Bedfordshire Serious Violence Strategy

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Funding position

- £4.571M Special Grant to help tackle serious violence
- £1.38M for the ‘surge’ funding
- £880 000 for the Violence and Exploitation Reduction Unit
Serious Violence Strategy

To provide a professional, ethical, coordinated and effective policing response to the rise in serious violence which will;

- prevent loss of life & serious injury
- increase public confidence in the force
- reduce the fear of violent crime
- ensure wellbeing & safety of officers and staff
- ensure all activity is respectful and cognisant of the voice of young people and the community in the delivery of interventions and enforcement activity
Serious Violence Strategic Objectives

- Reduce hospital admissions for assaults with a knife or sharp object especially amongst those aged under 25
- Reduce knife enabled serious violence and especially amongst those victims aged under 25
- Reduce in all non-domestic homicides especially amongst this victims aged under
- Provide support for victim, witnesses and families of serious violence treating them with dignity and respect
- Secure and preserve evidence and bring offenders to justice
- Establish a mechanism of collection and analysis of data
Thematic Workstreams

- Partnerships & Communities
- Communications and Campaigns
- Investigation
- Intelligence
- Research and Analysis
- Equipment & Technology
Violence and Exploitation Reduction Unit (VERU) - Bedfordshire
Organisational Structure

VERU Strategic Board
- Sets overall strategic objectives
- Oversight of activity and projects through regular monitoring

VERU Operational Team

Partnerships
- What is already happening
- Co-ordination of activity
- Identify gaps in provision

Service Delivery
- Op Boson
- Commissioning of services
- Who delivers what

Data Capture
- Additional Co-ordination
- Problem profiles
- Driver of action
- Identify local issues

Community
- Media campaigns
- Independent Advisors/Groups
- Support groups
VERU Objectives

- To review and evaluate the current approach to managing serious violence and criminal exploitation in Bedfordshire (CSE, missing, violence and gangs)

- To review and develop current approach to disrupting perpetrators of serious violence and criminal exploitation

- To develop a sustainable Bedfordshire Violence and Exploitation Reduction Partnership, building on the existing CSE, MAGPan and SV Panel Partnerships
VERU Objectives

- To develop and deliver a multi-agency prevention and early intervention offer for children and young people between the ages of 0 – 25 who are at risk of serious violence criminal exploitation in Bedfordshire

- To develop and deliver a multi-agency response for children and young people between the ages of 0 – 25 involved in serious violence and criminal exploitation in Bedfordshire

- To develop a consistent approach to data-sharing between partners