



OUR VISION:

To make West Northamptonshire safer for our communities, businesses and visitors, by working in partnership to reduce the risk and harm of crime and anti-social behaviour. Working together we want to create a place where people feel safe and supported and the diversity of our community is valued.

WHAT WE KNOW:

Analysis conducted alongside the Home Office Violence and Vulnerability Unit (VVU) joint working group has identified priority localities for intervention – crosscutting themes within these include higher levels of deprivation, estate design which favours criminality and youth involvement in anti-social behaviour, drug criminality and violence.

The age of youths engaging in drug related violence/weapons and violence against women and girls (VAWG) criminality is decreasing and commonly commences from pre/early teenager years. This age group is also mirrored within the

average age of missing persons linked to drugs, in which children are often exploited, increasing the risk of serious or sexual violence against vulnerable persons.

Individuals aged under the age of 18 are most likely to be a victim of VAWG online. Research has found that misogyny has become more prevalent online, with websites and chatrooms encouraging sexual violence against women.

There is significant under reporting amongst individuals from a Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic background across all spaces of VAWG.

Sex workers are disproportionately affected as victims of Domestic Abuse, are less likely to report crimes committed against them.

Those dependent on drugs are often closely associated to neighbourhood crime to fund their addictions. The Home Office estimates 50% of all neighbourhood crime is committed by drug users, mainly heroin and crack users.

Drug criminality analysis indicated that around 30% of Northamptonshire acquisitive crime was committed by individuals associated with drugs.

PRIORITY 1

Work with our communities to ensure our neighbourhoods are safe spaces for everyone.

PRIORITY 2

Target those causing the greatest harm, tackling the causes of crime through prevention and early intervention.

PRIORITY 3

Reduce incidents of serious violence including domestic abuse, sexual offences and knife crime.

PRIORITY 4

Protecting vulnerable people, safeguarding those at risk of exploitation

OUTCOMES:

Support and influence the place based approaches to our priority neighbourhoods and vulnerable locations.

Increased partnership outreach and environmental improvements that design out crime will be delivered.

Focus on early intervention and utilising the powers and legislation available to us as a partnership to reduce incidents of antisocial behaviour, arson, youth violence, exploitation, and serious organised crime leading to improved victim satisfaction.

Improved awareness and reporting for hate crime.

Our protected and seldom heard communities engaged, ensuring a sense of belonging and improved community cohesion.

Safer Roads for use by all through supporting communities in the implementation of localised interventions.

Increased Early Intervention and Youth Offer - Diverting young people from opportunities to commit crime

The Domestic Abuse Strategy will be delivered.

Reducing the number of high risk victims and offenders through referral, education and prosecution.

Develop and embed contextual safeguarding to ensure victims and their families get the right support when they need it most.

The Serious Violence duty will be delivered.

Improved public confidence in reporting violence, particularly for those disproportionately affected, i.e. women and girls.

Reduced opportunity for violent extremism through the delivery of the Prevent and Protect duties.

Improved understanding of Serious Organised Crime and gang related activity.

Improved education and awareness amongst young people in relation to online abuse, gangs, knife crime, criminal and sexual exploitation and hate crime.

Dismantled drug supply chains and effective treatment and recovery services through the delivery of the 10 year drug strategy.