



Involving local people in keeping Solihull safe

Safer Solihull Partnership

Reducing Youth Violence project plan 2022/23

The plan covers the period 23rd June 2022 to 31st March 2023

Strategic governance and oversight of the plan sits with the Safer Solihull Community Safety Partnership.

Background

Key Objectives for Solihull – Reducing Youth Violence*

The Safer Solihull Partnership are committed to reducing youth violence across the borough of Solihull. We will adopt a public health approach and there will be a strong emphasis on intervention and prevention, maximising data and utilising evidence-based practice. The voice of young people and victims will inform our strategy and we will develop a clear offer to support and divert young people from becoming victims or perpetrators of violence.

We will achieve this through working in partnership and focussing on:

Primary prevention – Preventing individuals from becoming involved in violence by advocating for early years support and maximising early help offering.

Secondary prevention – To lessen the harm and reduce risk from, and to those already involved in violence.

Tertiary prevention – To lessen the harm and reduce risk by supporting those who have been harmed and intervene to support them to cope, recover and rebuild.

Enforcement and criminal justice – Working across the system and developing innovative practice to ensure young and vulnerable people are not unnecessarily criminalised using alternative methods of justice.

Attitudinal change through effective communication – Working with communities and partners to challenge the narrative of violence and empower people to be safe across Solihull.

**Youth Violence is defined as ‘any offence of violence or weapon enabled crime, where the victim or offender is aged under 25’. This excludes Domestic Abuse offences (Solihull Domestic Abuse Strategy) and Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG Strategy).*

Progress

Progress is tracked using a RAG rating system to enable an at-a-glance indication of progress towards each agreed action in the plan. Ratings are agreed by the delivery board and are defined as follows

GREEN	The action has been complete and/or a process or programme is in place to address the issue
AMBER	Action towards the target has begun but is not yet complete OR the originally agreed action is complete but the nature of the threat has changed, a further action is required OR this action is scheduled for later in the year (dates to be specified)
RED	No action taken or not on target or progress is unknown

Appendix A

Status Summary			
Objective	Ref	Action	RAG
Adopting a Life Course Approach	1a	Identify young people at risk of youth violence through the creation of a Violence Vulnerability Tracking Tool which maximises the use of data to better inform partners	Yellow
	1b	Establish a Multi-Agency Youth Violence Panel to track and co-ordinate a partnership response	Yellow
	1c	Develop an Early Help offer from across partners to support families	Yellow
	1d	Develop universal and directed programmes for violence prevention within educational premises & other youth settings	Yellow
	1e	Develop Mentor and Peer support programmes for those at risk of youth violence	Green
Lessening the harm and reducing the risk in Vulnerable Locations	2a	Identify vulnerable locations through better intelligence and data	Green
	2b	Establish a Safer Places Panel to track and co-ordinate multi-agency activity in vulnerable locations	Yellow
	2c	Delivery of regular multi-agency intensive activity in vulnerable locations	Green
	2d	Reduce the availability of weapons used to cause injury	Green
	2e	Provide bleed control kits to key locations within the borough	Green
Maximise Enforcement & Criminal Justice Opportunities	3a	Develop alternative criminal justice pathways for first time or low-level offenders	Yellow
	3b	Increase criminal justice outcomes for serious or repeat violence offenders	Yellow
	3c	Create a Second Chance scheme involving the business community	Yellow
	3d	Rollout of Trauma Informed Workforce training to better understand behavioural insights	Green
	3e	Ensure that the victims of youth violence have a voice and are supported through criminal justice processes, have a right to challenge decisions of authorities and be involved in Restorative Justice	Yellow

Appendix A

Clear Governance & Informed Insight	4a	Integrate the governments Serious Violence Duty into a borough wide approach	
	4b	Ensure greater integration & co-operation with West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit	
	4c	Create Solihull Violence Reduction Board to oversee delivery of strategy along with Multi-Agency Youth Violence Panel, Safer Places Panel & Data Insights Panel	
	4d	Develop a performance framework in support of the strategy	
	4e	Improve the intelligence and understanding of the prevalence of youth violence including the root causes and peer on peer abuse	
	4f	Maximise evidence-based practice and adopt learning from national and regional best practice	
	4g	Develop a data driven insight pilot within Kingshurst to understand repeat violence demand	
Listen to & Influence Young People	5a	Develop a communications plan and brand for Solihull in support of the strategy	
	5b	Understand how safe communities feel across the borough through engagement & feedback tools	
	5c	Maximise social media to engage with and empower young people to make the right decisions	
	5d	Promote positive messaging through a broad range of media channels	
	5e	Establish a Young Persons Independent Advisory Group to inform the multi-agency approach	