

Serious Violence Duty

January 2024

The Serious Violence Duty (SVD) was introduced by government through the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022, and commenced on 31st January 2023.

- There are a number of requirements for CSPs to fulfil together:
 - Undertake an **evidence-based analysis** of the causes of serious violence in the area and establish effective data sharing
 - Develop a **strategic needs assessment** based on the analysis
 - Develop and implement a **strategy** with solutions to prevent and reduce serious violence in the area, to be reviewed every year

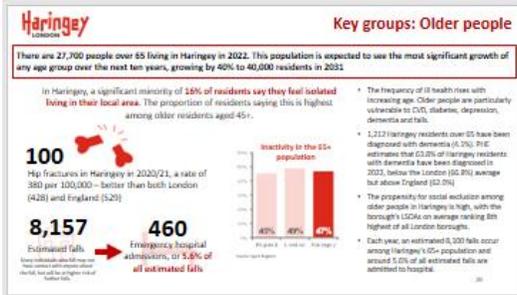
The responsible authorities (also known as ‘duty holders’) in the Serious Violence Duty are:

- The police
- Fire and rescue authorities
- Justice organisations (youth offending teams and probation services)
- Health bodies (Integrated Care Boards)
- Local authorities

The London Guidance advises that Serious Violence for the purposes of the Serious Violence Duty in London, is defined as:

- *Any violence and exploitation affecting young people under the age of 25, domestic abuse, and sexual violence.*
- *Within the context of these types of violence, it encompasses:*
- *Homicide, grievous bodily harm, actual bodily harm, rape, assault by penetration, sexual assault, personal robbery, threats to kill and violence against property caused during the commission of one of these offences.*

- The 92 page SNA document contains detailed analysis of violence across the Haringey, including the information requested by the Home Office/London VRU as per the required format.



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Performance Overview – Violence with Injury

	Haringey			London		
	Offences 12-Months to April 2023	12-Month Change	3-Year Change	12-Month Change	3-Year Change	
Violence with Injury (Non-Domestic Abuse)	1,881	+4%	+30%	+3%	+3%	
Serious Violence (Victim/Suspect Aged under 25)	625	+13%	+5%	+20%	+5%	
Total Knife Crime	518	-5%	+30%	+10%	+14%	
Knife Injury Victims	123	-4%	+2%	+6%	+6%	
Domestic Abuse Offences	2,824	-7%	-2%	-2%	+6%	
Violence with Injury (Domestic Abuse)	762	-2%	+1%	-2%	+2%	
Total Sexual Violence	761	-6%	+17%	-2%	+22%	
Rape Offences	372	-12%	+5%	-2%	+12%	

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- The overall volume of violence with injury in Haringey has remained **relatively stable** in the short and medium term.
- Haringey is now ranked around **mid-table** in London for the number of non-domestic violence with injury offences.
- Haringey's rate of domestic violence with injury is currently **2.5 per 1,000 pop.n.**, which is slightly above the London average of 2.4 per 1,000 pop.n.
- The rate of sexual offences in the borough is currently **3.0 per 1,000 pop.n.**, which is 11% above the London average.
- Significant increases have been noted in the past 12-months in violence affecting young people, such as **serious youth violence (+36%)**, **knife crime (+18%)** and **robbery offences (+18%)**.

- Haringey contributes a disproportionately large amount of the total knife crime, robbery and firearms related violence in London.
- There is a significant geographical correlation between **violent** crime in Haringey and **drug** related disorder.
- Violence is not distributed equally across the borough and significant concentrations are noted in areas with high levels of **deprivation**.
- Key violence generators and attractors in the borough include **transport hubs** (train, tube and buses), **parks** and **open spaces** and busy **high street** locations.
- Sexual offending and domestic abuse offences tend to take place within residential settings most often.

- As part of the Serious Violence Duty, each CSP is required to collate a summary of the strategic approach being taken to address violence in the borough.
- The strategic summary outlines the key workstreams being delivered and will help to identify gaps in provision.
- For Haringey, along with the Community Safety Partnership, the North Area Violence Reduction Group (NAVRG) will be utilised as the delivery mechanism for the Serious Violence Duty.
- Additionally, the existing Violence and Vulnerability Reduction Action Plan is currently being refreshed, with a new format due to be published by the London VRU in early 2024. This will be utilised as the delivery action plan for the Serious Violence Duty, and progress will be reported against this regularly.

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Serious Violence Duty Strategy (January 2024)

(Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Act 2022)

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Strategy document covers the following, as per the required format:

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- SNA and Strategy has been brought to the CSP board for agreement and sign off.
- The SNA and Strategy documents are required to be published on the Council website before the Home Office deadline of **31st January 2024**.
 - Digital services have already drafted the webpages which can be made live once documents are finalised.
- After January, the implementation and delivery phase will commence, and regular progress updates will be provided via the CSP and the North Area Violence Reduction Group (NAVRG).
- There is a requirement to keep the SNA and Strategy documents updated, with a further deadline of **January 2025** for this to be re-submitted to the Home Office. Further briefings will be provided at that time.