



Preventing Serious Violence in Partnership

Partnership Agreement for the Prevention and Reduction of Serious Violence in North Wales

March 2023



Background & Purpose:

The new Serious Violence Duty requires Specified Authorities to collaborate and plan to reduce and prevent serious violence in local areas, producing a strategic needs assessment, a response strategy, impact evaluation and adopting a public health approach.

Statutory guidance on the Serious Violence Duty in accordance with the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 can be found here: [Serious Violence Duty - Statutory Guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/114444/serious_violence_duty_statutory_guidance.pdf)

Specified Authorities defined in section 11 of, and Schedule 1 to, the PCSC Act are Chief Officers of Police, Fire and Rescue authorities, Integrated Care Boards, Local Health Boards, local authorities, youth offending teams and probation services.



Summary of authority roles

To aid with the implementation and compliance of the duty, the Home Office have granted North Wales £755,596.70 for the period 01/01/2023 – 31/03/2025. There are no further arrangements for funding the continued duty requirements outside of this period.

This partnership agreement sets out the commitment of the North Wales collaboration in fulfilling the requirements of the duty and the ambition of the partnership in reducing and preventing serious violence. The Partnership Agreement is one of three mandatory products required for Duty compliance.

This agreement follows the 'Serious Violence Duty Information Document' shared with specified authority leads requesting key decision making around the North Wales partnership commitment and ambition.



Serious Violence
Duty Information Doc

Partnership Structure:

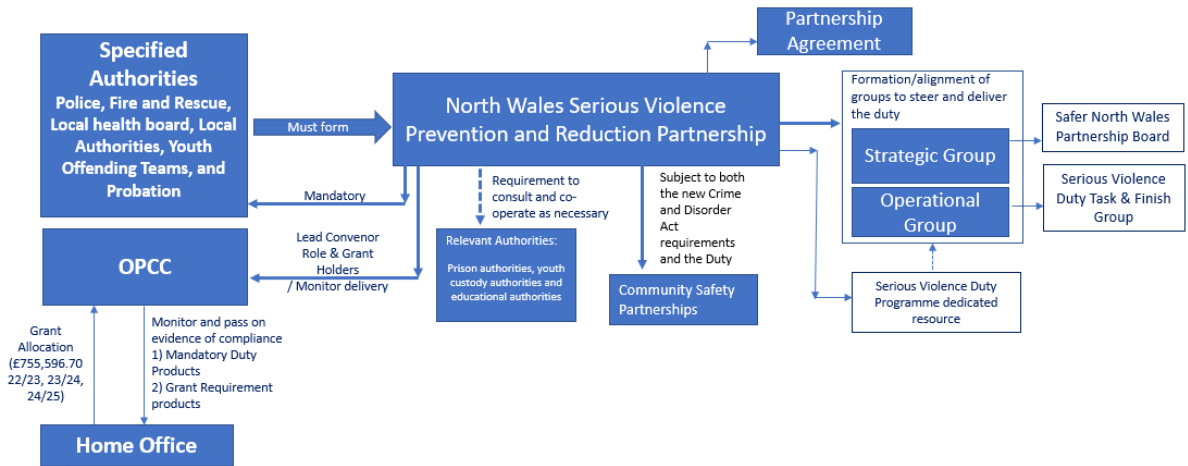
The North Wales serious violence reduction and prevention partnership agree to deliver the duty for the geographical area of North Wales.

The North Wales Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner will be the grant holder and take on the lead convenor role, supporting the North Wales development and implementation of the Serious Violence Duty.

The partnership will use the public health whole-system multi-agency approach to serious violence prevention known as the '5Cs' – collaboration, co-production, cooperation in data and intelligence sharing, counter-narrative, community consensus.

The partnership will form a serious violence reduction and prevention programme led by a programme lead and a dedicated team utilising a blend of Home Office labour funding and agreed specified authority resources.

The Partnership will use existing structures within the North Wales Partnership for governance and operational delivery.

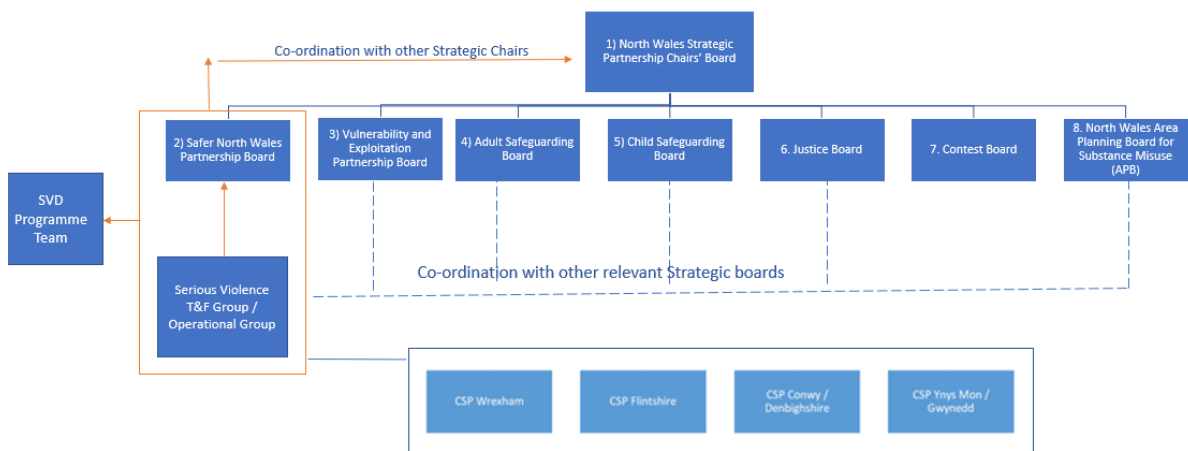


Strategic Governance – The North Wales Safer Communities Partnership Board

This board holds responsibility for the serious violence portfolio along with Serious and Organised Crime and Community Safety. All specified authorities participate in this board.

Operational Activity – An operational sub-group to the above has been in situ since October 2022 in preparation for the implementation of the duty, named The Serious Violence Duty Task and Finish Group. This will become the operation group responsible for delivery of the duty.

Alignment to other relevant cross cutting boards – This will be done via communication under the existing structure set out below:


















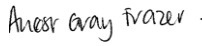
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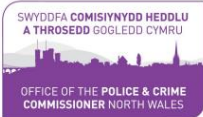

The Agreement:

This is an agreement between the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Specified Authorities to lead, commit to, and comply with the Serious Violence Duty requirements through collaborative working and taking a public health approach to reducing and preventing serious violence in North Wales.

We will:

- Commit to a mid to short term Partnership programme utilising Home Office funding and developing a sustainable long-term process for future fulfilment of the duty and for serious violence reduction and prevention outside of the Home Office funding period.
- Commit to a public health and trauma informed approach to serious violence reduction and prevention.
- As Specified Authorities commit to support and consult with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, as the lead convenor and grant holder, to deliver the Serious Violence Duty.
- Commit to fully engage, cooperate, and collaborate in partnership working.
- Senior leadership to take a proactive approach in delivering serious violence prevention as an organisational priority.
- Select representatives that fully engage and collaborate in the partnership, assigning Senior Responsible Officers and Single Points of Contact. This should include commitment from Community Safety Partnerships, Youth Offending Teams, and Education.
- Commitment to proactivity in:
 - Attending training, workshops and meetings including completing agreed actions.
 - Building the evidence base for the Strategic Needs Assessment
 - Developing co-production, community, lived experience and young people involvement.
 - Supporting the development, publication, and implementation of a local response strategy
 - Supporting prevention and early intervention activities
 - Monitoring and evaluating impact
 - An annual strategy review process
- Commit to sharing relevant data and resolving any barriers that may occur in the process.
 - It is thorough, effective, partner data sharing and collaboration that most informs strategic needs assessments and the subsequent development of response strategies. For the purposes of this agreement this will only consist of anonymised data that is legal and ethical to share.

Specified Authority / Lead Convenor	Name	Role	Signature	Date
 <p>GIG CYMRU NHS WALES</p> <p>Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board</p>	Nick Lyons	Acting Deputy Chief Executive		31/03/2023
 <p>Gwasanaeth Carchardai a Phrawf EM yng Nghymru</p> <p>HM Prison & Probation Service in Wales</p>	Andy Jones	Head of North Wales Probation Delivery Unit		03/03/23
 <p>Gwasanaeth Tân ac Achub Fire and Rescue Service</p>	Dave Hughes	Head of Fire Safety		28.3.2023
 <p>YMERODDORION POLISI CYMRU NORTH WALES POLICE</p>	Amanda Blakeman	Chief Constable		31/03/2023
 <p>CYNGOR GWYNEDD COUNCIL</p>	Mannon Emyr Trappe	Senior Manager Adult Safeguarding		30.03.23
 <p>CYNGOR SIR YNYS MńN ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL</p>	Fôn Roberts	Director of Social Services		30/03/23
 <p>CONWY CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL</p>	Anest Gray Frazer	Interim Service Manager Conwy and Denbighshire Youth Justice Service		31/3/23

	Nicola Kneale	Joint Interim Head of Business Improvement & Modernisation		28/03/23
	Vicky Clark	Chief Officer, Housing & Communities		30/03/23
	Kate Adamson	Head of Service: Performance Improvement & Partnerships		31 Mar 2023
	Donna Dickenson	Head of Prevention and Support (Youth Justice Service)		05/04/23
	Stephen Hughes	Chief Executive Officer		31/03/2023