



NORFOLK COMMUNITY  
SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

# Our plan to stop serious violence



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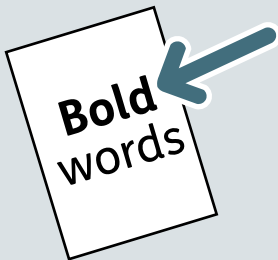
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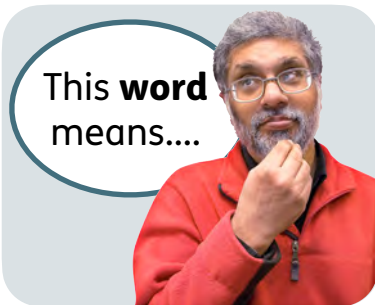
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This Easy Read booklet uses easier words and pictures. Some people may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker. These are important words in the booklet.



Sometimes if a bold word is hard to understand, we will explain what it means.



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# About this booklet



This information is from the **Norfolk Community Safety Partnership**.



The **Norfolk Community Safety Partnership** is a group of organisations and services that work together to make Norfolk safer.



We have written this plan to explain what we are doing to stop **serious violence** in Norfolk.



**Serious violence** is when someone hurts or even kills another person. It includes knife crime and gun crime.

# Serious violence



Serious violence is very bad. It causes a lot of pain and sadness for victims and their families.



It makes people feel less safe.



It costs everyone a lot of money.



So it is very important to stop serious violence.

# Serious Violence Duty



The **Serious Violence Duty** says that different services must work together to stop serious violence.

These services include:



- Police, fire and health services.



- Youth Justice Services - these are services for young people who have got in trouble with the law.



- Probation services - these services check on people who have broken the law in the past.



- Local councils.



Together, they look at information about serious violence in the local area.



They work to find out what causes this serious violence to happen.



This helps them to think of ways to stop people from being involved in serious violence in the first place.

# This plan



The law says that services working on serious violence must write a plan, to explain what they are going to do.

This plan explains what we are going to do. It includes:



- What we want to achieve.



- 4 main things that we will work on, called **priorities**.



- How we will work on our priorities.



# Priorities

We have 4 priorities:



1. Keeping young people safe.



2. Stopping **domestic abuse**.

**Domestic abuse** is when you are harmed by a family member, someone you live with, or someone you are in a relationship with, like a boyfriend or girlfriend.



3. Stopping people from taking drugs or drinking too much alcohol. These things can cause serious violence.



4. Working in the places where most serious violence happens.

# Keeping young people safe



Young people are more likely to be affected by serious violence than older people.

We spoke to young people about serious violence. They told us:



- They were worried about drugs, knives and being robbed.



- **Social media** makes it easier to see violence happening around them.

**Social media** is websites like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and TikTok.



- How we can work together to help their local areas to be safer.

We will:



- Learn more about why serious violence happens that affects young people.



- Work with local communities and schools, to help make young people feel safe in places where they spend a lot of time.



- Do more to stop young people from carrying knives.

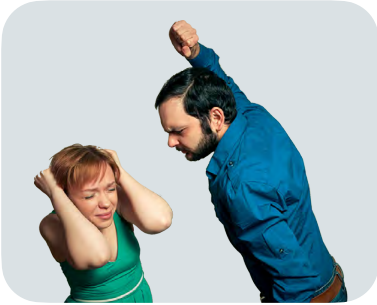


- Look at training more staff about how to stop young people from being affected by violence.



- Learn more about how to use social media to help young people to avoid violence.

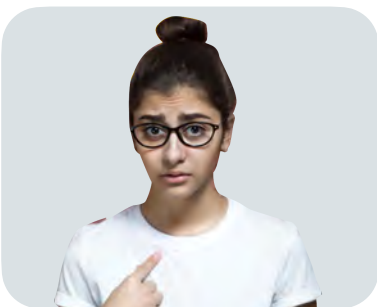
# Domestic abuse



Remember, **domestic abuse** is when you are harmed by a family member, someone you live with, or someone you are in a relationship with.



Domestic abuse is a very serious problem in Norfolk. It can affect anyone.



Women are more likely to be victims of domestic abuse than men.



Men are more likely to harm their family members or people they live with than women are.



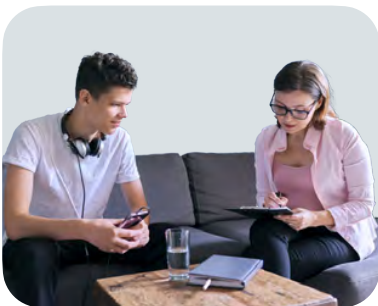
If children see domestic abuse in their home, it can cause a lot of problems for them in their lives.



Many different services and organisations need to work together to stop domestic abuse.



We need to talk to people who might harm the people they live with, to stop them from doing it.



We also need to find victims of domestic abuse, including children and young people, and give them the support they need.

We will:



- Support the work of Norfolk's Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Group - this is a group that works to stop domestic abuse and support victims.



- Look at how to find and stop people who do a lot of harm to their families.



- Help young people to learn about good relationships, where domestic abuse does not happen.



- Make sure that there are the right support services for victims of domestic abuse.



- Do more to support children who are victims of domestic abuse.

# Drugs and alcohol



Drugs can cause serious violence.



People who sell drugs can be violent. They can also make local areas feel less safe.



People who take drugs or drink too much alcohol can become violent.



People in Norfolk are more likely to drink too much alcohol than people in the rest of England.

We want to:



- Do more to stop people from taking drugs or drinking too much alcohol.



- Support people who need help to stop using drugs or alcohol.



- Help people to stop being involved in selling drugs.

To do this, we will:



- Learn more about serious violence that is caused by drugs or alcohol.



- Check if our services are doing enough to stop people from taking drugs and getting involved in violence.



We also want to:



- Learn more about places that are used by people who want to take drugs or drink too much alcohol.



- Work on how we will keep **vulnerable** people safe from being treated badly by people who sell drugs.

**Vulnerable** means you might need help and support to stay safe and well.



- Help people to feel safe in the evenings and at night time, including in clubs, pubs and bars.



- Support different services, like the police, to stop people from selling drugs in Norfolk.

# The places where most serious violence happens



There are certain places where most serious violence in Norfolk happens.

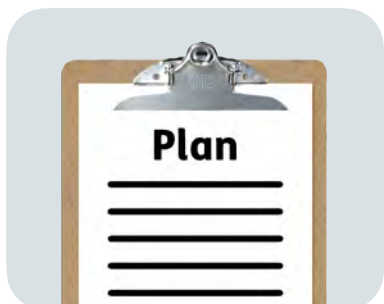


Often, in the same places, there is a lot of **anti-social behaviour**.

**Anti-social behaviour** is bad behaviour that causes problems for local people. It includes making a lot of noise at night or making people feel scared.



We want to find out what causes anti-social behaviour and serious violence in these places.



We can write plans for each of these places, to make sure that services know how to stop serious violence there.



We will involve the people who live in these places when we write plans.



This will help them to feel safer, and more included.

To do this, we will:



- Work with local people to write plans to stop serious violence in these places.



- Work with young people in these places.



- Work with bars, clubs, and other places where people drink a lot of alcohol, to find out more about serious violence that happens there.

To do this, we will also:



- Work to stop anti-social behaviour and crime in people's local areas.



- Find places where there might be a lot of vulnerable people who are treated badly by criminals.

# How we are going to work



We will work together to solve these problems.

As part of our work, we will:



- Help the public to learn more about what causes serious violence, and how to stop it.



- Make sure that the work in this plan fits in with the rest of our work.



- Work with local people, and help them to trust our services.



- Help different local organisations to work together by running events and training.



- Share information, so we all learn more about what causes serious violence.



- Learn more about how serious violence can be caused by some people not having enough money.

# Checking this plan



We will check this plan to make sure we are making a difference.



If things change, then we can change how we work.

We will be able to see if there is less serious violence in Norfolk by checking if:



- Fewer people are going to hospital because they were stabbed.



- The police are arresting fewer people for stabbing someone.



- There are fewer murders.



We will listen to what local people tell us, to help us check if we are working well.

## Find out more



You can look at our website here:  
<https://www.norfolk-pcc.gov.uk/who-we-are/community-safety-partnership/>

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