

Violence and Vulnerability update

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V&V framework - background

- The PFCC was tasked by Safer Essex to lead a Task & Finish Group to develop a partnership strategy for violence and vulnerability
- Thematic groups were developed to explore key work-streams (data, awareness/education, interventions, coordination/partnership)
- A workshop was held on 1st May
- The Framework was drafted and shared for consultation
- Feedback was broadly supportive – minor amendments/additions made
- The framework was established to “... cover all types of serious violence and vulnerability including, but not exclusively, gangs and county lines activity.”

V&V framework - context

The Framework is to guide future working...

... not to dictate to individual organisations

The Framework agrees how, collectively, we think organisations should be approaching this work, so we can make the best use of expertise and resources

V&V framework - ambitions

- to **improve visibility and awareness of partnership activity** around violence and vulnerability
- to **increase** the occurrence and effectiveness of **prevention and intervention** activities
- to **identify opportunities to add value** to existing and planned activities
- to **identify gaps** in current and planned activities
- to highlight areas where **cross-border and partnership working** would be beneficial

V&V framework – success measures

- * Better understanding of risk factors
- * Wider awareness of identifying signs and how to react
- * Organisations delivering a range of awareness, prevention and intervention initiatives with a variety of partners
- * Commissioners aligning priorities and complimenting other commissioned work
- * Senior leaders advocating partnership approaches

EIYF Proposal summary

Home Office - £664k over 2 years

- * Creation of a new violence and vulnerability unit
- * Recruitment of a violence and vulnerability co-ordinator / programme manager
- * Prevention programmes (education and training)
- * Outreach & early intervention initiatives
- * Health Intervention activities (“teachable moment” in A&E)
- * Communications and media campaign/Community engagement

Achievements to date

- * Evaluation project complete
- * Violence and vulnerability unit established and operating
- * V&V PM recruited – start date 23rd April
- * Roundtable scheduled for 10th May
- * Extension of existing interventions
- * Essex Youth Service health interventions established in Southend & Basildon
- * Comms campaign in development