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## Overview of Violence & Vulnerability Partnership

We work across the local authority areas of Southend, Essex & Thurrock

**PFCC**  
POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME  
COMMISSIONER FOR ESSEX

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*"Violence can be prevented. This is not an article of faith, but a statement based on evidence."*

*World health report on violence, 2002*



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A partnership which addresses issues which lead to serious violence.

- ✓ Reduce hospital admissions for assaults with a knife or sharp object
- ✓ Reduce knife-enabled serious violence
- ✓ Reduce all non-domestic homicides



Offence Types of:	Offences, where, either:	And where:
Homicide	A knife, bladed article, firearm, or other weapon was recorded as being used. OR Linked to county lines or gang activity.	Offences occurred outside the home.
Domestic Manslaughter		
Violence with injury		
Robbery and other sexual offences		
ALL – Non-domestic		



Our focus is on serious violence in public spaces.

This includes offences with weapons, and areas of criminality where serious violence or its threat is inherent, such as in county lines drug dealing.

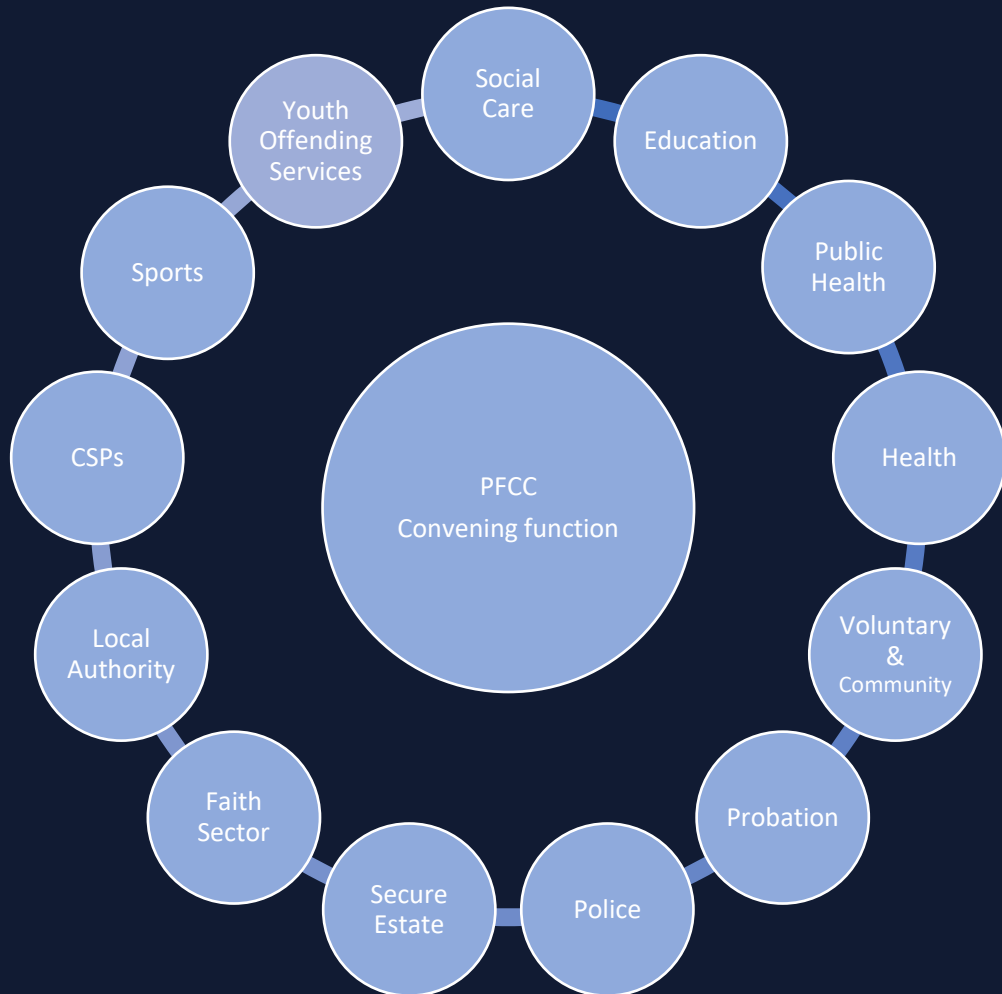
The focus of the Partnership in preventing and tackling this serious violence is for those under 25 years of age.

While this type of serious violence equates to a relatively small percentage of total (reported) crime, the impact for individuals, families and communities, we know, is devastating.

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- **Multi-agency partnership**
- **Public Health Approach** used in Glasgow and Cardiff, works
- Benefits approximately 3.5 x higher than intervention costs
- A strong partnership is key to this
- Violence & Vulnerability Partnership – chaired by Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

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## **Voice of our communities**



We support community and voluntary sector organisations to provide activities and interventions across communities in Essex.

## **Targeting interventions**



We deliver and fund interventions in identified locations, at “reachable moments” and with key groups of people – addressing risk factors.

## **Developing the workforce**



We support professionals to ensure they have the right resources to respond to individual needs; identifying those who are vulnerable and at risk.

## **Raising awareness**



We run communication campaigns targeted at specific audiences with the goal of protecting and supporting vulnerable children and young people.

## **Improving our understanding**



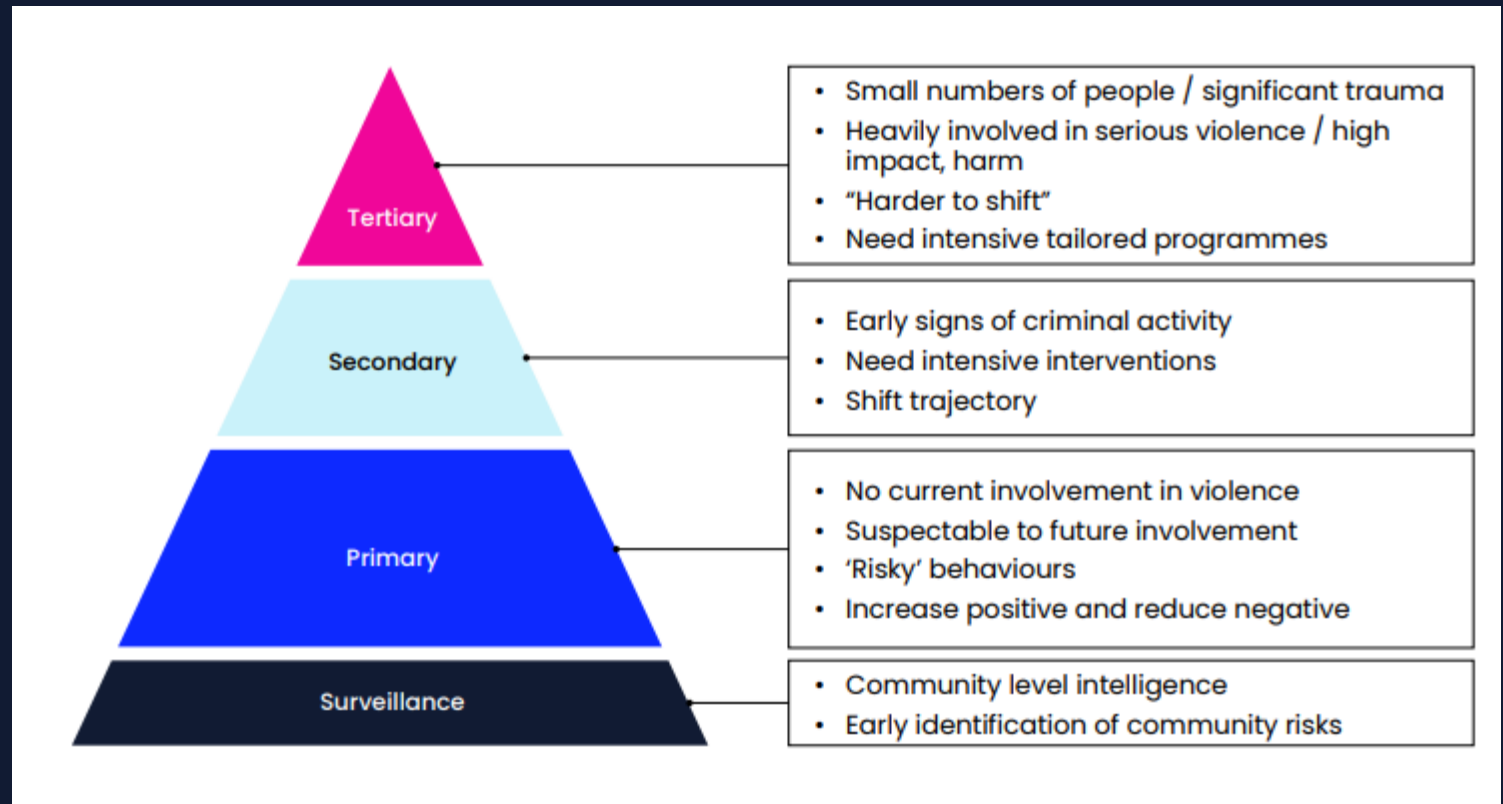
We gather insights from people’s lived experience, professionals and data to continually inform our approach.



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