

Violence Reduction Partnership
Strategy Launch Stakeholder Communications pack
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Introduction

Thank you to those who were able to attend the Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) Strategy launch on 11th January.

In this pack you will find information about the VRP Strategy launch event, how you can talk about the strategy and raise awareness within your organisations and communities and the next steps.

What is the Violence Reduction Partnership?

The VRP is a partnership of authorities across Hampshire, IOW, Portsmouth and Southampton, who work together to tackle and prevent serious violence. They are police, health, justice fire, local authorities, education, prisons and the voluntary and charity sector.

The Serious Violence Duty was introduced under the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 and requires specified and relevant authorities to work together to prevent and reduce serious violence. The Serious Violence Duty requires partnerships to take a multi-agency, public health approach to understand the causes and impact of serious violence develop a strategic response, which focuses on prevention and early intervention, and monitor the impact of this response.

The Violence Reduction Partnership has a vision for Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton to be a place where people can live their lives free from violence and the fear of violence.

What is the VRP strategy?

The Response Strategy sets out the direction and activity for the VRP from 2024 to 2027. The strategy is an explanation of how partner agencies will work together to tackle the root causes of violence in our communities by taking a public health approach.

The strategy covers four areas:

- Data and Analysis
- Interventions, Evaluations and Opportunities
- Multi-agency and System Change
- Communications and Engagement

Review of the day

The day was opened by PCC Donna Jones and Chief Constable Scott Chilton. The Commissioner expressed her commitment to continue to lead and convene the partnership as chair of the Strategic Violence Reduction Partnership and the Chief Constable underlined the importance of partnership working in tackling the root causes of serious violence

We were lucky enough to be joined by some fantastic guest speakers. Anna Harbridge from Southampton Youth Justice Service shared lived experience stories from young people in her service and Karen Dawes gave a talk on taking a trauma informed approach. Jim Pegler, VRU Director, introduced the VRU strategy with his overview.

Andy McDonald Chief Inspector and Keely Mitchell spoke to attendees about multi-agency working and system change in Portsmouth Police.

Lunchtime gave people an opportunity to network with partners and learn more about the work of some of the organisations, who deliver valuable services to reduce serious violence in our communities, such as No Limits, Bear Face, Your Police UK, Motive8, Artwork, Society of St James and Yellow Brick Road Project.

The Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) managers presented the four strategy areas, describing the great work that has taken place so far and the next steps. If you are unfamiliar with the strategy areas please take a look at the Terms of Reference for each of the sub-groups on our [useful documents](#) page on the website.

The launch was wrapped up by the amazing teams at Bearface and Artwork, who gave us an insight into “Choices”, the education programme available for years 6 and 7 across the 2 counties.

If you weren't able to attend the day or would like to remind yourself of the content please take a look at the [slides from the day](#).

What's next?

The launch of the strategy commences a time of focus and commitment for the VRP. Feedback from strategic leaders at the event has been gathered and will help guide the work for each key area.

Partnership Subgroups for each strategy area are represented by specialists within each partner organisation, they are hosted regularly by the VRU managers and will continue to work together to deliver on the strategy.


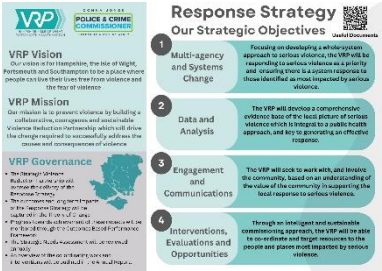
The VRU continues to be funded until end of March 2025. This team coordinates the VRP to deliver on the strategic aims launched today.

Talking about the strategy

It would be great as the VRP if you could talk about the strategy within your organisations, to wider partners and stakeholders on your social media or in your newsletters. We have created some assets and content for you to use – please adapt to suit your audience or platform and if there is anything else you think would help share the conversation wider please get in Touch with Sallie the VRU Comms and Engagement Officer on sallie.white@hampshire.police.uk

We have some photos from the day as well as a launch film and press release that can be used as part of your communications. Please download them from the [Google Drive](#) or by clicking the relevant link below.

Image	Link	Text
	Press release Image	<p><i>“The PCC has introduced the Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) which brings together 12 partner agencies from across the two counties including the NHS, Probation, youth Justice, policing, local authorities, education and Fire Services, to tackle to root cause of violence.”</i></p>
	VRP Strategy Launch Film	<p><i>“The Police and Crime Commissioner, Donna Jones has pushed forward her commitment to driving down crime with a partnership approach to prevent and reduce violence”</i></p>
	Image	<p><i>“Last month we launched our Violence Reduction Partnership strategy which will look at prevention and early intervention work around the reduction of serious violence.</i></p> <p><i>Take a look at the strategy on the VRU website by clicking the link in our bio.”</i></p> <p>#dutytoprevent</p>

	<p>Image</p>	<p><i>“Hampshire Violence Reduction Partnership strategy is about how organisations can work together to tackle the root cause of serious violence.</i></p> <p><i>Take a look at the strategy by clicking on the link in our bio”</i></p>
	<p>Image</p>	<p><i>“We are part of the Violence Reduction Partnership and we are committed to reduce serious violence in our area.</i></p> <p><i>Working with other VRP partners on the strategy will help us towards our #dutytoprevent”</i></p>

Please consider whether this material or links to the [VRU website](#) would be useful to have on your website/pages to explain how you meet the serious violence duty in partnership.