

Violence Reduction Partnership
Serious Violence and Knife Crime survey communications pack
#DutyToPrevent

May is also Knife Crime awareness week (13th-19th May) so the VRP have also created a [communications pack](#) for that. The VRP are also promoting their serious violence and knife crime survey throughout May so have created this pack to help you promote the survey.

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What is the Violence Reduction Unit?

Hampshire and Isle of Wight VRU is a small team who work in partnership to coordinate a collaborative response to tackle the root causes of violence. The VRU supports the Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) made up of 25 different public sector bodies across the Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth & Southampton (HIPS) area who come together to make our communities safer.

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.

Survey resources.

The VRP serious violence and knife crime survey helps inform our [Strategic Needs Assessment](#). We would be really grateful if you would promote the survey to the children and young people you work with. We have created social media posts, flyers and posters for you to use.

As mentioned May 13th-19th is knife crime awareness week so we have included a few resources you can use. You can access more via our [knife crime awareness communications pack](#) on our website.


There are several ways you can access the survey:


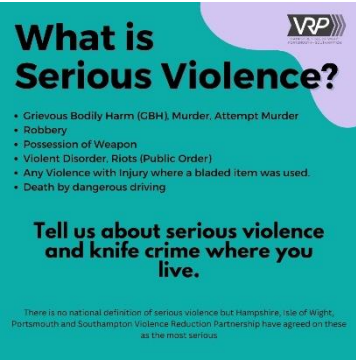


- [Online link](#)
- [Offline link](#)
- [Printable version](#)

Please feel free to use these resources in the best way for you. We have created some suggested content you may wish to use. You can download all the resources from our [Google Drive](#)

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




Social Media


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|  | Instagram Facebook | <p>Have your say</p> <p><i>Want to let people know about your experiences of knife crime in your area? Take part in the @vrp_hips survey.</i></p> <p><i>Your views will inform the work that @hips_vrp do to reduce serious violence and knife crime across Hampshire and Isle of Wight</i></p> <p><i>Click the link in our bio to have your say.</i></p> <p><i>#violence reduction #haveyoursay</i></p> |

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|  | <p>Instagram Facebook</p> | <p>Speak up</p> <p>Take the opportunity to tell @hips_vru your thoughts on serious violence and knife crime by completing their short survey.</p> <p>Click the link in our bio to have your say</p> |
|  | <p>Instagram Facebook</p> | <p>What is serious violence?</p> <p><i>Ever wondered what serious violence actually is? Did you know there isn't a national definition?</i></p> <p><i>@hips_vru created this definition for Hampshire and Isle of Wight.</i></p> <p><i>Tell them your views on serious violence by taking part in their short survey.</i></p> |
|  | <p>Instagram Facebook</p> | <p>Knife crime awareness week</p> <p><i>'This week is knife crime awareness week, you can get involved by #reporting and #gettingsupportforit'</i></p> <p><i>'Feel safer, report what you know anonymously via independent charity Fearless' (link in bio or tag)</i></p> <p><i>'Get support for you or someone you know by contacting Childline - call 0800 1111' (link in bio or tag)</i></p> |
|  | <p>Instagram Facebook</p> | <p>Worried about knife crime</p> <p><i>'You are not alone. If you are worried about knife crime or someone you know there are places you can reach out to for support'</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Link a local support service <p><i>'Get support for you or someone you know by contacting Childline - call 0800 1111' (link in bio or tag)</i></p> |

Posters and Leaflets

Please feel free to download our poster and leaflets to display at your venues, use at events, give out when meeting children and young people and help start a conversation about knife crime. If you are worried about talking to children and young people about knife crime we have produced a [honest conversation](#) tool to help you.

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|  <p>Have Your Say.</p> <p>SPEAK UP</p> <p>Tell us about serious violence and knife crime where you live.</p> <p>QR code</p> <p>Your views will inform the work we do to reduce serious violence and knife crime across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.</p> <p>VRP</p> | <p>Poster Leaflet</p> | <p>Have your say V1</p> |
|  <p>Have Your Say.</p> <p>ONLINE SURVEY</p> <p>Tell us about serious violence and knife crime where you live.</p> <p>QR code</p> <p>Your views will inform the work we do to reduce serious violence and knife crime across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.</p> <p>VRP</p> | <p>Poster Leaflet</p> | <p>Have your say V2</p> |
|  <p>What is Serious Violence?</p> <p>It will vary in the level of harm caused but the following are all eligible for a charge of serious violence. For more information visit https://www.vrp.org.uk/serious-violence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grievous Bodily Harm (GBH) Murder, Attempt Murder • Robbery • Possession of Weapons • Violent Disorder, Riots (Public Order) • Any Violence with Injury where a bladed item was used. • Death by dangerous driving <p>Tell us about serious violence and knife crime where you live.</p> <p>QR code</p> <p>VRP</p> | <p>Poster Leaflet</p> | <p>What is serious violence</p> |

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|  | <p>Poster Leaflet</p> | <p>Knife Crime Awareness Week</p> |
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Where to get support / advice / report it

For professionals:

- Violence Reduction Partnership – [Serious Violence Toolkit](#)

The toolkit was developed to support professionals working with children, young people and families who are involved in serious violence. There is also information about how to have [honest conversation](#) with children and young people about knife crime.

- [Fearless](#)

Fearless is part of the Crimestoppers brand. It enables young people to pass on information about crime 100% anonymously. They offer [professionals resources](#)

- [Ben Kinsella](#)

Ben Kinsella are a charity that educate young people on the dangers of knife crime and help them to make positive choices to stay safe. They offer [professional resources](#) such as lesson plans.

For children and young people:

- [Fearless](#)

Fearless is part of the Crimestoppers brand. It enables young people to pass on information about crime 100% anonymously

- [Childline](#)

Children and young people can [contact](#) Childline for free to talk about anything they are worried about. They offer a range of [creative games](#) to support children and young people with their feelings.