



Seven Minute Briefing: Serious Violence Duty

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The Home Office released the final Serious Violence Duty Guidance in December 2022

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/114122/December_2022.pdf

Funding for 3 years (22/23, 23/24, 24/25)

- Via Police and Crime Commissioners, including delivery plan.
- Labour/interventions split in funding detailed in application process.

Definition

- Each area is to define what serious violence is, centred on local evidence-base.
- Local area of a partnership is at a minimum local government area but can be defined locally as larger e.g. Health footprint.

Community Safety Partnerships

- Community Safety Partnerships have an explicit role in evidence based strategic action on serious violence.

Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022

- Serious Violence Duty set in law Chapter 1 Part 2 of the Act.
- Requires specified authorities within a local government area to collaborate and plan to prevent and reduce serious violence, including domestic abuse.
 - Guidance written with input from Wales, utilises existing structures (see guidance pages 20-38 for Wales specific information).
 - Embeds a public health approach to violence prevention.
 - Commencement on 31 January 2023.

Timelines

- Partnerships to deliver agreed (31/3/2023).
- Strategic Needs Assessment (31/1/2024).
- Serious Violence Strategy published (31/1/2024).
- First review of the Serious Violence Strategy (31/1/2025) and then annually.

Core elements of the Duty

- Serious Violence Strategic Needs Assessment, understand local issues.
- Prevent and reduce serious violence, through preparation, publication and implementation of a multi-agency serious violence strategy.
 - Review, the strategy implementation and changes in the needs assessment at least annually.
- SV impact on victims and communities to be taken into account.
- New and emerging areas of violence to be included at review.

Specified authorities in the Act

- Police (Chief Officers)
- Probation services
- Youth Offending Teams
 - Fire and Rescue
 - Health Boards
 - Local Authorities
 - Other authorities identified in the guidance

