

Serious Violence Action Plan for North Tyneside 2024-25

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1: Create Stronger Systems to address serious violence/whole system approach

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Embed a serious violence approach throughout the established SNT Board structure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations to our subject-specific boards directing their need to respond to the serious violence duty. E.g. DAP, YJB. • Map the response from our subject-specific boards. 	The council's Community Safety Team	PRIORITY 9: Leadership and Accountability [Governance]
Develop and strengthen the interface between Safer North Tyneside and the Northumbria governance framework, led by the local Violence Reduction Unit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include serious violence decision-making on the forward plan for the SNT Board. • Agree future governance arrangements with the Northumbria Police & Crime Commissioner in sight of the SNT Board. 	The council's Community Safety Team with Northumbria VRU	PRIORITY 9: Leadership and Accountability [Governance]
Strengthen our link with the North Tyneside Youth Justice Service Management Board.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree a formalised link in agreement with the SNT Board and the Youth Justice Board. 	The council's Community Safety Team with NT Youth Justice Service	PRIORITY 6: Re-offending [Youth Justice] PRIORITY 9: Leadership and Accountability [Governance]

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2: Data, Evidence, Information Sharing and Evaluation

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<p>Data and Evidence Gather more in-depth data on younger men and young people who are at higher risk of being drawn into serious violence.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harness local data and information from all statutory partners including wider council services covering Safeguarding, Early Help, and the 0-19 service. • Harness local data and information from schools including seizures of weapons, non-attendance and exclusion. • Harness local data and information from further education providers. • Harness local data and information from the youth justice service. • Map, profile and identify the gaps with the Northumbria VRU Datahub. 	<p>The council's Policy and Performance Team with SNT partners and the Northumbria VRU</p>	<p>PRIORITY 9: Leadership and Accountability [Data]</p> <p>PRIORITY 6: Re-offending [Youth Justice]</p>

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<p>Data and Evidence Gather more in-depth data covering health, refuge and support providers to comprehensively capture incidents of serious violence.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harness local data and information from primary and secondary health care providers with a focus on alcohol • Map, profile and identify the gaps with the Northumbria VRU Datahub. • Harness local data and information from our commissioned domestic abuse support providers. • Map, profile and identify the gaps the Northumbria VRU Datahub. 	<p>The council's Policy and Performance Team with SNT partners and the Northumbria VRU</p>	<p>PRIORITY 9: Leadership and Accountability [Data]</p>
<p>Information Sharing Ensure the information sharing gateway provided for in the specific provisions of the Serious Violence Duty legislation are locally enabled.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and agree a new information sharing agreement covering the SNT partnership reflecting its duties under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. • Promote use of the new agreement amongst statutory and non-statutory partners. 	<p>The council's Community Safety Team</p>	<p>PRIORITY 9: Leadership and Accountability [Governance]</p>
<p>Review Ensure our response effort following 'Year 1' of the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a review of this action plan, taking into account the Northumbria VRU response strategy and the SNT Partnership Plan. 	<p>SNT partnership</p>	<p>PRIORITY 8: Building trust and confidence [Engaging with our residents]</p>

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new Duty is evaluated to shape the future approach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and approve our action plan for Year 2. 	with Northumbria VRU	PRIORITY 9: Leadership and Accountability [Data]

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3: Prevention and Early Intervention

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Seasonal violence Lead a prevention-led programme supported by PCC funding to tackle the local serious violence issues identified in the strategic needs assessment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design the programme for 2024 with an emphasis on preventing serious violence involving weapons and corrosive substances. And causes such as substance misuse. • Deliver the programme. 	Northumbria Police with the council's Community Protection Team	PRIORITY 3: Working with our young people PRIORITY 5: Substance Misuse
Education Strengthen the links with our education sector to better understand what	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with the borough's education leaders to map the prevention and early intervention work already being undertaken and identify the opportunities to build on that. 	The council's Community Safety Team	PRIORITY 3: Working with our young people

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they do and enable a coordinated response.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a delivery plan with appropriate buy-in from 		
<p>Apprenticeships and skills Strengthen the links with our employment and skills services to better understand the part they can play. particularly in relation to supporting those aged between 27-42 years old.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with the borough’s employment and skills service to identify the opportunities to embed their work with Adult Learning, Apprenticeships and Connexions support for young people into our prevention and early intervention ambitions for serious violence. • Link in with the corporate social value ambitions and commitments of our supply chains. 	The council’s Community Safety Team	<p>PRIORITY 3: Working with our young people</p> <p>PRIORITY 8: Building trust and confidence</p>
<p>Rehabilitation/ Reoffending Tackle repeat offending and reduce repeat victimisation, adopt a prevention and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harness local and national data and information from the Integrated Offender management Strategy: Police & Probation Service. • Deliver a robust offender management plan, to reduce reoffending and reduce repeat victimisation. 	Probation Service NE	<p>PRIORITY 5: Substance Misuse</p> <p>PRIORITY 6: Re-offending [Youth Justice]</p> <p>PRIORITY 8: Building trust and confidence</p>

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deterrence strategy, via a multi-agency approach.			
<p>Locality Teams Develop the links with our locality teams to shape an approach to tackling serious violence.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with the borough’s education Early Help and children’s services to understand and identify the opportunities that exist to spot and prevent serious violence within families. • Develop an agreed approach. • Lead on the implementation of Project IRIS, to tackle repeat domestic abuse perpetrators. 	The council’s Community Safety Team	<p>PRIORITY 3: Working with our young people</p> <p>PRIORITY 4: Domestic Abuse</p>
<p>Domestic Homicide Reviews Embed learning from case reviews to promote prevention and early intervention.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the lessons learned actions taken from case review reports, establish the themes to shape our prevention and early intervention approach. 	The council’s Community Safety Team with the OPCC	PRIORITY 4: Domestic Abuse

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<p>Diversion Ensure there is a diversionary activity 'offer' in the borough</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to develop and implement the Project VITA initiative. • Shape the development of the enrichment activities element of the holiday activities and food programme (HAF). • Utilise the Youth Justice Service turnaround prevention programme to target those identified at risk of becoming involved in serious youth violence. 	<p>The council's Public Health service with its Community Protection Team</p>	<p>PRIORITY 3: Working with our young people</p>
<p>Public spaces management Ensure our public spaces are safe places to visit and feel safe to visit.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and update the 59 public spaces risk assessments undertaken in 2022/23. • Refresh the implementation plan and deliver identified improvements. 	<p>The council's Community Protection Team with Northumbria Police</p>	<p>PRIORITY 1: Anti-social Behaviour</p>

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4: Criminal Justice and Enforcement

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<p>Organised crime Tackle organised serious crime which is interlinked with exploitation and incidents of serious violence.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen our approach to secure effective engagement with Operation Sentinel. • Investigate the Clear, Hold, Build model designed by the Home Office and make an evidence-based decisions on applying it to areas in the borough. 	<p>Northumbria Police with the council</p>	<p>PRIORITY 8: Building trust and confidence</p>
<p>Seasonal violence Lead an enforcement-led programme supported by PCC funding and GRIP to tackle the local serious violence issues identified in the strategic needs assessment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design the programme for 2024 with an emphasis on taking enforcement action to tackle serious violence involving weapons and corrosive substances. • Deliver the programme. 	<p>Northumbria Police with the council's Community Protection Team</p>	<p>PRIORITY 1: Anti-social Behaviour</p> <p>PRIORITY 8: Building trust and confidence</p>
<p>Youth justice Deliver a robust risk led multi agency approach to those children identified</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage those children identified as being involved in serious youth violence/urban street gangs not under supervision of the Youth Justice Service. 	<p>The council's Youth Justice Service</p>	<p>PRIORITY 1: Anti-social Behaviour</p>

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at risk of, involved in serious youth violence and subject to criminal exploitation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor incidents of violence reporting back directly to the Youth Justice Management Board. • Use the National Referral Mechanism for those children where criminal exploitation is evident. 		<p>PRIORITY 3: Working with our young people</p> <p>PRIORITY 6: Re-offending [Youth Justice]</p>
<p>Reoffending Lead an enforcement-led approach to managing offenders in the community to tackle the local reoffending and serious violence issues identified in the strategic needs assessment. To reduce the numbers of victims and prevent repeat victimisation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver a robust, multi-agency police and probation service led Integrated Offender Management strategy, to reduce reoffending and reduce repeat victimisation. 	Probation Service NE	<p>PRIORITY 5: Substance Misuse</p> <p>PRIORITY 6: Re-offending [Youth Justice]</p> <p>PRIORITY 8: Building trust and confidence</p>
Policing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the increased use of civil injunctions as enforcement intervention. 	Northumbria Police	PRIORITY 5: Substance Misuse

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Take a bespoke approach to securing enforcement disposal options in response to criminal offences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote increased use of referrals to the YOLO (You Only Live Once) mentoring project diverting young people from becoming involved in serious violence. Build the link between partners and the new Northumbria Police Prevention Hub. 		<p>PRIORITY 6: Re-offending [Youth Justice]</p> <p>PRIORITY 8: Building trust and confidence</p>

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 5: Supporting communities through communication, engagement and reassurance

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<p>Engagement Build on the residents' survey work undertaken in North Tyneside assessing feelings of safety.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the independently conducted Resident's Survey to identify the opportunity to supplement the question that captures current perceptions of safety. Conduct the annual Resident's Survey. 	The council's Policy and Performance Team	<p>PRIORITY 8: Building trust and confidence [Engaging with our residents]</p> <p>PRIORITY 9: Leadership and Accountability [Data]</p>

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<p>Communication and Reassurance Improve public perceptions of serious violence in North Tyneside which is one of the safest metropolitan boroughs to live in the country.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and deliver a communications plan covering the partnership. 	<p>The council's Comms Team with Northumbria Police</p>	<p>PRIORITY 8: Building trust and confidence [Engaging with our residents]</p>
<p>Engagement Build on the workshop conducted with partners in October 2023 to 'close the loop' and further develop our approach to tackling serious violence in North Tyneside.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback to partners who attended the October 2023 workshop informing them of the final action plan and highlighting their voice has been heard. • Undertake a follow-up engagement session to develop our plans for 2025. 	<p>The council's Community Safety Team with Northumbria VRU</p>	<p>PRIORITY 8: Building trust and confidence PRIORITY 9: Leadership and Accountability</p>
<p>Engagement Promote collaboration and support of the crosscutting statutory</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations to subject-specific boards beyond the SNT partnership to explore how they can effectively support the serious violence duty. 	<p>The council's Community Safety Team</p>	<p>PRIORITY 8: Building trust and confidence PRIORITY 9: Leadership and Accountability</p>

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priority of tackling serious violence with all agencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collate the feedback the response from those subject-specific boards. 		