

Safer Slough Partnership Serious Violence Strategy

Highlights from the National Serious Violence Strategy

<p>Early intervention + prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building resilience • Supporting positive alternatives • Timely interventions • Trauma based approaches 	<p>Effective law enforcement and criminal justice response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling knife crime • Stop and Search • Weapons sweep operations • Test purchases • Victims Strategy and code • Support for victims in court 	<p>Supporting communities and local partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSPs to take a leadership role • Knife crime awareness programmes • Develop a local understanding of youth violence and produce assessments • Building Resilience to violence in local Communities 	<p>County Lines and Drugs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise Awareness of county lines (Public and Professionals) • Update education guidance • Address specific threats and challenges • Focus on Drug treatment and testing on arrest
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The Local Problem Profile – what we know

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The environment can impact negatively on young people (the built environment, town centre and parks) leading to a lack of connection and belonging. • Young people are at greater risk from family association and can suffer negatively from peer associations, leading them to adopt those behaviours. • Social Media provides a platform to disseminate negative information, increasing fear and impacting on perceptions. • Exclusion and missing from mainstream education greatly increases involvement in gangs and serious violence. • The age of gang membership has reduced with younger children now involved in gangs behaviour. • The perception among young people is that Knife carrying is a reality; motivated out of fear. • Slough needs a culture where everyone recognises their role in tackling serious violence, including challenging thresholds and gaps in services.
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The Slough response

<p>Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build resilience and support education in schools and wider communities to raise awareness. • Create, promote and communicate a positive view of our town. 	<p>Early intervention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people are identified and receive an effective intervention at the earliest opportunity to stop them becoming involved in gangs and serious violence. 	<p>Enforcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knife crime and County Lines and related criminality will be tackled robustly. 	<p>Reactive intervention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People already involved in gangs, County Lines activity and those committing serious violence will receive the right intervention at the right time.
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