



Annual report 2025/26

Violence Reduction Partnership

Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth & Southampton (HIPS)



Foreword

In the last year I have continued to lead the Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The VRP strategic objectives clearly align with my Police and Crime Plan to tackle violent crime and make our streets safer.

Since becoming Police and Crime Commissioner in 2021 it is clear violence is preventable. I have overseen successful interventions for children who have been exploited into criminality. The work of my Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) in partnership with the Police, VCSE Sector and Youth Justice Services has shown how, with a determined collaborative approach, children will respond. We must build on what we have learnt and continue to strive to do better for our children who have so often not had their needs met by education to provide routes into employment. When offered a realistic and credible alternative pathway, children can change their lives.

It is telling that we continue to see in Serious Case Reviews and Public Enquiries where opportunities to prevent serious violence are missed as agencies fail to share data and information to manage cases together. Senior leaders in the public sector must step up to this challenge. Agencies hold the data that identifies the risks; they have a moral and statutory duty to develop ways of sharing it.

As we enter a period of great change in local government I will be working with focus and determination to ensure that we continue to drive down serious violence and knife crime. I welcome the government's Protecting Lives, Building Hope plan to halve knife crime which aligns closely with the work of the VRP, which has already reduced knife crime by over 25% over the last three years.

I would like to thank all the partners from the public and VCSE Sector who commit fully to the VRP and have contributed so much to the progress we have made together. I will ensure the police remain focused on serious violence and knife crime as a priority and that my commissioned services continue to support victims and prevent harm in our communities.



Donna Jones

Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight

Introduction

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 Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) takes a multi-agency, public health approach to understanding the causes and impact of serious violence, developing a strategic response which focusses on prevention and early intervention, and monitoring the impact of this response.

To support the shared commitment to reducing serious violence, the VRP has agreed on four strategic areas of focus:

- Multi-agency and Systems Change
- Data and Analysis
- Communications and Engagement
- Evidence-Based Practice

These areas of focus are detailed further in the VRP Response Strategy. This annual report summarises progress against each areas of focus.

There is no set definition of serious violence and so a common definition was agreed within the Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth & Southampton (HIPS) VRP to enable consistency across the partnership. Therefore, serious violence in HIPS comprises:

- Murder
- Attempt Murder
- Grievous Bodily Harm (GBH)
- Robbery
- Possession of a Weapon
- Violent Disorder
- Riots (Public Disorder)
- Any Violence with injury where a bladed item was used

Domestic Abuse (DA) and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) were not included in the definition in the year 2025/26 due to existing strategies and governance arrangements which focus on these crime types.

Our vision is for our communities to be a place where people can live their lives free from violence and the fear of violence. Our mission is to prevent violence by building collaborative, courageous and sustainable partnership which will drive the change required to successfully address the causes and consequences of violence.

Local Statistics

Data captured in the latest VRP Strategic Needs Assessment



6%

reduction in serious violence offences



14

Community Safety Partnership areas



20%

of those committing serious violence were aged 10-17 years old



- Basingstoke & Deane
- Isle of Wight
- East Hants
- New Forest
- Eastleigh
- Portsmouth
- Fareham
- Rushmoor
- Gosport
- Southampton
- Hart
- Test Valley
- Havant
- Winchester



6.7%

reduction in serious violence offences involving a bladed implement

Strategic Violence Reduction Partnership (SVRP)

This Board of Senior Responsible Officers (SROs) and partners is chaired by PCC Donna Jones who oversees the delivery of the VRP Response Strategy. The Strategy articulates a public health approach to tackling serious violence across HIPS. The partnership is made up of Specified and Relevant Authorities, as required by the Serious Violence Duty (SVD) under the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act (2022). Partnership actions are tracked and recorded in a delivery plan. Every quarter, the Strategic Violence Reduction Partnership, which includes the VCSE Sector, meets to collaborate at a strategic level.

Link: [SVRP Terms of Reference](#)

Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs)

CSPs are vital local coordinators of the response to serious violence in line with their responsibilities under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. There are 14 CSPs in the HIPS area.

HIPS Strategic Exploitation Group

The HIPS Strategic Exploitation Group is a collaboration of the four local Safeguarding Children Boards. It brings together leaders and oversees sub-groups to drive delivery to improve system response and workforce development. The VRP toolkit (see Engagement section) is developed in partnership with this forum.

VRP Response Strategy

This year the VRP published the 2025-27 response strategy. The strategy outlines the VRP's direction and planned activity for this period, setting out four strategic areas of focus the VRP will work towards to reduce serious violence in our communities. This strategy was produced in partnership, through workshops with a particular focus on addressing strategic gaps and SNA recommendations. All partners within the SVRP reviewed and agreed on the updated strategy prior to publication.

Link: [VRP Response Strategy](#)

Tactical Violence Reduction Partnership (TVRP)

The TVRP is a subgroup of the SVRP that brings partners together to collaborate and develop consistent good practice in a 'whole system, multi-agency' response to serious violence. The TVRP focusses in particular on the whole system tertiary response to people involved in violence and geographical 'hot spots'. To support this, the TVRP are data driven and explore partnership response plans in exceptional areas. Examples of datasets shared in this partnership include, repeat serious violence offenders and habitual knife carriers. This allows for collaborative problem solving and progress can be tracked against key individuals. Overall, by identifying good practice locally and nationally, and reviewing the data shared between partners, the TVRP can apply this knowledge to local communities and where the need is greatest.

Link: [TVRP Terms of Reference](#)

Youth Justice Partnership/Boards

The four Youth Justice Partnerships that oversee the management of Youth Justice Services, and bring together partners to prevent young people from becoming involved in the Criminal Justice System, are integral to understanding why children become involved in serious violence (often as a result of exploitation and missed opportunities from the system response), and working towards diverting them away from that pathway. The VRU Director is a member of the four Youth Justice Boards and continues to attend regular Board meetings.

Violent Crime Taskforce (VCT)

The VCT are a team of dedicated police officers who work in serious violence hotspots and with serious violence perpetrators. They have been working closely with the VRP, and the VCT Inspector and Sergeant both attend the VRUs bi-weekly team meetings. The VCT supports both enforcement and prevention activity, advising partnerships across the force area to strengthen responses to serious violence. Their work includes targeted patrols in hotspot locations, working with the ASB team to disrupt and dismantle Youth Serious Violence Cohorts and Urban Street Gangs, and proactive knife crime work such as test purchasing and weapon sweeps. They also support with VAWG activity, particularly within the night time economy. The team currently lead on 3 weeks of action: Op Sceptre (knife crime), Op Uchee (Border Force seizures of prohibited weapons), and Op Judicious (weapons amnesties).

Trauma Informed Executive (TIE) Board

The TIE Board brings senior leaders from the VRP together to oversee continual improvement in workforce and system response. Chief and Executive Officers are signatories of the Trauma Informed Concordat. The TIE Board is overseen by the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) which is a key public health strategic partnership forum for Hampshire and the IOW. The VRU continues to adopt good practice produced from discussions within this group. This has included the Child First approach, which the VRP have implemented within the latest response strategy, as well as their wider work.

Link: [Trauma Informed Concordat](#)

Quarterly Highlight Report

The SVRP has agreed to introduce quarterly highlight reports to support the partnership. At each quarterly SVRP meeting, all partners are now asked to produce reports on what activity they have done that quarter to meet the Serious Violence Duty (SVD). This is an improved way of tracking the progress of the SVRP and ensures all partners are able to update on how they are delivering their responsibilities under the SVD.

Data and Analysis Partnership

The DAP has continued to convene throughout 2025/26, comprising of representatives from Specified Authorities. The DAP meets monthly, coordinating efficient and effective data sharing to provide the evidence base for the local picture of serious violence, VAWG and ASB as part of a public health approach. The partnership continues to oversee the operational delivery of the VRP strategic objectives for Data and Analysis, supporting partners to meet the Serious Violence Duty, which includes the duty to share information, intelligence and knowledge in order to prevent serious violence. During monthly meetings, DAP members and guests also provide individual presentations on topics relevant to their expertise and to the wider group.

Link: [DAP Terms of Reference](#)

Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA)

The VRU has collaborated with partner Analysts to update the VRP SNA, meeting the Serious Violence Duty at the police force level. This included an updated HIPS-wide SNA for partners and an executive summary to be shared with the public. The updated SNA used the VRP agreed serious violence definition and incorporated data shared across the partnership.

Link: [2024/25 SNA Executive Summary](#)

VRP Data Strategy

This year, the VRP Data Strategy was produced and published. The strategy outlines key principles, areas of focus, and how the VRP aim to achieve them. It supports a consistent and transparent approach to data and analysis, and enables this to be communicated to partners and the public clearly. All partners within the DAP reviewed and agreed on the strategy prior to publication.

Link: [Data Strategy](#)

Partnership Data Tracker

The Partnership Data Tracker monitors all ongoing and developing data sharing arrangements across the VRP, as well as data that is routinely shared from the providers working in our communities to tackle violence. There has been progress in data sharing with an increase from 77% to 81% of identified relevant data sources in the last financial year. One of the focuses going into next year will be to continue to develop data sharing with Health Departments (i.e. Integrated Care Boards).

Link: [Partnership Data Tracker](#)

Newsletter

The VRP has continued to publish its monthly newsletter this year. It is an effective way of communicating to partners and subscribers on the current activities of the VRP and VRU, new guidance, training opportunities and more. All newsletters are stored on the VRU website, so they can be accessed at any time. There are currently 205 subscribers to the VRP newsletter, most of whom work for partner agencies and other relevant organisations.

Link: [VRP Newsletter's](#), [VRP Newsletter Sign-up page](#)

Social Media

The VRP continues to use social media to promote messaging around the importance of tackling serious violence in partnership and the work it is doing to achieve this. The VRP uses social media platforms including LinkedIn and Instagram, where it currently has 251 and 167 followers respectively. Items shared on social media channels include, VRP campaigns, events, training opportunities, VRU updates and raising awareness of activities led by other partners and lead agencies. By using social media, the VRP hopes to widen its audience and raise awareness of the partnership work to reduce serious violence.

Link: [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#)

Website

The VRU website continues to be maintained and updated regularly. It provides information about the partnership's strategic objectives, campaigns, VRU-funded interventions, details about geographic areas, and useful documents for partners. This year, a dedicated page on the Child First approach was added, which can be used as an educational resource for both partners and the public and is something that will be developed further in the forthcoming year.

Link: [Website Homepage](#)

VRU Summary

In response to feedback from partners and the public, the VRU produced a one-page poster that clearly outlines the VRUs role within the VRP. The aim was to present responsibilities and roles in a concise and accessible way, helping them to be more transparent about their objectives. This has been shared across social media channels and is available on the VRU website.

Link: [VRU Summary Poster](#)

Cost of Crime Infographic

As part of its sustainability plan, the VRU created a cost of crime infographic for partners and professionals. The infographic outlines the current cost of serious violence offences across HIPS. It highlights the economic value of the VRP's work and how preventing and reducing serious violence is a sustainable approach. This infographic has also been shared with the Youth Endowment Fund (YEF).

'Is Your Child Safe?' Campaign

In the summer of 2025, the VRP ran a joint campaign aimed at parents and carers to raise awareness of child criminal exploitation. The campaign featured a series of social media posts and signposted people to a range of useful resources. This campaign was delivered in partnership with the Hampshire and IOW OPCC, Hampshire County Council, Isle of Wight Council, Portsmouth City Council, and Southampton City Council.

Link: [Is Your Child Safe? Campaign Page](#), [Is Your Child Safe? Media Pack](#)

Film Campaigns

This year, the VRU have been developing two film campaigns scheduled for release in 2026/27. The campaigns will focus on two key areas and are shaped by collaborative work undertaken throughout the year (see Engagements Section). One campaign will raise awareness of the importance of the topic of Trusted Adults as a protective factor and counter narrative to serious violence. The other will explore the value of Youth PACTs and highlights the need to listen to the voices of communities who are often 'unheard'.

Op Sceptre

Op Sceptre is a knife crime awareness week that occurs twice a year during May and November. During this week, there is an intensified crackdown on targeting knife crime by the Police, as well as other community events and more productive discussions to help raise awareness. The VRU used the week to share its resources to help other organisations raise awareness of Op Sceptre on their communication channels as well as resources they could use with young people and people of interest to their organisation. Op Sceptre is a fantastic example of effective partnership working that is represented across HIPS as a whole. The next Op Sceptre week is planned for May 2026.

Film Projects

As outlined in the Communications section, the VRU have been working throughout the past year on two film projects. Both films have been developed in collaboration with communities and partner agencies. For the Trusted Adults films, the VRU collaborated with the OPCC Youth Commission to capture their views on what makes a Trusted Adult and what young people and adults need to understand about this topic. Members of the OPCC Youth Commission also featured in the film, ensuring it reflected the experiences and perspectives of young people. For the Youth PACT films, the VRU worked with the Police and Portsmouth City Council to establish a Youth PACT involving young people identified as an 'unheard' cohort. Through this work they gained insight around the views of young people on their safety, experiences and life. Their views have shaped a film aimed at senior leaders within statutory authorities to highlight the need to listen to all young people within our communities. The VRU also developed a film based on the story of forming the Youth PACT and to emphasise the importance of Child First work in general. For both projects, the VRU commissioned an external production company that specialises in creating socially positive films. Their expertise made them an ideal partner, ensuring the comfort of all involved in the filming process and in ensuring the message was delivered effectively through each film.

Continued Use of Resources

Throughout this year, the VRU have continued to share existing resources with partners and the public, including the Participation Pack, Partnership Activity Guide and Youth PACTs Best Practice Guide. Examples of this include Op Sceptre where we shared them throughout the week for partners to use and the Youth PACT Guide which has helped inform the OPCC Youth Commission on setting up Youth PACTs within schools. All resources are available on the VRU website as a sustainable support and response to serious violence.

Link: [Campaigns page \(contains resources\)](#), [Comms & Engagement Page \(contains resources\)](#)

Serious Violence Toolkit

This year, the VRU further developed the Serious Violence Toolkit, which continues to be an effective way of sharing best practice with partners and wider organisations. The toolkit is hosted by the Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership, and was designed by the VRU through wide consultation with partners. It provides a wealth of information and supports partners to play their part in reducing serious violence, from CPI form support, to case studies, and a specific knife crime button. This year the VRU have added various YEF reports as well as evaluations of past and present VRU-commissioned interventions. These updates ensure partners and professionals remain informed about both national and local best practice.

Link: [Serious Violence Toolkit](#)

Serious Violence and Knife Crime Survey

The Serious Violence and Knife Crime Survey has continued to be used and shared throughout the year, gaining 125 responses (65 complete responses) in the past year. This survey is shared across the HIPS area and distributed across VRP communication channels, through VCSEs and within VRU engagement packs. This survey continues to gather predominantly young people's thoughts and perceptions on knife crime as an issue and their own personal sense of safety surrounding it. This helps inform future practice and its evaluations are shared with partnering agencies including in forums such as the DAP. In addition, other partners have requested results or use of the survey to help facilitate discussion within their areas or organisations. This is a great example of partnership working to effectively hear the voice of young people across HIPS. The survey will continue to be used going into the next year and will be developed where possible.

Link: [Serious Violence and Knife Crime Survey](#)

Serious Violence Webinars

This year the VRU have continued to host Serious Violence Webinars with partners and wider professionals. In collaboration with the Hampshire Safeguarding Children's Partnership, the VRU educate professionals on all things serious violence including the SVD, the current picture of serious violence, what works, useful resources and interactive case studies. Webinars will continue to run throughout 2026/27

Focussed Deterrence

Focussed Deterrence is a multi-agency violence reduction strategy aimed at reducing serious violence by identifying and directly engaging with individuals at high risk of involvement and exploitation. It has been rated high impact by the YEF.

The strategy combines 3 areas. First is support, which involves tailored support packages for all individuals. These are monitored regularly and can be adapted when needed. Second is community engagement, which involves engaging with communities related to the individuals on the project and hosting events and outreach work there to engage the residents. This allows for positive relationships to be built and encourage community reintegration for individuals on the project. Finally enforcement, this means a dedicated Police Officer works to track the offending behaviours of all individuals on the project, and running tactical meetings to understand what activity is required and what the current risks are. If offences are committed by those on the project the dedicated Police Officer takes ownership of this and processes it faster than a normal investigation, resulting in swifter consequences.

Altogether, 30 individuals have been supported into the Focussed Deterrence project. The project has been running in Southampton and has seen a partnership response to ensure its delivery. Partners include, the VRU, Southampton City Council, and HIOW Constabulary who have provided staff on both an operational and strategic level.

So far, there have been encouraging signs of positive impact in reducing intelligence reports, arrests, stop searches and suspected offending. This is important as it aims to give these individuals a pathway away from offending and towards a more pro-social identity.

In the next year, this project will also be running in Portsmouth.

RESET Custody Navigators

Delivered by The Society of St James, the RESET service provides custody navigators who offer voluntary support to 18 to 25-year olds who have been arrested. It promotes a 'whole system', public health approach to reducing crime by minimising vulnerability and building protective factors. Young adulthood is a time of developmental milestones and transition, and can be a challenging period. RESET navigators are located in police custody centres and offer support in the reachable/teachable moment of crisis when a young person may be more open to change.

In addition to the constructive conversations in custody, provision in the community and signposting to other services are offered by the navigators. A strength-based needs assessment is undertaken and young adults are offered holistic support with relevant areas of their life, for example housing, mental health, education, training and employment.

This year, RESET have begun working closer with the VCT which includes VCT referring individuals into RESET (not just through custody) and doing joint visits to individuals in the community. This has been an exciting development in the interventions functions and relationship with the Police.

Distance travelled data is collected to monitor the impact of this project and an independent evaluation has been published to contribute to the emerging national evidence base about custody navigator interventions (see Evidence-Based Practice section).

From April 2025 to January 2026, RESET accepted 430 new referrals into their service. Considering the cohort with whom they are working with this is another successful uptake of referrals. Alongside this, they have also contributed to Op Sceptre events.

Get Ready for Construction

Delivered primarily by the Kings Trust, Get Ready for Construction is a course that provides 16-18 year olds at risk of involvement in serious violence a pathway into construction. It achieves this by offering them a week long course where they can earn a Health and Safety Level 1 qualification, a PASMA Tower Training qualification and meet local employers. They are then mentored by the Kings Trust for 3 months after the course, where they are supported with passing their CSCS exam (qualification needed on all UK construction sites) and finding employment. Throughout the intervention, all individuals are provided with a high level of wraparound support.

This intervention is an example of great partnership working due to the array of agencies involved. Each course involves representatives from the VRU, Police, local Youth Justice Service, and local Employment and Education Services. They take part in the careful selection of the cohort as well providing staff to assist on the week-long course.

This year four courses were held across Portsmouth, Southampton, and Havant, supporting 37 young people towards employment in construction. Many achieved multiple qualifications and several have secured employment. Continuous learning and development is being applied to each course.

Young Futures Panels (YFPs)

YFPs are multi-agency panels designed to identify, assess and refer into effective support young people who may be vulnerable to being drawn into crime. The VRU have implemented these panels, and other agencies actively involved include the Police, Local Authorities, Youth Justice Service's, Children's Services, Health, Education, Fire and Rescue Services, and the VCSE sector.

The process for the panels involve the Police providing a Youth Justice Service with a list of individuals of concern, then discuss the list to provide a shortlist for a panel, which will be attended by the organisations above. At the panel they discuss each individual's situation and how they can support that individual and divert them away from crime.

The VRU have implemented four of these panels in Basingstoke, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight. Implementing four of these panels is exceptional practice, with majority of areas implementing one for the whole Police Force Area.

These will be developed over the next year.

Choices

The Choices programme is aimed at staff and students in schools during the transition from Year 6 to Year 7. It employs social skills training, an approach to violence reduction that has been rated as 'high impact' by the Youth Endowment Fund. This innovative programme was designed by Artsworld in partnership with BearFace Theatre and uses creative approaches to support staff and pupils to explore the challenges young people face, empowering them to make healthy choices in an increasingly complex world.

Choices involves teacher training and student sessions delivered by teachers and BearFace Theatre. Sessions focus on reducing risk factors for violence, including knife crime, exploitation and unhealthy relationships. Three transferable techniques are used; (i) philosophy for young people, (ii) enquiry-based learning and, (iii) the mantle of the expert. Delivery aims to be sustainable beyond the intervention period, which is supported by their new 'How to do it' films for schools to use after they had had access to the service and so continue to share good practice.

Choices has had consistently positive reviews from both pupils and teachers throughout 2025/26. It has engaged approximately 1849 pupils in pupil-specific sessions and trained 22 school staff in delivering classroom sessions. Staff confidence in using creative thinking to reduce children in becoming involved in violence and exploitation rose from 1.9/5 before the session to 4.4/5 after the session, indicating that the training is effective.

Trauma Informed Practitioners

TIPs were recruited by Rock Pool to work with Response and Patrol Police teams and Neighbourhood teams. The TIPs supported police officers to embed trauma informed policing, focussing on supporting the public in a trauma informed way. The aim was to reduce the potential negative outcomes of Adverse Childhood Experiences and wider trauma, which includes risk factors for crime and violence.

TIPs observed patrols and reviewed reports. They used reflective practice to de-brief incidents, reflecting on good practice and learning opportunities. TIPs highlighted the importance of officers' own trauma and supporting themselves and their resilience. TIPs provided officers with prompt cards to use as a tool to assist them in reflecting with one another, with TIPs noticing it becoming more normal practice as time went on. Training sessions were delivered to police officers and staff and findings indicated improvements in trauma informed knowledge and attitudes.

From April 2025 to January 2026, the TIPs attended 243 incidents with Police teams, reviewed 39 body worn video incidents, and carried out 77 reflective sessions with Officers. Considering, for most of this period only one was TIP carrying out this work, these are positive numbers.

The TIPs service stopped running in January 2026.

Outcomes Based Performance Framework

Grounded in the Theory of Change, the Outcomes-Based Performance Framework has been produced to provide measures of the VRP's progress towards the aims under each strategic objective, and is continually used throughout the year by the VRP.

Link: [Outcomes-Based Performance Framework](#)

VRP Theory of Change

The VRPs Theory of Change is a living document, providing a foundation for the work of the partnership. It highlights the planned journey from partnership activities through to desired outcomes, and ultimately to violence reduction impacts. It provides the focus for VRP working groups and is reflected in their Terms of Reference, and informs partnership performance monitoring.

Link: [VRP Theory of Change](#)

VRP Evaluation Strategy

This year an Evaluation Strategy was developed, mainly due to the VRP moving towards conducting evaluations internally, and to support the need for evaluation set out in the Response Strategy. The Strategy sets out key principles, aims and how to measure success. All partners within the DAP reviewed and agreed on the Strategy prior to publication.

Link: [VRP Evaluation Strategy](#)

Focussed Deterrence Evaluation

The Focused Deterrence pilot started in July 2025 and has been running for 8 months. During this time, data has been recorded by both police and Southampton Youth Justice Service (YJS) tracking a cohort of 30 young people on the focussed deterrence intervention. This evaluation was conducted by the VRU.

Police data recorded over the first 6 months of the intervention running showed a significant decrease in the number of arrests and missing episodes for the treatment group. Arrests had decreased by 58% while missing episodes decreased by 60%. One young person who had 14 arrests 6 months prior to the intervention had 3 recorded during the intervention period (78% decrease). Similarly, those with the highest missing episodes had all decreased by between 91% and 100%.

There was a 47% decrease in the Cambridge Crime Harm Index (CCHI) scores for suspect occurrences over the intervention period. Most notably, there was a 41% harm decrease for violence with injury occurrences, and a 29% harm decrease of rape occurrences for the treatment group. For arrest occurrences, there was also a 20% decrease in CCHI scores.

Interviews undertaken with key stakeholders identified having the right people for the roles and joined up working (between the police and Youth Justice) as being a key success of the intervention so far. Furthermore, feedback from the young people mentioned their Young Peoples Practitioner (YPP) helping them get back into education, get onto the CSCS course or getting them involved in other positive activities.

Get Ready for Construction Evaluation

The evaluation of Get Ready for Construction was conducted by the VRU and the findings were published in March 2026. The evaluation reviewed offending and victimisation data, alongside feedback from both participants and professionals involved in the intervention.

The evaluation reviewed four courses (three of which had complete offending datasets), which consisted of 28 young people. There was a 62% qualification completion rate, with 25% of all individuals getting all three qualifications, including their CSCS card. One course demonstrated considerable decreases in suspected offending (23%), arrests (38%) and the severity of offending, which was coincidentally the course with the highest risk individuals. Across all courses, improvements were also seen in every measure of a persons 'cultural capital'.

Feedback from professionals was largely positive, highlighting observed behavioural improvements in the young people and evidencing a strong understanding of their needs throughout the course.

Overall, the evaluation concluded that the intervention may be most effective when targeted at those at greatest risk of involvement in serious violence. The multi-agency approach and the course's awareness of special educational needs were identified as key strengths that supported participants in achieving their qualifications.

RESET Custody Navigators Evaluation

The evaluation of RESET was conducted by Liverpool John Moores University and the findings were published in November 2025. The evaluation reviewed programme materials, monitoring data, offending data and interviews with both service users and stakeholders.

According to the evaluation, between June 2023 and April 2025 there were 1307 new referrals across 1117 unique individuals to RESET, with 761 of these being accepted for support. Some of the impact data included the positive impact RESET had on improving service users' health and wellbeing, engagement with other services, and positive changes in their Outcome Stars. There was also reduced reoffending amongst those who had some engagement but was still slightly lower in those with full engagement.

The evaluation also explored strengths, weaknesses, and future considerations for both the service and evaluations.

Link: [RESET Evaluation](#)

Op Moksha Evaluation

Op Moksha was developed as a way to engage with a group of students within an inclusion hub at a school. There was a planned programme of engagement and presentations over 7 weeks, which were on topics relating to crime and exploitation. These sessions were always attended by the Police, Youth Services and school staff. As a result of this occurring, the VRU evaluated the programme and its effectiveness.

The evaluation found that in comparison to prior to the programme, the students had decreased involvement in offences and as victims of crime in the 16 weeks after the programme had ended. On completion of the programme, the students had also self-reported improvement in understanding how to report crime and their understanding of the topics they were taught, as well as higher levels of trust in the Police.

Staff were also surveyed and they reported the benefits of having practical sessions and that the topic content was appropriate for the audience. They also noted that the visibility of the Police within school improved their trust in them.

A&E Navigators Evaluation

The evaluation of A&E Navigators was conducted by Liverpool John Moores University and they published their findings in October 2025. The evaluation completed some scoping activities, stake holder interviews, and analysis of secondary data.

According to the evaluation, A&E Navigators recorded 1602 referrals across five sites from April 2022 to April 2024, and led to 10,323 individual actions of support by youth workers. There were positive reports of how well the youth workers engaged with service users, with impacts such as reducing hospital waiting lists, extended engagement, building trusted relationships and the flexible nature of youth workers.

The evaluation goes on to discuss barriers, future delivery and recommendations for implementation.

Link: [A&E Navigators Evaluation](#)

Choices Evaluation

The evaluation of Choices was conducted by Liverpool John Moores University and the findings were published in July 2025. The evaluation reviewed the interventions programme materials, monitoring data, and held qualitative interview with stakeholders to measure the impact.

According to the evaluation, Choices reached 5356 students from 78 schools, and 445 school staff from 97 schools. Perceptions of stakeholders were positive and there were improvements in staff's ability to use creative approaches to address serious violence and exploitation, and improvement in student confidence to make positive choices and resist peer pressure. The evaluation also went on to outline strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to the intervention. As well as future considerations to help the interventions sustainability.

Link: [Choices Evaluation](#)

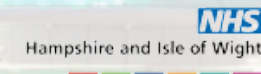
TIPs Evaluation

The evaluation of TIPs was conducted by Liverpool John Moores University and they published their findings in March 2026. The evaluation completed some scoping activities, stake holder interview and surveys, analysis of secondary data, and analysis of PPN1's.

The evaluation found that TIPs had a positive impact on Police Officer's knowledge, attitudes and practices as a result of the reflective practice and real time feedback provided by TIPs. This was also evidenced in the surveys. However, there are still systematic challenges in creating culture change across the Police Force. The evaluation goes on to offer recommendations for the service in the future

Link: [TIPs Evaluation](#)

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