

CHILD AND YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE (CYJS) & EMPOWER CONTEXTUAL SAFEGUARDING TEAM (ECST) RESPONSE TO SERIOUS VIOLENCE DUTY – A PUBLIC HEALTH AND CHILD FIRST APPROACH



A s children	Prioritise the best interests of children and recognising their particular needs, capacities, rights and potential. All work is child-focused, developmentally informed, acknowledges structural barriers and meets responsibilities towards children.
B uilding pro-social identity	Promote children's individual strengths and capacities to develop their pro-social identity for sustainable desistance, leading to safer communities and fewer victims. All work is constructive and future-focused, built on supportive relationships that empower children to fulfil their potential and make positive contributions to society.
C ollaborating with children	Encourage children's active participation, engagement and wider social inclusion. All work is a meaningful collaboration with children and their carers.
D iverting from stigma	Promote a childhood removed from the justice system, using pre-emptive prevention, diversion and minimal intervention. All work minimises criminogenic stigma from contact with the system.

Voice of the Child and Family

- Children and families are at the heart of the response to serious youth violence
- They are experts of their experiences and their views should form the cornerstone of our interventions
- CYJS will update their participation strategy to reflect this

Community Engagement

- CYJS and ECST will ensure the views of the community are incorporated into their response to the serious violence duty
- They will seek to inform, involve and collaborate
- CYJS's participation strategy will be updated to reflect this

Input to the Development of Multi Agency Support Panels

- CYJS and ECST to contribute to the development of multi agency support panels (masp) around the county
- Ensure panels which discuss children across the county are appropriately mapped and aligned
- CYJS and ECST will attend the county-wide map to ensure children are offered the correct support from the correct service

Collaboration Across the Partnership

- CYJS and ECST will meet regularly in localities to share information and plan joint responses to serious youth violence
- They will align assessments, plans and interventions to ensure a collaborative approach to support
- They will share resources, utilising evidence-based practice

Making Best use of Evidence

- CYJS and ECST will make regular use of the youth endowment fund's toolkit in developing approaches
- We will adopt a public health approach to reducing the risk of SYV
- We will contribute to local and national research to drive best practice

Engagement with Community Safety Partnerships

- CYJS and ECST will ensure attendance at csp meetings across the LCC footprint, providing updates, data and planning
- CYJS and ECST attend the internal community safety officers meeting to share information and take back emerging themes
- CYJS and ECST will provide a co-ordinated response to all serious violence duty plans across the CSP footprint.

Reducing Disproportionality

- CYJS and ECST will share data about whether some children are disproportionately affected by serious youth violence
- A working group will be established to analyse the data and plan a response
- Both services will strive to ensure equal access to services and an equal response from the criminal justice system

Development of Knife Crime Strategy

- CYJS and ECST are developing a knife crime strategy
- The strategy will draw on the best available evidence to prevent knife crime
- From there, CYJS and ECST will build staff skills and interventions to strengthen children's resilience to carrying knives