the perpetrator is often a person close to them (e.g., partner, ex-partner or family member). This often creates barriers for the victim/survivor to flee or seek help and often abuse and exploitation occurs over extended periods. Those from ethnic minorities, older people and those with disabilities are also likely to face additional barriers.
- The increasing use and accessibility of technology is making it easier for perpetrators to exploit victims online.
- Vulnerable young people who receive support from Social Care can be particularly vulnerable to exploitation once they reach the age of discharge from Children's Social Care.

The outcome of these challenges is that:

- Local residents are unfortunately victims of abuse and exploitation, with particular concerns noted for that of a domestic and/or sexual nature. Certain population groups are disproportionately affected by crimes and may face additional barriers to reporting and/or receiving support.
- Some young people who have previously been known to Children's Social Care are later reaching Adult Social Care following experiences of exploitation, particularly sexual exploitation and often at a point of crisis. It is important that we bridge the gap between Children's and Adult's Social Care for our residents who are particularly vulnerable to exploitation.

Goal 6D. Protect residents from being victims of crime, with a focus on those with increased risk of experiencing exploitation and abuse



How we will achieve this Goal

This will be achieved via delivery actions within the Thurrock Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategic Action Plan & the delivery of the Thurrock Safeguarding Adults Board 'Transitions Plan'. We will:

- Ensure a dedicated focus on safeguarding vulnerable groups and those with increased likelihood of being the victims of crime and exploitation. We will implement approaches to reduce perpetrator offending, with a targeted focus on scams, modern slavery, adults' sexual exploitation and hate crime
- Provide strong local leadership to transform the way we tackle Violence Against Women and Girls, with a key focus on domestic violence and abuse and sexual violence and abuse. We must ensure we have strong, strategic, multi-agency approaches to tackling domestic violence/abuse and sexual violence/abuse. This approach must include prevention, addressing concerning behaviour, supporting victims/survivors and working with perpetrators to reduce reoffending
- Whilst national and local strategies have a focus on women and girls, due to the disproportionate nature of crimes committed against them, both strategies recognise that men and boys are also affected by these crimes. The Government is expected to update the current 'Men and boys' Position Paper' later this year, which will continue to be reflected within the Thurrock VAWG Strategy. Thurrock's support services for all VAWG crimes are available to any victim or survivor, irrespective of their sex/gender.

What will we do differently under this strategy?

- Implement the Minerva project, responding to identified geographical areas with increased risk of crime against women and girls
- Link with Council-wide work to deliver a more individualised transition of vulnerable young people from children's to adult services including those transitioning from children's to adult social care support. Joined up work with the Local Safeguarding Childrens Partnership (LSCP and Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) will identify where the transitions process is to be developed and strengthened leading to vulnerable young people experiencing a transition based on need.

Goal 6D. Protect residents from being victims of crime, with a focus on those with increased risk of experiencing exploitation and abuse



Reporting against our commitments for year 1.

What we said we would do	Progress made
<p>Launch of an animated sexual violence awareness e learning training for professionals</p>	<p>This training launched in February 2022. To date there are 32 active licences in use indicating the number of users completing the training.</p>
<p>Refresh of the Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy including the Minerva project</p>	<p>Thurrock VAWG strategy was refreshed and was presented at Overview and Scrutiny. Confirmation of funding awaited to launch Minerva project in Corringham, including CCTV, bystander training and self defence</p>
<p>Reduction in the number of vulnerable people aged 16-25 who enter the system at a point of crisis by 2026</p>	<p>The Transition team attends Education Health Care Plans for young people from year 9 to understand young people’s needs and provide information and advice on services available in the community with the aim of providing early help to reduce and prevent needs escalating. The team completes care act assessments in line with the Care Act and identify needs and outcomes that will prevent escalation and delay needs from reaching a crisis point. The Team also completes Carers’ Assessment to avoid carer breakdowns as well as to support the young people to remain living with their families as long as possible. Ongoing work with stakeholders.</p>

Our commitments and ambitions for Year Two – 2023/24

- Increase the number of completions of the new Sexual Abuse training product and the DA and stalking offer internally and across the wider partnerships.
- To review ASC training plan to ensure safeguarding training is mandatory for provider of services and people working with vulnerable young people and families.
- Ensure improved practice and system change, including increasing inter-agency working and breaking down the barriers for young people.
- Ensure stakeholders including young people and families are represented in transitioning safeguarding arrangements steering group.

Reporting against the monitoring framework

Indicator	Delivery/Monitoring	Outcome Term	Progress Report
Goal 6A: Enable all children to live safely in their communities			
Implement a Serious Youth Violence Strategy including the recommendations of the 2020 Annual Public Health Report & Brighter Futures Strategy SP3	Gang Related Violence Performance Indicators & Brighter Futures Monitoring Framework	Short	Led by Essex VVU, high level strategic needs assessment shared, Strategy to be published end Jan 24 and Local Thurrock Plan implemented from April 24
Achieve a reduction of children being convicted of possession with intent to supply and possession of a bladed article	Gang Related Violence Performance Indicators	Medium	Individuals monitored by the GRV have shown a reduction in conviction for offences of possession with intent to supply and possession of a bladed article from 47% in 2021/2022 to 19% in 2022/2023.
Achieve a decrease in the percentage of Youth Offending Service cohort of offenders who have reoffended after a previously recorded offence	Gang Related Violence Performance Indicators	Long	<i>The MOJ reoffending data published in June 2022 (YDS 110) indicates that Thurrock's reoffending rate for the yearly cohort was 36.4% The MOJ reoffending data published in June 2023 (YDS 114) indicates that Thurrock's reoffending rate for the yearly cohort was 37.3% This indicates a very slight increase over the financial year and will be closely monitored at the Youth Crime Governance Board</i>
Goal 6B: Work in partnership to reduce local levels of crime and opportunities for crime to take place, which will result in fewer victims of crime and make Thurrock a safer place to live			
Developing local practice around contextual safeguarding and reachable moments.	Thurrock Council Children's Social Care & TSAB	Short	Contextual Safeguarding is model used throughout CSC and is embedded in practice. The YOS continue to support young people at the reachable moments particularly when in Custody or at the point of school exclusion.
Training all staff in relevant roles in contextual safeguarding, evidence based parenting programmes and trauma informed youth justice practice.	HR/OD/ Safeguarding Boards	Medium	Contextual Safeguarding reports are produced bi-monthly, that highlights those children most at risk from exploitation, their peer groups, places of interest (hot spots) identified by mapping which triggers multi agency responses for disruption.
A reduction in community-based violence	Community Safety Partnership	Long	For 12 months to July 23 Violence against the person offences, excluding Domestic Abuse offences have reduced by 11%

Reporting against the monitoring framework

Indicator	Delivery/Monitoring	Outcome Term	Progress Report
Goal 6C: Improve the local response to supporting victims/survivors of crimes to improve their health and wellbeing			
<p>Embed the Duty of the Domestic Abuse Act to consult with victims/survivors</p> <p>Action plan developed to implementing the recommendations from the SVA JSNA to consult with victims/survivors</p>	<p>Action Plan</p> <p>Monitored at VAWG Board</p>	Short	<p>Service user and stakeholder engagement has played a key role in the discovery project. Survivor engagement will continue through our service provision in the upcoming needs assessment as required by DA Act.</p>
<p>Undertaking the consultation with victims/survivors/professionals to understand barriers & facilitators</p>	<p>Summary report of quantitative & qualitative feedback from victims/survivors</p> <p>Monitored at VAWG Board</p>	Medium	<p>Following SERICC's support to the largest child exploitation investigation ever undertaken by Essex Police, survivors assisted to develop a new support guide for families and children.</p>
<p>Provide Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence and Abuse services based on the findings from engagement with local victims/survivors</p>	<p>Summary report of changes to commissioned services</p> <p>Monitored at VAWG Board</p>	Long	<p>O&S Report details changes to commissioned services, available here.</p>

Reporting against the monitoring framework

Indicator	Delivery/Monitoring	Outcome Term	Progress Report
Goal 6D Name: Work in partnership to prevent and deter crime, with a focus on those with increased risk of experiencing crime			
Develop a process and pathways (in consultation with the target population) that will deliver a more individualised transition of vulnerable young people from Children's to Adults Services	Action plan for the development, implementation and review of the new 'Transitions Process' Monitored via TSAB	Short	<p>Progress has been slower than hoped, although it is a priority for both the Safeguarding Adults Board and the Safeguarding Childrens Partnership.</p> <p>We have developed a process and written policy and guidance around this. Before implementation it was agreed that we would scope out and detail all the support available to enable us to develop clear pathways of support. We have a draft of current support available. One of the gaps is around support for those who do not fit into existing pathways i.e., exploitation. These people are very likely to bounce back into the system in the future. We have a meeting on the 10th October to discuss the options and start work on the pathway. To support us with this, we will be inviting frontline practitioners to support us in taking the work forward, by highlighting what is working well in addition to barriers that are preventing support.</p>
Implement the new 'Transitions process' and pathways' across the workforce	'Transitions Process' Action Plan Monitored via TSAB	Medium	<p>TC has a Preparing for Adulthood strategy which was co-produced with partners and the consultation process was led by the User-Led Organisation focusing on all four key action set based on the Preparing for adulthood outcomes. The strategy group meets every three months to review the action set and implementation plan. We know that as young people with SEND move towards adulthood, they experience many changes which can be challenging and we are committed to supporting young people during transition to be at the centre of planning and decision making, to ensure a good transition to adulthood. The main aim of the strategy is for all stakeholders, partners, and organisations to embed it within their practice.</p>
<p>Transition age young people report feeling better supported</p> <p>Achieve a reduction in vulnerable people aged 16-25 who enter the system at a point of crisis</p>	<p>User feedback from case studies and surveys</p> <p>Metric for the reduction is new and may be difficult to capture this information (to be discussed with the Transitions Group)</p> <p>Monitored by TSAB & LSCP</p>	Long	<p>The Transition team attends Education Health Care Plans for young people from year 9 to understand young people's needs and provide information and advice on services available in the community with the aim of providing early help to reduce and prevent needs escalating. The team completes care act assessments in line with the Care Act and identify needs and outcomes that will prevent escalation and delay needs from reaching a crisis point. The Team also completes Carers' Assessment to avoid carer breakdowns as well as to support the young people to remain living with their families as long as possible.</p> <p>Ongoing work with stakeholders</p>



Domain 6, Community Safety

Key deliverables, commitments and milestones

Year Two (July 2023 - June 2024)

Goal 6A - We want all children to live safely in their communities

- Develop a local Thurrock Action Plan in response to the serious Violence Duty and Essex wide strategy aligned to the Health and well Being Strategy to be implemented from April 24.
- The 11-19 Strategy Group review the Violence and Vulnerability agenda to look at solutions in communities and schools.
- The 11-19 Strategy Group Meeting focusses on skills agenda in the borough prioritising access to training, work experience and employment opportunities to vulnerable groups, i.e., YP known to YOT
- Reduce school exclusions: Through Essex Violence and Vulnerability funded projects including outreach support for schools working with young people at risk of permanent exclusion and intensive programmes for those at risk of exploitation and serious violence

Goal 6B - Work in partnership to reduce local levels of crime and opportunities for crime to take place

- Implement street pastors scheme in Grays to increase presence of trusted adults (in response to feedback from young voices)
- Continue to work in partnership with external agencies, councillors and community, utilising data including crime recording, and ASB reporting to identify emerging criminality/concerns and to implement bespoke problem solving measures to address. This includes High visibility patrols with police and enforcement officers, pop up engagement events, target hardening measures, and education programmes.
- Re-commission an all-age Substance Misuse Service for Thurrock in line with Human Learning System principles
- Review the SET DAP Outcomes Framework, in order to ensure delivery of the National Drugs Strategy at a local level

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Key deliverables, commitments and milestones

Year Two (July 2023 - June 2024)



Goal 6C - Improve the local response to supporting victim/survivors of abuse and exploitation to improve their health and wellbeing

- To deliver "walk and talk" in our town centres and respond to findings
- System redesign of DA services across Essex is being considered and is in early development stage. The initial model will focus on five key principles: a single point of access for victims/survivors, children and preparators with signposting to the most appropriate services, a whole family approach including the perpetrator where risk assessed as safe to do so, engaging minoritised groups, providing longer term support where appropriate, breaking the cycle through investment in prevention and early intervention with perpetrators

Goal 6D - Protect residents from being victims of crime, with a focus on those with increased risk of experiencing exploitation and abuse

- Increase the number of completions of the new Sexual Abuse training product and the DA and stalking offer internally and across the wider partnerships.
- Continue to raise awareness of support services available in the borough through events such as 16 days of activism.
- Explore opportunities to determine if a suite of targeted intervention for females that are at risk of exploitation can be provided.