



2024-2025

Blackpool Serious Violence Action Plan

Key Strategic Principles

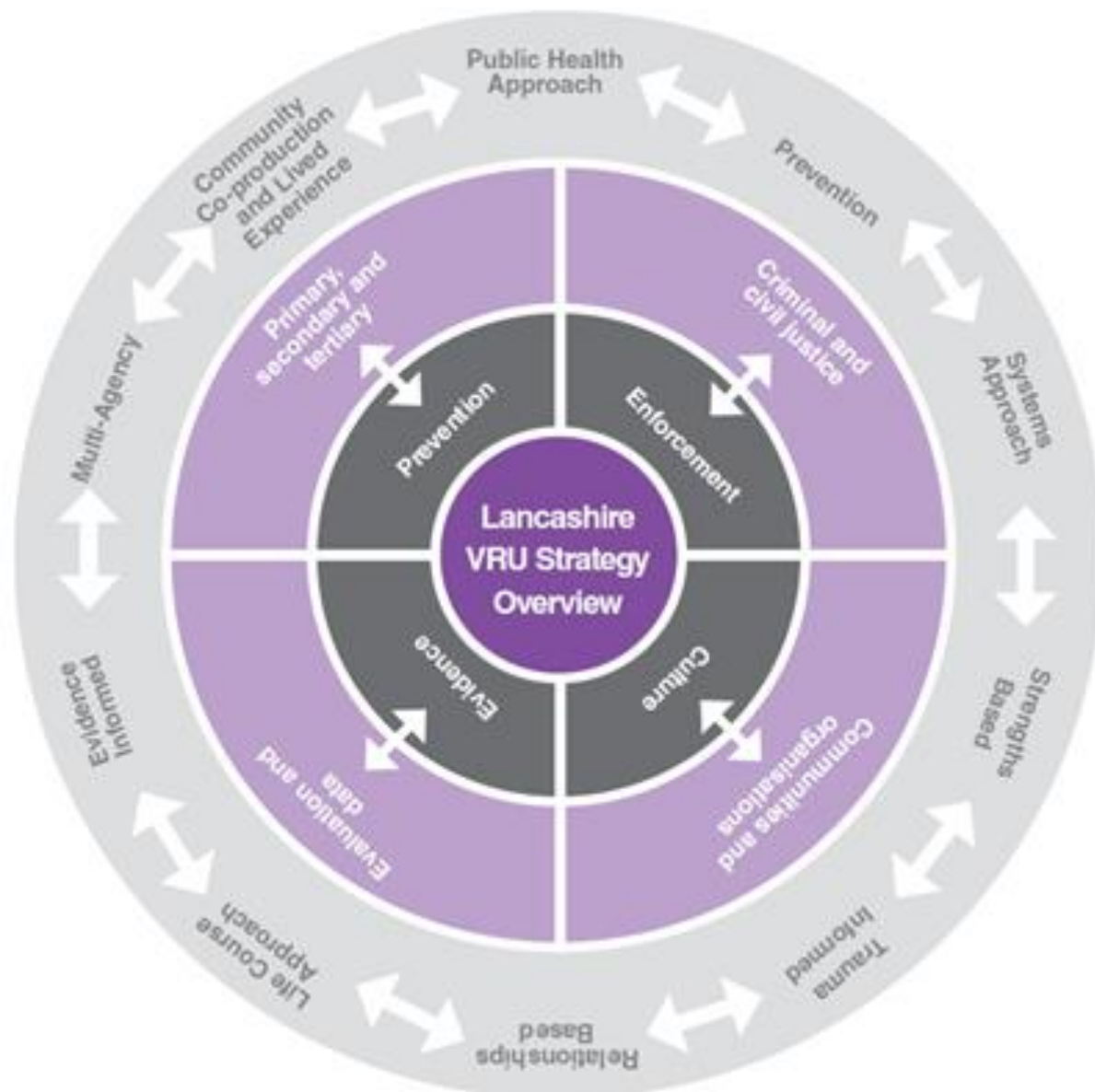
The Blackpool Serious Violence Action Plan 2024-2025 and associated delivery programmes are underpinned by a number of key principles. The Blackpool Community Safety Partnership will strive to ensure these 'golden threads' are the foundations that we, our partners and the system will strive to underpin our strategic and operational activity.

Whilst these principles will drive the direction of the Blackpool Serious Violence Duty, they are not exhaustive and can be supplemented in the context of Blackpool's driven need.

The Lancashire Violence Reduction Network (VRN) and this action plan will deliver by prioritising action, leadership and system mobilisation in four priority areas (what we will do):

1. Prevention of serious violence
2. Enforcement
3. Cultural transformation and workforce development
4. Evidence: data and evaluation

Our vision is for every person living or working in Blackpool to feel and be safe from violence and violent crime. We will achieve this through the four aforementioned priority areas as per the diagram.



Blackpool Serious Violence Action Plan 2024-2025

Priority Area 1: Prevention of serious violence

ID	Objective	Lead Organisation	Intended Outcome
1.1	Ensure consistent access to mental health crisis services and joint working between Substance Misuse and Mental Health services	NHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased knowledge and awareness of our local support services • Inconsistencies are reduced • Enhanced local information on the "Hub of Hope" app • Shared outcomes aimed at reducing violence for jointly supported clients, applying evidence-based best practices
1.2	To map out third sector provision that can support mental well-being	Blackpool Partnership Business Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater understanding of provision across the town • Increased referrals and engagement
1.3	Deliver the strategic objectives of the Blackpool Drugs Harm Reduction Strategy	Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress reported through Blackpool Combatting Drugs and Alcohol Board • Issues escalated to BSafe to support progress
1.4	Utilise analysis on the gateway to Youth Justice, refresh and relaunch the Youth Referral scheme then establish a multi-agency early intervention panel that replicates the positive impact of work over summer 2023 targeted at small groups of young people. Ensure that interventions (e.g. Turnaround, Youth Referral Scheme, Champions etc.) are coordinated, complementary and able to best respond to the needs of children and young people (particularly around repeat ASB, and drug / weapon possession).	Youth Justice Service & Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased early intervention • Decrease in first time entrants to the Youth Justice System • Commissioned programs and projects that are evidence-based to engage with Youth Justice Service • Delivery and interventions informed by research and effective
1.5	Explore the opportunity of recognising 'care experienced' as a protected title to enhance a	Youth Justice Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Alerts include those who are 'care experienced'.

	trauma informed response and timely information sharing at a national level between agencies who are supporting 'Our children'.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lancashire's Care Leavers Covenant progress review of protected title of 'care experienced' on PNC to support with identification of vulnerable young people. A pilot project in Blackpool in seeking consent from 'our children' to record their 'care experienced' title on PNC prior to their 18th Birthday.
1.6	Implement Interventions that increase safety in the Night Time Economy	Public Protection & Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased promotion of the Ask for Angela campaign Increased promotion of the Safer Taxi Scheme Increased lighting within the town centre Improved CCTV within the town centre Secured funds for taxi marshals Reduction in hospital waiting time and strain on the North West Ambulance Service (NWS) Established potential opportunities to provide a Safe Space for night time economy acting as a temporary place of safety for individuals under the influence finding themselves in vulnerable and at risk situations Supported businesses within the night- time economy Continued commitment to combating VAWG (violence against women and girls) offences Introduced LSAVI to licensed venues
1.7	Review the current mentoring projects to understand the impacts and outcomes and consider whether similar programme should be commissioned	Blackpool Partnership Business Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding the impact of current mentoring programmes Evidence based decisions made to ensure funding is targeted at the most impactful projects
1.8	Develop a strategy and training package to engage with communities that are not currently engaged with to disrupt Serious Violence and Organised Crime	Blackpool Partnership Business Unit - Workforce development delivery group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased engagement with communities not previously engaged with Developed strategy to better engage and build trust within minority communities Considered engagement through online communities to reach target audiences and support resilience in less traditional communities
1.9	Educate identified industries and raise awareness of Serious Violence and Organised Crime	VRN (SVD Education Coordinator)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with the Public Protection service to develop training provision on Serious Violence for employers/Industries known to have high trafficking/slavery issues Enhanced support for employers at risk of trafficking/slavery issues

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised awareness of Serious Violence / exploitation and trafficking amongst young people especially those Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)
1.10	Reduce incidents of violence and weapon enabled crime across Blackpool with a particular focus on Night time Economy (NTE)	Police Supported by Local Authority Licensing Team & Community Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore ways to reduce the number of sexual assaults and rape within the nighttime economy. • Reviewed licensing requirements. • Explored how other areas have introduced licensing self-assessments. • Consider additional measures to reduce Serious Violence and vulnerabilities post night out. • Rolled out 'Knife Sales' guidance to shops selling knives & use civil powers against businesses that don't comply. • Embedded Operation Grip (whilst financially viable) in problem hotspots and persons known to carry knives. • Sustained support through Operation Guardian (whilst financially viable) in Night Time Economy (NTE). • Conducted bi-annual weeks of action as part of Operation Sceptre concerning knives. • Maintained periodic test purchases (conducted by police/council) regarding the sale of knives. • Collaborated with licensed premises to implement knife arches/wands at entrance doors, enhancing security measures.
1.11	Continue to support PACT and other relevant community meetings as a place for residents to voice concerns	Police , LA – Public protection, Partners and Ward Councillors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised public awareness of local initiatives through the meetings. • Residents continue to feel heard • Space for Intelligence gathering • Providing the public with a means to raise concerns.
1.12	Establish a more robust and consistent information sharing process to include intelligence related to violence and organised crime	All Partners (Multi-agency response)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive cross-boundary information sharing • Clear process for triangulation of information
1.13	Review the intelligence gathering process for schools and partners to increase the level of intelligence shared with the police and Awaken	All Partners (Police/ Awaken)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased volume and quality of information shared • A clear route for information and intelligence sharing provided to partners • Early identification and support around risk and threat

1.14	Awaken to continue to build on their transition offer for post 18 support (Sexual Health Strategy 2023-2026 (Priority 6 tackling violence)	Awaken Partners and Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased number of people being supported post 18. • Developed formalized process for the referral and support of young adults and adults who are at risk of sexual exploitation (drawing upon work already undertaken to prevent/reduce child sexual exploitation). • Regular review processes for the prevention and reduction of child sexual exploitation, to ensure that they continue to operate effectively.
1.15	Ensure that Green Dot underpins all elements of the Serious Violence Action Plan (as an evidence-based primary prevention programme designed to teach participants safe ways to intervene in situations of interpersonal violence)	Local Authority - Community Safety Team and Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Dot champions in each partner organisation (who have attended a skills based workshop) • Partners promoting Green Dot within their organisations/services and support others to access skill based workshops • Increased community responsibility. Confidence to intervene safely to prevent interpersonal violence
1.16 (1.12/ 1.13 linked)	Partners should consider how Anti-Social Behaviour trends and patterns at locality level can assist in profiling communities and planning provision (for example in relation to Family Hubs, Youth Partnership, health and wider prevention / early intervention work)	Blackpool Partnership Business Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data utilised to aid prevention and early intervention
1.17	Develop and implement an education programme that delivers key messages on prevention and awareness raising activity with young people around weapons and knife crime (and wider criminal justice issues) includes the implications of carrying a weapon, possession and stop & search in key messages	Local Authority – Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implemented educational programmes in schools via Blackpool Football Community Trust • Improved awareness and positive outcomes • Primary and High Schools engage with Community Support Officer from Lancashire Constabulary
1.18	Improve access to drug treatment and recovery for people identified through criminal justice settings	Public Health/ Probation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased referrals into treatment from criminal justice settings • Improved continuity of care for people leaving prison
1.19 (1.12/ 1.13 linked)	Improve intelligence and multi-agency information sharing around drugs, for example trends in drug use, alerts and new supply channels to support timely action	Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved awareness of the Local Drug Intelligence system (LDIS) a professional network to feed in drugs intelligence/trends/alerts • Increased membership from Blackpool partners to the LDIS network

1.20	Ensure the longevity and integration of the Home Safety Check Scheme	Local Authority - Community Safety Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified possibilities for expanding the scheme to include all victims of serious violence • Identified funding prospects • Enhanced utilisation of civil tools and powers against perpetrators of abuse and violence
1.21	Develop community links with Prison Employment Advisory Boards to support transition from custody into appropriate work opportunities for offenders of serious violence	Probation Supported by Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased opportunities and support to maintain meaningful paid employment as a diversion from criminality • Enhanced data collection re employment and correlation with individual desistance
1.22	Establish process for Probation Service to share information on prison leavers convicted of aggravated burglary with the local partnership, in cases where violence was inflicted.eg. use of an offensive weapon	Probation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People convicted of burglary added to the fortnightly risk meeting chaired by Community Safety lead • Appropriate support and monitoring in place on release.
1.23	Establish process for Probation Service to share information on under 25 year old prison leavers with appropriate partners.	Probation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct forum for discussing the cases identified. • Multi agency support and monitoring in place on release.
1.24	The Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) to persist in carrying out educational interventions	Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the Arson referral process and consider a suitable multiagency response • Provide education on the dangers and implications of arson – and the potential to cause violence • Provide training to staff to identify potential domestic abuse and/or violence when carrying out home fire safety checks
1.25	Domestic Abuse - Support the implementation of the DRIVE perpetrator programme	Local Authority- Public Protection Unit – Community Safety Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressed and improved Domestic Abuse perpetrator behaviours. • Reduced incidents of Domestic Abuse. • Enhanced safety for victims of Domestic Abuse. • Secured additional funding to sustain the program if proven effective.
1.26	Domestic Abuse Delivery of ED Navigator programme	Blackpool Teaching Hospitals/ VRN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of immediate safeguarding support and safety planning. • Trauma informed health intervention promoting sign posting and access to support services.

1.27	Domestic Abuse Continue the implementation of Operation Provide (Op Provide) to enhance the response to victims of domestic abuse	Blackpool Teaching Hospitals/ VRN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced early response to victims/children. • Improved advocacy and support outcomes for victims via live incident response and post incident response. • Health intervention benefits for the victim/children.
1.28	Work to identify repeat victims of sexual violence through Aquazure Working Group and develop pathways to help reduce vulnerabilities (Sexual Health Strategy 2023-2026 (Priority 6 tackling violence)	Community Safety Partnership - Aquazure Working Group / Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved identification of repeat victims at risk of serious violence and in need of interventions to reduce vulnerabilities. • Developed support pathways to help reduce vulnerabilities. • Explored interventions to prevent individuals being repeat victims of rape and sexual violence.

Priority Area 2: Enforcement

ID	Objective	Lead Organisation	Intended Outcome
2.1	To review the information and intelligence sharing protocol between Partners, including the police and local authority to give the police confidence in this process and ensure a more robust multiagency approach (linked to 1.12/ 1.13/ 1.19/ 1.28)	Blackpool Partnership Business Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A documented information and intelligence sharing protocol agreed by the police and local authority • Clear information sharing protocols for all working groups • Complement police data through linking in Blackpool Council anti-social behaviour incident reporting via Public Protection and Enforcement Team (the team are ready to go live with new system). This will also provide scope to undertake further analysis based on repeat addresses / locations.
2.2	Process to be established for partners to use Blackpool Council's Public Protection services such as Selective Licensing to improve access to our community (applicable to private rented accommodation)	Local Authority - Public Protection Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of access to properties and businesses for partner agencies • Enhanced utilisation of enforcement tools and powers available • Early help offer from partners embedded in approach
2.3	The role, remit and membership of GENGA to be reviewed	GENGA/ Blackpool Partnership Business Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GENGA Working group hold a defined perimeter. • Robustly established mapping approach for OCGs with the involvement of partners and information sharing between neighbouring GENGA where there is cross authority activity. • Increased engagement of the Economic Crime Unit.
2.4	Strengthen partner agency information sharing at the Daily Exploitation & Missing Meetings (linked to 2.1)	Awaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared understanding across the partnership on the process and scope of the meetings. • Consideration of third sector information sharing within this forum. • Improved data and information/intel gathering
2.5	Partnership multiagency Enforcement Operations to be planned through multiagency approach to ensure appropriate enforcement opportunities are maximised and post operation support is considered	Police Community Safety Partnership/ Public Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced partnership approach to planning informant operations • Established enhanced support package around vulnerability and individuals identified post operation • Increased use of civil tools and powers • Enhanced enforcement • Enhanced joined-up work around police operations

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved coordination of partnership working around operations and action weeks • Established post-operation follow up action plans
2.6	Members of Youth Justice Service to attend / feed in to Lancashire Constabulary annual data scrutiny meeting in order to support / contribute to Blackpool-level identification of issues and responses.	Youth Justice Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support initiatives / approaches developed to better understand and address underlying causes of weapon possession (for example, in relation to fear, feeling unsafe).
2.7	Explore the opportunity to establish dedicated Domestic Abuse Courts	Local Authority-Community Safety Team and Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established Domestic Abuse Court hearings. • Achieved improved outcomes for victims. • Implemented enhanced sentencing measures for perpetrators.

Priority Area 3: Cultural transformation and workforce development

ID	Objective	Lead Organisation	Intended Outcome
3.1	Map out all services going into schools and delivering serious violence interventions/training	VRN (SVD Education Coordinator)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistent training package is developed • Co-ordinated existing training and resources to avoid duplication and complimenting PHSE resources • Increased numbers of key staff in education establishment that have received Trauma Informed awareness training
3.2	Embed Green Dot principles and increase understanding across teams and services to challenge social norms to help build resilient communities (Linked to 1.15)	Local Authority - Community Safety Team and Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater awareness of Blackpool as a Green Dot Town through the #itstopshere movement. • Increased participation in the Green Dot workshops and awareness sessions. • Development of Comms plan to promote Green Dot more widely, including through digital platforms/social media • Increased awareness of red dots (harmful behaviour) and how small acts have a big impact on preventing interpersonal violence (green dots).
3.3	A connection to be built between the relevant Partners and charities who are supporting families at risk of serious violence	All Partners/ Blackpool Partnership Business Unit – Workforce development group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness training package offered to charities on signs, reporting and referring processes for Child Sexual Exploitation, Child Criminal Exploitation, Human Trafficking, Slavery ,Drug Treatment and Recovery Services
3.4	Review the working groups under the B-Safe Community Safety Partnership to consider where Serious Violence should sit	Blackpool Partnership Business Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Groups have been reviewed • Terms of reference for each working group reviewed • Clarity on where serious violence sits under the CSP
3.5	Create an up to date directory of services/ projects for partner agencies to utilise and promote	Blackpool Partnership Business Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A directory created that remains current • Increased referrals into services/ projects • Increased uptake of services/ projects • Improvement in outcomes for participants

3.6	Develop comms and media strategy to increase awareness of action – link up partners VRN, Police, Local Authority, and Health	Blackpool Partnership Business Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised awareness of the Serious Violence Action plan and duty • Reassurance provided to the public
3.7	Improvements to be made to the Community Safety Partnership website	Blackpool Partnership Business Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly SWAY newsletter shared via the Community Safety Partnership • National Organised Crime newsletter shared with partners regularly - BSafe@blackpool.gov.uk •
3.8	Improve accessibility to reach children and young people in Home Education	Education Improvement Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved identification of children and young people at risk of Serious Violence and in need of support intervention • Services are enabled to reach children and young people home educated • Regular reviews undertaken with children and young people educated at home
3.9	Implement the recommendations from the Youth Provision Report 2021	Strategic Youth Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in first times entrance to the Youth Justice System • Increase youth provision across the town as part of the ‘early help’ offer to increase engagement with children and young people • Work with third sector youth providers to develop their knowledge, understanding and approach to engaging young people at risk of exploitation and serious violence • Develop a Youth Provision Strategy
3.10	Review the communication channels between the NHS services and Horizon drug treatment services to improve the quality and consistency of transition between services	Public Health & wider Health Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved communications through shared access to systems eg LPRES • Improved support through joint care planning for those with co-occurring mental health and drug issues • Explore opportunities to develop knowledge and skills across NHS & Horizon services
3.11	Review the Civil Tools & Powers Processes across the police and public protection to ensure a consistent, appropriate and joined up approach is being taken	All CSP Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Powers training sessions to be established for all partners across the partnership • Increase in the use of civil tools and powers in tackling perpetrators of sexual violence. • The understanding is the same across the partnership

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All parties have awareness of what processes are in place and how to access support. • Shared system to be explored for the usage of civil powers such as Community Protection Warnings and Notices to ensure the system is accessible to relevant partners across the partnership • Serious Violence and Serious & Organised Crime cases to be recorded and monitored separately • Established tracking/monitoring process for the use of all Civil Tools and Powers e.g. CPW/CPNs to evaluate and determine effectiveness.
3.12	To utilise the new online library of Domestic Homicide Reviews (including other homicide reviews) and shared cases from the Lancashire Domestic Homicide Working Group	Blackpool Partnership Business Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved learning around the prevention of homicide (Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR), Domestic Homicide Review (DHR), Child Safeguarding Practice Review (CSPR), Child Death Overview Panel- Under (CDOP) (under 18) • Improved safeguarding of children and adults
3.13	Work with commissioners and other parties to map sexual violence support services and identify gaps	Blackpool Partnership Business Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified gaps in sexual violence support provision • Developed directory of services available to support victims of rape and sexual violence • Developed system for effectively maintaining the directory of services to ensure it is accurate and up-to-date • Increased support for rape and sexual violence victims • Secured funding opportunities to address gaps identified in mapping exercise
3.14	Review how sexual violence pathways are currently operating (including ISVA pathways and pathways for reporting, referral and support), and explore how to improve effectiveness and equity of provision. (Sexual Health Strategy 2023-2026 (Priority 6 tackling violence)	Aquazure Working Group/ Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapped pathways • Assessed capacity • Reviewed accessibility of sexual violence PSHE resources for schools and third-sector organisations • Improved effectiveness and equity of provision
3.15	Increase use of Drug Treatment Requirement (DTR), Alcohol Treatment Requirement (ATR), Alcohol Monitoring Treatment Requirement (CMTR) to address issues linked to offending. Consider links to the Reducing	Probation/ Criminal Justice Service Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in offending resultant of alcohol, drug abuse and poor mental health.

	Reoffending Board/ Local Criminal Justice Board/ Domestic Abuse Board		
3.16	Continue efforts to raise awareness and develop the Domestic Abuse Champions initiative	Local Authority- Public Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fostered a better-informed workforce • Promoted shared understanding and learning regarding domestic abuse • Contributed to increased well-being of staff within the workplace • Cultivated a change of ethos and culture within the workforce
3.17	Develop a Domestic Abuse awareness training package for front-line professionals	Local Authority- Public Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided support to victims in a trauma-informed manner. • Enhanced workforce knowledge and understanding of domestic abuse, including power and control dynamics. • Raised awareness across the workforce regarding available support services.
3.18	All Partners pledge for Trauma informed health workforce	All CSP Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff have a trauma informed and responsive approach to their work via a trauma informed champion model
3.19	Identify workforce development opportunities in the context of serious violence	The Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implemented new appliances at Blackpool Central Station to capture evidence at incidents. Evidence captured used to assist the Police in their investigations regarding Arson or other illegal activity. • Explore body worn video cameras for staff
3.20	Work with commissioners to map sexual violence support services, identify gaps and seek funding opportunities to address gaps identified in mapping exercise.	CSP Aquazure working group/ inc. Public health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed directory of services available to support victims of rape and sexual violence. • Developed system for effectively maintaining a directory of services to ensure it is accurate and up-to-date.

Priority Area 4: Evidence: data and evaluation

ID	Objective/Action	Lead Organisation	Outcome
4.1	<p>Establish a channel to identify issues based on current data and statistics, share learning and measure impact against the 9 crime categories</p> <p>(Linked to 1.12/ 1.13/ 1.19/ 1.28)</p>	<p>Blackpool Partnership Business Unit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced transparency, effectiveness, and informed decision-making Ensured openness and transparency in sharing information, promoting a clear understanding of the current situation and challenges. Informed decision-making by providing partners with real-time data, enabling partners to respond promptly to emerging trends. Embedded culture of continuous improvement by identifying areas that require attention, refinement, or additional resources based on the shared learning. Established accountability mechanisms by regularly assessing and reporting on the impact of interventions against the 9 crime categories.
4.3	<p>Embed multiagency “learning reviews” of identified cases to be shared and communicated with Partners to be cascaded to their staff</p>	<p>Blackpool Partnership Business Unit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure learning and system/process shaped
4.4	<p>Audit of the point of referral processes</p>	<p>Blackpool Partnership Business Unit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased awareness by capturing what early help interventions have already taken place with a client at the point of referral before engaging to ascertain what may have worked or not worked previously Awareness of professionals/services with an already-established relationship
4.5	<p>To better understand homicide demographics over the last 5 years</p>	<p>Police</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased understanding of the homicide picture
4.6	<p>Further additions to be added to the action plan from health as part of a VRN data group embarking on 10 commitments for the sexual safety charter work. The Integrated Care Board and Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust have signed up to this commitment.</p>	<p>Relevant Health Partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actions from the ICB and BTHFT integrated into the Blackpool Serious Violence Action Plan 2024-2025.

4.7	Undertake evidence review of reasons why individuals who report sexual violence may choose not to proceed with prosecution. (Sexual Health Strategy 2023-2026 (Priority 6 tackling violence)	Aquazure Working Group / Relevant Lived Experience groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Considered undertaking insight work locally to explore reasons for not proceeding with prosecution.• Based upon the available evidence, developed an action plan to increase the proportion of victims who proceed with prosecution.
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