

Appendix 2 – Serious Violence Duty Strategy consultation plan

Purpose

This document details the proposed approach to consultation on the Serious Violence Duty Strategy. This consultation will help to inform the finalisation of the draft strategy and will enable our statutory and voluntary partners, residents and businesses to share their views.

Background

The [Serious Violence Duty statutory guidance](#) recommends that a number of groups are consulted as part of the development of the strategy, including:

- Voluntary and community sector
- Children and young people
- Adult victims service users
- Businesses
- Prisons in the area (not relevant to Enfield)
- Educational settings including local authority maintained schools, academies, independent schools, free schools, alternative provision education and further education providers

Objectives

The overall objectives of the consultation are to capture the views of consultees on the following:

- Perceptions of serious violence and feelings of safety
- Perceptions of the causes of serious violence
- How we can prevent serious violence and tackle the causes of serious violence
- How we can work with businesses, communities and VCS organisations to prevent serious violence

Consultation will take place between September and November 2023.

Who will be consulted?

- Residents
- Representatives of partner organisations (voluntary and statutory sectors)
- Businesses
- Service users of the Solace's Women's Aid commissioned service
- Probation clients
- Young people from the Youth Justice Service

Methods of consultation

Discussions at existing board/group meetings

The findings of the strategic needs assessment will be presented followed by a discussion on the causes of serious violence, and how we can prevent serious violence in Enfield.

The boards/groups are as follows:

- Crime Scrutiny Panel
- Faith Forum
- Enfield Youth Justice Board
- Customer Voice (Council housing tenants)
- Vulnerable Young People Group
- Domestic Violence Strategic Group
- Domestic Violence Operational Group
- Headteacher representatives meeting
- Older People Partnership Board
- Integrated Learning Disabilities Board
- Mental Health Board
- Carers Board
- Combating Drug and Alcohol Partnership Board
- Borough Partnership Board

Questionnaire

The questionnaire will look to capture the views of residents, representatives of organisations and businesses on:

- Perceptions of serious violence
- Perceptions on feelings of safety (during the day and at night)
- Solutions to prevent serious violence
- How can we continue to work with businesses, communities and VCS organisations in our work to prevent serious violence

Respondents will be encouraged to read a summary of the strategic needs assessment prior to completing the questionnaire.

The questionnaire will be hosted on the 'Have your say' section of the Council website and will be promoted by the following means:

- Council's social media channels and e-newsletters
- Voluntary and community sector bulletin which is sent to over 800 voluntary groups

Focus groups

To supplement the high-level analysis captured by the questionnaire, a number of focus groups will be conducted to enable a more in-depth discussion of issues. Four focus group events are proposed, with the following groups:

- Businesses who are members of the Edmonton Business Crime Reduction Partnership
- Voluntary and community sector organisations
- Young Consultants (Youth Justice Service engagement group)
- Probation clients

One-to-one interviews

Our commissioned service Solace Women's Aid will be asked to carry out a number of one-to-one interviews with their service users.

Consultation findings

The findings from the consultation, along with the strategic needs assessment, will inform the Serious Violence Duty Strategy. The final strategy is scheduled for approval by the Safer and Stronger Communities Board in January 2024.