

Stronger and Safer Communities Framework

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Section 1: Stronger and Safer Communities Framework

The purpose of the Stronger and Safer Communities Framework is to demonstrate how Lancashire County Council (LCC) services work to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, delivering against the national and local community safety agendas.

It identifies the statutory responsibilities in relation to community safety, and how issues are addressed through multi agency partnership working; and demonstrates the role of LCC services in addressing the serious violence duty incumbent on public sector organisations.

1. Introduction

a) Community Safety

Community safety impacts on quality of life, whereby individuals and communities are protected from, equipped to cope with, and have increased capacity to resist, crime and anti-social behaviour.

Community safety covers a wide range of activities designed to reduce the likelihood of crime, disorder, violence and anti-social behaviour. It also involves reducing incidents of domestic abuse and behaviour damaging to the environment. Since the introduction of multi-agency Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) through the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, there continues to be emphasis on partnership working to address crime, disorder, violence and anti-social behaviour issues.

b) Statutory Responsibilities

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended) introduced Crime and Disorder Partnerships, bringing together local partners to formulate and implement strategies and activity to tackle crime, disorder, violence and anti-social behaviour in their communities. The responsible authorities that make up Community Safety Partnerships include local authorities, police, fire and rescue, health partners and probation. In addition, Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a duty on each local authority to do all it can to prevent crime and disorder in carrying out its functions.

The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 introduced the Serious Violence Duty (SVD), effective from January 2023. Under the Duty the police, local authorities, fire and rescue, specified health and criminal justice agencies must work together to identify and publish the actions

they will take collectively to reduce violent crime. The framework will ensure that the county council and its partners to comply with the statutory obligations set out in the legislation referred to above.

Apart from the legislative context outlined above, LCC is also responsible for meeting the requirements of a range of legislation specific to issues relevant to community safety such as the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and Modern Slavery Act 2015.

There are also a number of relevant national strategies, including the [Serious Violence Strategy \(2018\)](#) and [From Harm to Hope - 10 Year Drugs Plan \(2021\)](#).

2. Community Safety Partnerships

Each local government area (county/district/unitary council) is required to have a strategy group to prepare the strategic assessment and prepare and implement a partnership plan to reduce crime, disorder, violence and anti-social behaviour. In county areas there should also be a county strategy group to prepare the community safety agreement for the county area. The Lancashire Community Safety Partnership Board, as the county strategy group, brings all the responsible authorities together at a senior level, including representation from all the city/district councils. It is chaired by an executive officer of LCC, with officer support from the Stronger and Safer Communities Team in Public Health, Wellbeing and Communities.

The Lancashire Community Safety Partnership Board is responsible for producing the [strategic assessment](#) for the county area every 3 years, which identifies the key community safety issues and threats. The community safety agreement is informed by the strategic assessment, and details how the partners will work together to address the key community safety issues. Local profiles are produced which inform city/district CSP plans.

LCC staff and elected members participate in city/district CSPs and a variety of multi-agency community safety-related groups and partnerships.

3. Key Community Safety Issues

The key community safety issues identified in the Lancashire Strategic Assessment 2022 – 2025 and forming the focus of the Lancashire Community Safety Agreement 2022 – 2025 are:

- Domestic abuse
- Violence

- Exploitation (criminal and sexual)
- Serious organised crime
- Road safety
- Anti-social behaviour

CSPs work on the principle that no single agency can address all drivers of crime and antisocial behaviour, and that effective partnership working is vital for ensuring safer communities. Enforcement is only one response to crime and anti-social behaviour, with increasing focus on the wider determinants of crime and disorder, and taking a prevention and early intervention approach to tackle the root causes of violence and disorder.

Addressing Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) is a priority both nationally and locally. The term refers to acts of violence or abuse that disproportionately affect women and girls, including rape and other sexual offences, domestic abuse, stalking, 'honour'-based abuse (including female genital mutilation forced marriage, and 'honour' killings), as well as many others, including offences committed online; and although the term 'Violence Against Women and Girls' is used, the [national strategy](#) recognises that victims of any of these offences are not exclusively women and girls.

VAWG is a key priority in the Police and Crime Plan for Lancashire 2024 – 2029, with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner leading the development of a VAWG strategy to ensure a shared vision and plan. A range of LCC services, including Children's and Adult Social Care, Children and Family Wellbeing and Public Health, Wellbeing and Communities help address VAWG through education, awareness raising and support. In addition, services contribute to ensuring physically safer environments by addressing issues such as 'safer by design', maintenance of street lighting and provision of safety officers on public transport.

4. Stronger and Safer Communities Framework

Many LCC services help address crime and antisocial behaviour, delivering against the national and local community safety agendas. These can be demonstrated in terms of the Stronger and Safer Communities Framework, represented below. This framework has been used to align different activities that demonstrate the role and responsibilities of Lancashire County Council services in relation to community safety, including serious violence.



5. The Contribution of LCC Services

Many LCC services have a direct or indirect role in addressing the identified community safety issues, as summarised below:

Prevention and Early Action

Team	Service description	Role in addressing key community safety priorities
Team Around the School and Settings	<p>Team Around the School and Settings (TASS) is a collaborative way of working across services, schools, colleges, and early years settings. This multi-agency approach brings together key partners with the skills and expertise to help address the priorities identified in each locality.</p> <p>TASS work closely with LCC internal partners including the Equality and Diversity Team to promote community cohesion and address community tensions as appropriate. TASS also work with a wide range of external partners including but not limited to: CSPs, police, health, city/district councils and the voluntary, community, faith sector.</p> <p>The work of the Locality Groups is reported to the Lancashire Education Partnership Board.</p> <p>Team Around the School and Settings or TASS - Lancashire County Council</p>	<p>TASS priorities vary across the county and may potentially deliver against all the community safety issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six Place-based partnerships each with a Locality Group and allocated Education Partnership Officer • Forum for schools, settings and partners to raise local issues where a co-ordinated response from key partners is required
Children and Family Wellbeing Service	<p>The Children and Family Wellbeing Service (CFW) offers a wide range of support across the 0-19years age range (up to 25 years for young people with SEND) adopting a 'whole family' approach to provide</p>	<p>Early intervention and prevention work with children and families delivers against all the key community safety issues through targeted work:</p>

	<p>an enhanced level of support to individual children, young people or families with higher levels of need.</p> <p>Children and Family Wellbeing Service - Lancashire County Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring risk taking behaviour • Recognising abusive behaviours • Freedom Programme (for women as victims of domestic abuse) • Freedom for children (support for children who have experienced / witnessed domestic abuse or violence) • Group work – covering issues which align with the Stronger and Safer Communities agenda
<p>Early Years Quality Improvement Service</p>	<p>The Early Years Quality Improvement Team provide support, advice, guidance and training to all Lancashire settings who care and educate children from 0-6 years of age (and up to 11 years in out of school clubs), including childminders, private, voluntary or independent nurseries, maintained nurseries or reception classes, maintained nursery schools or out of school clubs.</p> <p>The team are part of the wider Education Improvement Service and work closely as part of TASS and CFW.</p>	<p>The service delivers against key community safety issues relating to safeguarding through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing briefings and training linked to safeguarding for early years practitioners. • A safeguarding officer who works closely with the Lancashire Safeguarding Partnership, with links to work related to Domestic Abuse and Safety in the Home.
<p>Child and Youth Justice Service</p>	<p>The Child and Youth Justice Service (CYJS) is a statutory, multi-agency service co-ordinated by the local authority and overseen by the Youth Justice Board.</p> <p>CYJS works with children aged 8-18 years, who have either committed an offence or been identified as being at risk of doing so.</p> <p>Lancashire Child and Youth Justice Service - Lancashire County Council</p>	<p>Prevention and diversion work with children and young people delivers against all the key community safety issues, in particular violence, exploitation and anti-social behaviour:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing offending • Diverting children from the youth justice system • Reducing re-offending and harm • Reducing the number of children entering custody • Increasing victim and public confidence • Working in line with CYJS principles of child first, trauma-informed and restorative approaches • Working alongside partners to deliver place-based interventions focused on key community safety issues

<p>Contextual Safeguarding</p>	<p>The EmPower Contextual Safeguarding Team is a multi-disciplinary team supporting the needs of children and young people up to the age of 18, who are experiencing exploitation and harm outside of the home.</p> <p>The EmPower contextual safeguarding team plays a crucial role in addressing key community safety priorities by focusing on the environments and social contexts where young people spend their time, carrying out 1-1 direct work, prevention and disruption and group work.</p> <p>By addressing the broader social and environmental factors that contribute to adolescent risk, contextual safeguarding teams help create safer communities and support the well-being of young people.</p> <p>Safeguarding - Lancashire County Council</p>	<p>The EmPower Contextual Safeguarding Team delivers against key community safety issues through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying and assessing risks: teams proactively identify and assess risks in extra-familial settings such as schools, parks, and online spaces. Looking at peer relationships and community dynamics that might contribute to harm • Intervening in contexts: instead of focusing solely on individuals, the teams intervene in the environments where risks are present such as working with schools to improve safety measures, collaborating with local businesses to monitor and reduce presenting concerns, or engaging with community groups to foster safer social norms • Multi-agency collaboration: teams work closely with various agencies, including police, health services, substance misuse services and education providers. The team consists of social workers, specialist exploitation social workers, child and family practitioners, mentors, youth workers and parenting workers • Supporting young people and families: teams also provide direct support to young people and their families • Community engagement: teams often work to build trust and cooperation within the community, encouraging local residents to participate in safeguarding efforts and creating a supportive environment for young people
<p>Adult Safeguarding Service</p>	<p>The role of the service is to safeguard adults with care and support needs who by reason of these needs are unable to protect themselves from abuse or neglect, as defined in Section 1 of the Care Act 2014.</p> <p>Safeguarding means protecting an adult's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. It means people and organisations working together to prevent and stop both the risks and experience of abuse or neglect while, at the same time, making sure that the</p>	<p>The Adult Safeguarding Service delivers against key community safety issues by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing harm and reducing the risk of abuse or neglect to adults with care and support needs • Stopping abuse or neglect wherever possible • Addressing what has caused the abuse or neglect • Safeguarding adults in a way that supports them in making choices and having control about how they want to live

	<p>adult's views, wishes, feelings and beliefs are considered.</p> <p>Safeguarding - Lancashire County Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing information and support in accessible ways to help people understand the different types of abuse, how to stay safe and what to do to raise an alert about the safety or wellbeing of an adult • Raising public awareness so that communities, alongside professionals, play their part in preventing, identifying, and responding to abuse and neglect • Making enquiries, or causing others to do so, if it believes an adult is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse or neglect • Co-operating with each of its relevant partners (as set out in Section 6 of the Care Act) to protect the adult. Each relevant partner must also co-operate with the local authority
Family Safeguarding	<p>Family Safeguarding is about working with the whole family. The service works with parents to build on their strengths and identify positive changes. We support parents to become better equipped to meet the demands of parenting so families can stay together safely.</p> <p>Safeguarding - Lancashire County Council</p>	<p>Family Safeguarding delivers against key community safety issues through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motivational interviewing – strengths-based conversational approach to support families to identify strengths and needs and to choose to make change. • Multi-disciplinary teams – a team of specialists working together to support families and parents with parenting skills, drug and alcohol use, domestic abuse and mental health needs. • The family safeguarding workbook and family programme – an assessment with families enables support tailored to meet their needs. • Group case supervision – monthly supervision for each family with input from every professional working with the family to make sure that the right support is provided.
Transport Safety	<p>Public Transport Safety Officers (PTSOs) work to address low-level anti-social behaviour and improve public perception and experience on the transport network, increasing confidence to travel, and to raise awareness of reporting anti-social behaviour.</p>	<p>Transport Safety Officers work to reduce anti-social behaviour across the public transport network and at bus stations though:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travelling on local & school bus services, engaging with & reassuring travelling passengers, patrolling bus stations &

		<p>visiting hot spot anti-social behaviour areas on the public transport network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaising with local bus operators to gain insight into any local issues being raised by drivers.
Equalities, Cohesion and Integration Team	<p>The team ensures compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty and works with partners to address hate crime through the Lancashire Strategic Hate Crime and Cohesion Partnership.</p> <p>Equality, diversity and community cohesion - Lancashire County Council</p>	<p>The team primarily delivers against the key community safety issues of violence and exploitation through:</p> <p>Developing and supporting the LCC elements of the Pan-Lancashire Hate Crime Strategy 2022-25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing Community Cohesion • Assisting in Integration • Addressing Extremism • Reducing Community Tension
Counter Terrorism	<p>The Counter Terrorism Team focusses on LCC's statutory role in countering terrorism at a local level, through reducing the risk of radicalisation and identifying signs of radicalisation to prevent people being drawn into terrorist activity and mitigating against / reducing the impact of a terrorist attack.</p> <p>Report radicalisation (Prevent) - Lancashire County Council</p>	<p>Counter Terrorism work, particularly around Prevent delivers against the key community safety issues of violence and exploitation, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying people being radicalised and diverting them away from this path and the risk of escalation • Training staff to be able to spot those signs and make a Prevent referral • Reducing the impact of any attack by increasing resilience in crowded places by risk assessing and action planning sites of risk • Ensuring emergency plans are robust and able to respond to any type of incident up to a critical level

Enforcement and Regulation

Team	Service Description	Role in addressing key community safety priorities
Road Safety	<p>The service ensures that LCC meets its statutory responsibilities under the 1988 Road Traffic Act to promote road safety.</p> <p>Road safety strategy - Lancashire County Council</p>	<p>The service addresses road safety by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigating road casualties • Introducing engineering solutions • Providing education and engagement • Providing speed assessments and temporary road safety signage • Seeking to reduce deaths and serious injuries on our roads • The service works collaboratively with partners who support the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership and also works closely with the police, who are responsible for speed enforcement and many other traffic offences
Trading Standards	<p>Trading Standards is a statutory, regulatory service responsible for enforcing relevant legislation. Work around the themes of Alcohol and Tobacco, Consumer Support and Safe Trader Scheme, Fair Trading, including Doorstep Crime and Legal and Financial Investigations in particular support the community safety agenda.</p> <p>Trading standards - Lancashire County Council</p>	<p>The service delivers against the key community safety issues of serious organised crime, exploitation, anti-social behaviour and violence by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcing against sales of illicit tobacco • Convening Community Alcohol Partnerships (reducing anti-social behaviour) • Education and awareness-raising around young people and risk-taking behaviours • Tackling underage sales - test purchasing the sale of alcohol, tobacco, e-cigarettes and knives • Enforcing against doorstep crime to prevent financial abuse of older and vulnerable consumers • Preventing financial abuse through fraud and scam prevention talks, presentations and distribution of free prevention packs • Preventing financial abuse by running a Safe Trader Scheme for responsible tradesman to sign up to

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforcing product safety legislation, to address the sale of unsafe products Developing a responsible retailer scheme for knife retailers (to be rolled countywide during 2025-26)
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Partnerships and Commissioning

Team	Service Description	Role in addressing key community safety priorities
Public Health – Partnership Development Team	<p>The team supports LCC in fulfilling its statutory obligations relating to community safety.</p> <p>Strategic assessments and partnership plans - Lancashire County Council</p>	<p>The team works in partnership to collectively address all the community safety key issues through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managing the Lancashire Community Safety Partnership Board to ensure key issues are addressed through partnership working Ensuring co-ordination of community safety activity within LCC through the Community Safety Internal Officers Group Working in partnership with city/district council CSPs and other related stakeholders, such as the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, to address key issues at the local level
Public Health – Domestic Abuse Team	<p>The team ensure that LCC meets its responsibilities under the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 to provide support to victim-survivors of domestic abuse (DA) and their families in safe accommodation. They also work in partnership with all relevant statutory and non-statutory partners to improve outcomes for all victims and survivors and for children impacted by domestic abuse.</p> <p>Domestic abuse - Lancashire County Council</p>	<p>The team primarily delivers against the domestic abuse key community safety issue by:</p> <p>Working in partnership with other LCC services and external partners to address domestic abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), through awareness raising and early intervention.</p> <p>The team are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioning the DA support in safe accommodation and community outreach service – Domestic Abuse Support Services Lancashire (DASSL)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioning the Connect and Respect programme - delivered in schools focussing on healthy relationships • Commissioning the Parachute Programme - for children and young people who are displaying harmful behaviours in intimate relationships or with peers, teachers and parents. • Co-ordination of LCC's involvement in Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) also known as Domestic Abuse Related Deaths (DARDs). <p>The team also co-ordinate support for the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Ribbon Campaign – 16 days of activism annually to raise awareness around VAWG
Public Health – Wider Determinants Team	<p>The team works to reduce health inequalities. Community safety is impacted through their work around Trauma Injury Intelligence Project and Licensing.</p> <p>Our Public Health Strategy for 2024-2030 - Lancashire County Council</p>	<p>The team primarily delivers against the key community safety issues of violence and anti-social behaviour through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the role of Director of Public Health as a Responsible Authority in Licensing, as defined in Licensing Act 2003 • Commissioning the Lancashire Trauma Injury Intelligence Project - which collects data on Emergency Department attendances following violent incidents.
Public Health – Substance-Use Team	<p>The team is responsible for commissioning comprehensive, integrated drug and alcohol community treatment and recovery services for adults and children and young people. They also commission specialist rehabilitation and inpatient detoxification services.</p> <p>In addition the team provide public health related information, advice and guidance around substance use policy, prevention and recovery for the Authority, partner stakeholders and the general public.</p>	<p>The team primarily delivers against the key community safety issues of violence, anti-social behaviour, serious organised crime and exploitation through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioning drug and alcohol community treatment and recovery services for adults, children and young people • Commissioning residential in-patient detoxification and specialist rehabilitation services • Supporting the Lancashire Drug and Alcohol Partnership and providing expert advice to internal and external stakeholders

	Alcohol and drugs - Lancashire County Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working closely with criminal justice partners, the Police, Prisons, Probation and Youth Justice to address the links between substance use, crime and antisocial behaviour. The team commission specialist interventions linked to offending within the Adult and Children and Young Peoples community treatment and recovery system.
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Data and Intelligence

Team	Service Description	Role in addressing key community safety priorities
Business Intelligence	Provides data and intelligence both on Lancashire Insight (public) and through MADE (partnership). Some data sharing is a statutory requirement under the Crime and Disorder legislation, Serious Violence Duty and SI 1831 Lancashire Insight - Lancashire County Council	The team supports work to address the key community safety issues through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting understanding of community safety issues, including contributing to the strategic assessment Supporting services to monitor and evaluate their initiatives or those of commissioned services Supporting the Lancashire Community Safety Partnership Board and other strategic groups to performance manage Providing contextual information on the wider determinants of community safety issues, such as demographics, social and economic factors, deprivation, etc.

6. Community Safety Internal Officers Group

Within LCC the Community Safety Internal Officers Group brings together officers from across all services whose work has a direct or indirect impact on delivery against the key issues identified in the Community Safety Strategic Assessment. The Community Safety Internal Officers Group, chaired by a senior officer, provides a mechanism for working collaboratively, joining up work streams across the organisation and collating and sharing data and information.

7. Multi-agency and Partnership Working

Addressing the key community safety issues and risks affecting our communities requires multi-agency engagement and partnership working. A public health, trauma informed, strength-based approach is employed, working together with partners through the CSPs and wider initiatives and programmes.

The [Lancashire Community Safety Agreement](#) identifies a number of cross-cutting themes as intrinsically linked to addressing key community safety issues, including:

- Reducing vulnerability and building resilience
- Improving mental health
- Tackling drug and alcohol abuse
- Data, information sharing and community feedback
- Prevention and early intervention
- Drawing on community and lived experience to plan and develop our services

Lancashire has mature partnership arrangements in place around community safety. The 2024 joint targeted area inspection (JTAI) of the multi-agency response to serious youth violence in Lancashire highlighted "the strength and maturity of partner relationships at both a strategic and operational level". However, the landscape of partnership working is complex and continually evolving in response to changing needs, policies and legislation. The diagram at Appendix 1 illustrates the current Lancashire partnership arrangements for community safety.

Section 2: Serious Violence Duty

1. The Duty

The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 introduced the [Serious Violence Duty](#), requiring local authorities, the police, fire and rescue authorities, specified criminal justice agencies and health authorities to work together 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 those particular issues. Prisons, youth custody agencies and educational authorities may also need to work with these core partners. There is an emphasis on early intervention with young people to prevent them from becoming either a victim or perpetrator of serious violence.

2. Lancashire Serious Violence Network

Lancashire has made good progress in reducing serious violence through the work of the [Violence Reduction Network](#) (LVRN), utilising funding from the Home Office. It is estimated that violent crime cost Lancashire £346 million in 2017-18, yet the human impact is much greater. The Lancashire Violence Reduction Network consists of a collaboration of specialists who bring partners and organisations across Lancashire together to better understand why violence happens and to take action to prevent it.

Lancashire Violence Reduction Network partners agreed a definition of serious violence, which includes the following: homicide; knife crime; gun crime; assault resulting in injury; rape; robbery; aggravated burglary; domestic abuse and violence; child exploitation (sexual and criminal).

The work of the Lancashire Violence Reduction Network has put Lancashire in a strong place to meet its commitments under the Serious Violence Duty, with Lancashire receiving one of the highest judgements in relation to readiness to address the Duty. The responsibility for the Serious Violence Duty sits with local CSPs in Lancashire, supported by the Violence Reduction Network and Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). Each local CSP in Lancashire has produced a serious violence plan, with LCC services contributing to local delivery.

The Lancashire Community Safety Partnership Board has established a Serious Violence / Prevention Task and Finish Group to establish how the responsibilities of the Duty can be best delivered on a sustainable basis should short term programme funding be reduced or removed, with a focus on prevention.

3. Lancashire Violence Reduction Network needs assessment

The 2024 [LVRN Needs Assessment](#) describes the risk and protective factors for serious violence, using the World Health Organisation's categorisation across three broad levels: individual factors, factors within close relationships and those within communities and wider society. As the LVRN is in its last year of Home Office funding (April 2019 – March 2025), it has made recommendations in the context of longer-term, sustainable plans of serious violence prevention, which necessitates continuing engagement of statutory and third sector partners.

4. LCC Serious Violence Action Plan

Lancashire County Council is a specified authority under the Serious Violence Duty and as such is required to collaborate and plan to prevent and reduce serious violence. Activity is co-ordinated through the LCC Community Safety Internal Officers Group, and a Serious Violence action plan has been produced and shared with city/district CSPs to link into their plans, as well as providing a mechanism for reporting into the Lancashire Serious Violence and Community Safety Board. The actions are summarised below:

Lancashire County Council and its Commissioned Services Support the Serious Violence Agenda by:

Prevention and Early Intervention

Education

- Identify all programmes of work across the education sector that may feed into the prevention of serious violence for all schools and settings engaged with 5 to 18 year-olds. To establish what work is currently taking place with a view to creating a series of consistent deliveries across Lancashire around issues such as knife crime, serious violence, domestic abuse and living safely.
- Ensure that the education sector is represented across all boards and governance arrangements addressing the SVD. All schools and settings engaged with 5 to 18-year-olds.
- Increase representation at CSP and SVD subgroups. Adopt a consistent and effective approach to representation.
- Develop a consistent offer of delivery across Lancashire for schools with SVD packages targeting those on reduced timetables in alternative provision (AP) or pupil referral units (PRUs). All schools and settings engaged with 5 to 18-year-olds. Increase support and training for schools to deliver severe violence prevention sessions to pupils on reduced timetables, alternative providers and PRUs and other young people (YP) identified as vulnerable to serious violent behaviour.

- Trauma-informed training to be available to key school leaders across Lancashire. All schools and settings engaged with 5 to 18-year-olds. Increase numbers of senior leadership within Lancashire schools who are trauma informed so that this can be adopted within the school culture across Lancashire and embedded into policy and practice.
- Location based problem profile of SVD specifically around education establishments. All schools and settings engaged with 5 to 18-year-olds. Create a clear profile of each city/district across Lancashire with Schools as the focus of issues that may lead to YP becoming vulnerable to serious violence.

The Children and Family Wellbeing Service (CFW)

- Support Level 3 family intensive support cases where DA has been identified.
- Deliver targeted evidence-based courses to victims including Freedom for Children, DASH SafeLives, Escape the Trap and the RYPP Respect programme.
- Where Significant harm is identified in families CFW will then step up to Children's Social Care Duty and Assessment Team.
- CFW to employ a Domestic Abuse Practitioner for the city/district to work with families including the perpetrator.
- Targeted Youth Support detached commission. Commissioned partners understand the rationale for targeting districts / areas / locations to engage with young people at risk of serious violence.
- Family Hubs. Targeted Children, Young People and Families (Level 2 / 3 / 4). Embedding the understanding of serious violence and knife crime awareness into the key services within the Family Hub Network.
- Identify all programmes of work across Early Help that may feed into the prevention of serious violence. To establish what work is currently taking place within CFW to understand issues such as knife crime, serious violence, domestic abuse and living safely.
- Creation of a Prevention Strategy between Contextual Safeguarding and CFW. The strategy will draw on the best available evidence to prevent escalation of risks and needs; CFW will build staff and partnership skills and interventions to strengthen children's resilience to escalating incidences of carrying knives.
- Trauma informed training to be available to Early Help Partnership in Lancashire. Increase numbers of Early Help Partners within Lancashire that are trained, so that this can be adopted within the culture and embedded into policy and practice.
- Communication Strategy. CFW Teams. Ensure all relevant information received from local CSP meetings and Internal Community Safety meeting is passed in and understood by CFW Teams

Child and Youth Justice Service and EmPower

- Child Youth Justice Service (CYJS) and EmPower to contribute to the development of multi-agency support panels (MASPs) around the county. Children aged 8-17. Ensure panels which discuss children across the county are appropriately mapped and aligned; EmPower and CYJS will attend the county-wide MASPs to ensure children are offered the correct support from the correct service.
- CYJS have commissioned the University of Central Lancashire to develop a Serious Violence Toolkit. This toolkit builds on the work of the Youth Endowment Fund to ensure an evidence-based approach to supporting children most at risk from becoming involved in serious youth violence.
- Develop CYJS / EmPower community engagement. CYJS and EmPower will ensure the views of the community are incorporated into their response to the SVD and will seek to inform, involve and collaborate; CYJS's Participation Strategy will also be updated to reflect this.
- Working with children who have committed crime or are on the periphery of criminal behaviour with the aim of reducing their vulnerability and safeguarding them and the community in which they reside.
- CYJS will arrange / attend Multi-agency Risk Management Meetings for children where there are vulnerability, safeguarding and / or risk concerns to ensure all agencies involved with the child are sharing information and working together to reduce concerns.

Enforcement and Investigation

Trading Standards

- Age Restricted Sales test purchasing operation to work in collaboration with Lancashire Police on Operation Sceptre 2 x year. Targeted at Business Premises and Young Persons under 18years old. Reduce young people's access to knives and bladed articles.
- Prevention of young people under 18 years old accessing knives and bladed articles from shops and online businesses. Reduce young people's access to knives and bladed articles.
- Collaborate with city/district councils identifying business who sell knives and bladed articles and ensure database records are updated for future projects. Targeted at business premises. Reduce young people's access to knives and bladed articles.
- Raise awareness of knife crime with production of education materials including Where's the Harm and online information. Targeted at parents, carers, and young people under 18 years old. Raise awareness of knife crime issues and educate on the consequences.
- Trial a responsible retailer scheme signing up small and medium knife retailers for knife sales. Reduce young people's access to knives and bladed articles.

- In conjunction with Regional Trading Standards Group, conduct a 2 yearly countywide schools Trading Standards North West young people's survey (2024). Establish young people's views, attitudes and life choices relating to knives and bladed articles, tobacco and e-cigarettes.

Public Health, Wellbeing and Communities – Commissioning and Partnership Working

Domestic Abuse – Support in Safe Accommodation

- Commissioning services across Lancashire that can support both the victim-survivor and perpetrator of domestic abuse, to help prevent domestic abuse violence and support families to remain in their home.
- Delivering the Connect and Respect Programme to all mainstream high schools across Lancashire. Further interventions will be undertaken with young people identified as requiring additional support. Teaching young people about what constitutes a healthy relationship will influence both boys and girls and re-affirm that abuse is never acceptable and reduce the potential number of perpetrators of the future.

Substance Use – Support for Young People

- Commissioning services to provide support on drug and alcohol use for young people up to 25 years old through drop-ins, assemblies, targeted group work, and out / in reach for partners including education, CYJS, mental health services, Family Hubs and CFW, police and children's social care.
- Support includes awareness, education, harm reduction approaches. Schools can also access ASDAN peer mentoring, Risk It programme (risk taking behaviour) and Mind and Body Programme (self-harm).
- 1-1 treatment for young people up to 25 years old, group support for young people 18-25 (Link-up) and links to Mutual Aid support.
- Support for parents dealing with the substance use of their young person through group and 1-1 support.
- Teacher / staff development and training, as well as consultation, support and advice.
- Provision of specialist knowledge and resource to support with campaigns through involvement at events, targeted outreach, and social media.

Appendix 1 – Partnership Arrangements for Community Safety

