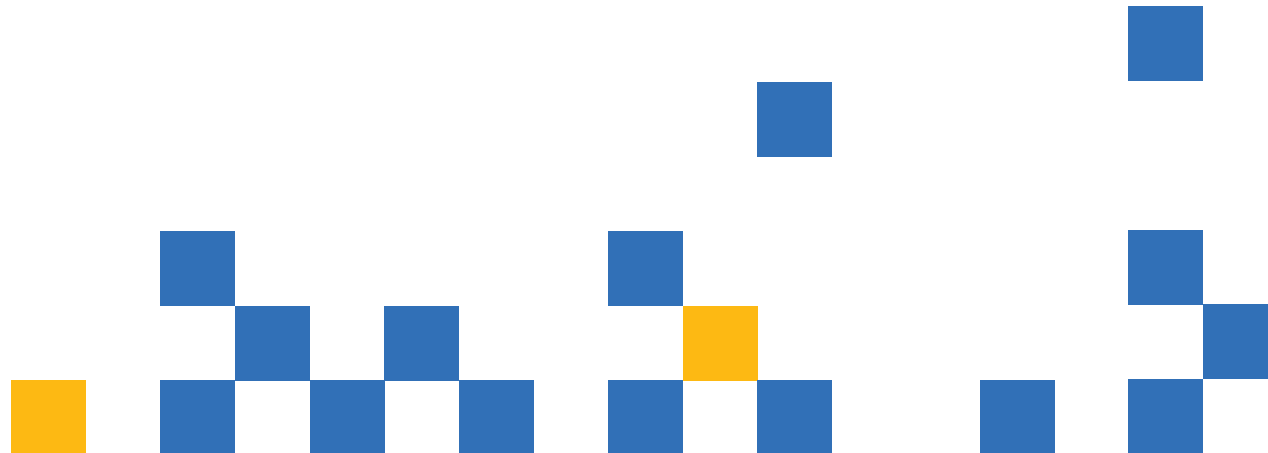


# Lancashire Violence Reduction Unit



The Lead for the Violence Reduction Unit  
Detective Chief Superintendent Sue Clarke  
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# Strategic Aim – VRU

Purpose of the VRU Funding/ grant stipulation :

- Production of problem profile and multi-agency long term strategy for reduction in serious violence
- To offer leadership and strategic co-ordination of the local response to serious violence
- Must support a multi-agency public health approach to preventing & tackling serious violence
- Focus on Early Intervention
- Must adopt the World Health Organisation's definition based on data & intelligence done with and for communities





# Ethos of Lancashire VRU

- The World Health Organization has advocated for a 'public health approach' to be taken to violence. The approach it advocates is:
- Focused on a defined population, often with a health risk in common;
- With and for communities;
- Not constrained by organisational or professional boundaries;
- Focussed on generating long term as well as short term solutions;
- Based on data and intelligence to identify the burden on the population, including any inequalities;
- Rooted in evidence of effectiveness to tackle the problem.



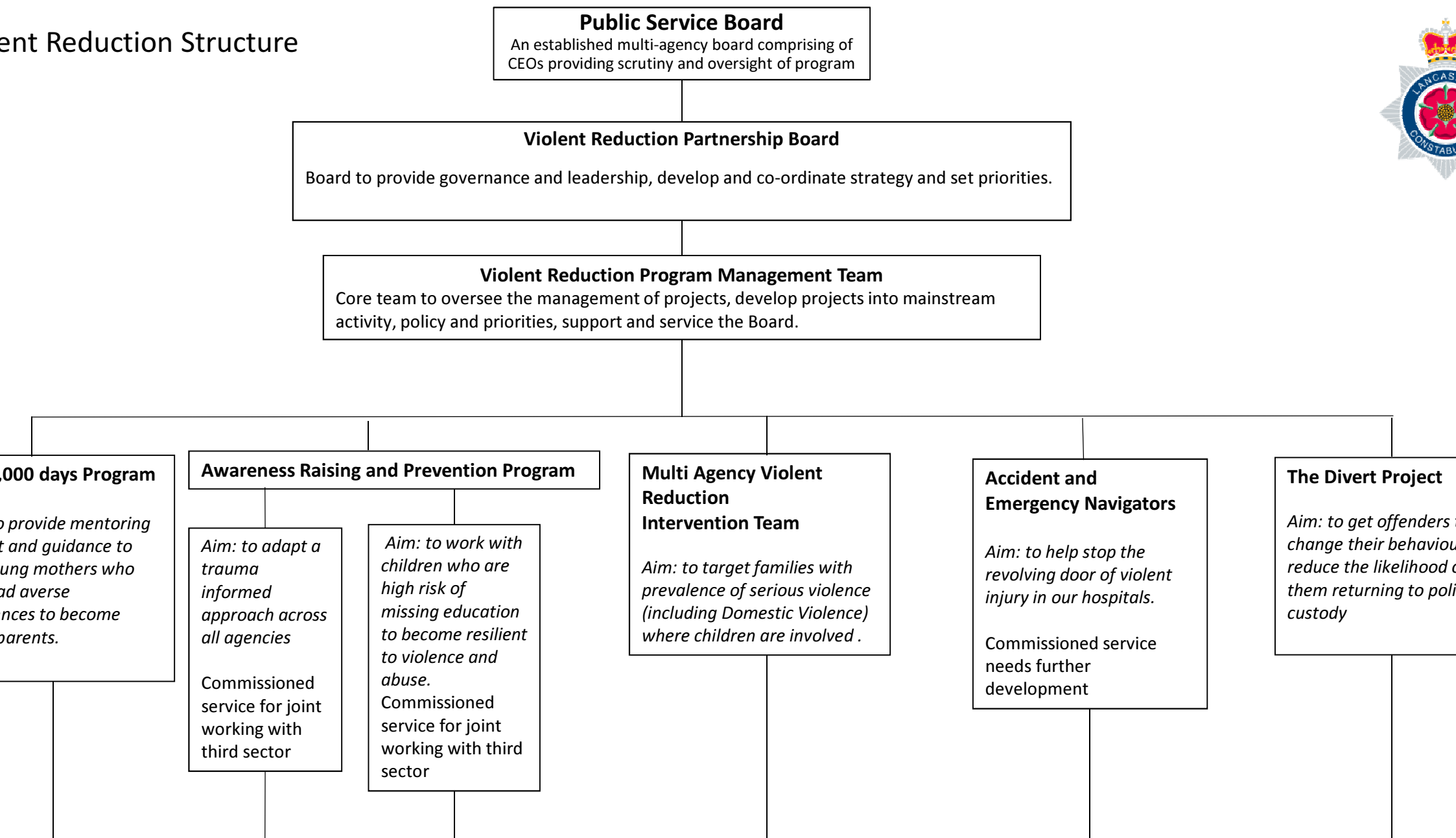
# Strategic Aim – Knife Crime

Grant funding requires specific outcomes

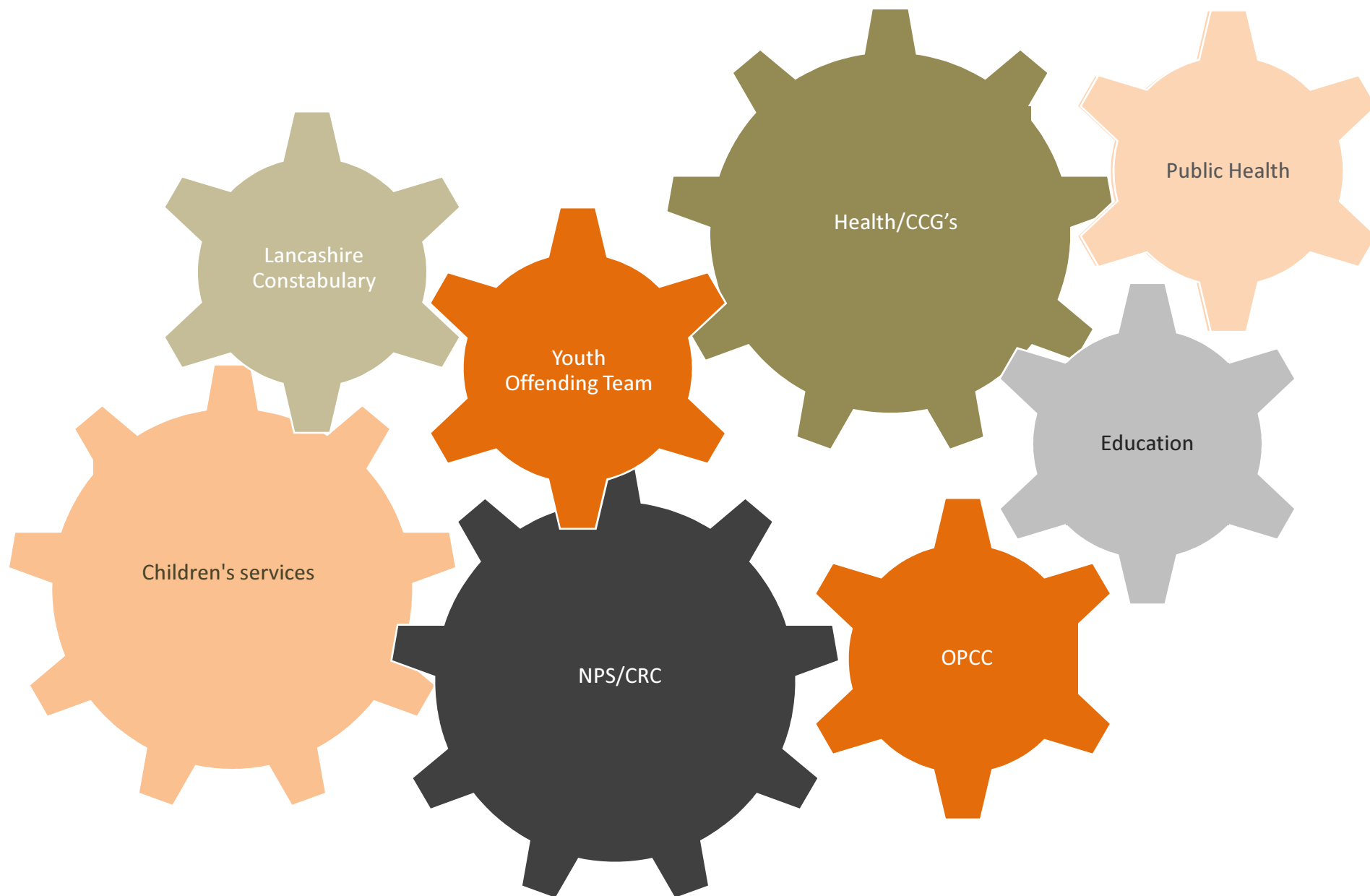
- Reduction in hospital admissions for assaults with knife/bladed object (especially victims under 25)
- Reduction in non-domestic homicides especially under 25s involving knives
- Reduction of serious violence in public spaces
- Focus of activity being on reducing knife crimes committed against young people by identifying hotspots, opportunities for prevention and enforcement, intelligence and targeting, investigative response



# Violent Reduction Structure



Established integrated working pathways and CSP commissioned services with Community Fund Projects





# Next Steps VRU Strategic team

- Establishment of team identity- including co-location
- Development of mission statement
- Strategy written by December for sign off by agency management boards Jan/ Feb 2019
- Delivery plan and fusion with other agency programmes

