



Dudley Health & Wellbeing

Longer, safer, healthier lives for all



SAFER DUDLEY - STRATEGY TO PREVENT VIOLENCE IN DUDLEY

People told us that feeling safe and living without the fear of violence underpins being able to live a good life and thrive...So our vision is that –

“Dudley is a safe place and together we can make it safer”

Violence has devastating impacts on people, communities and society...

Individual- there are health, social and economic impacts for individuals such as

- death or physical injuries which could be long term or permanent
- mental health such as anxiety and depression and behavioural problems,
- fears for personal safety, loneliness, suicidal behaviour
- unwanted pregnancy and sexual health problems long-term health effects
- financial problems, loss of home or job and relationship breakdowns

Communities and society- there are impacts and costs such as

- communities feel unsafe, so people are less likely to connect or integrate with others, and investment in the area may be deterred
- health, social care, legal and criminal justice system costs
- absenteeism from work and lost productivity
- mental health of key workers dealing with the effects of violence and family members and friends
- widening inequalities as the costs of violence are not evenly distributed- with those living in the poorest areas being more seriously affected

What do we mean by violence.

Violence is described as “the intentional use of physical force or power, threatened or actual, against oneself, another person, a group or community, that results in injury, death, psychological harm, mal-development or deprivation”.

This strategy will provide an overarching framework, to align delivery which prevents and reduces all forms of violence in the borough- e.g. domestic and child abuse, exploitation, county-lines, knife crime, violence affecting young people, public place violence, modern slavery, suicide and self-harm.

We believe that violence is preventable not inevitable. Behind the different forms of violence there is a set of factors that are either risk factors that make violence more likely or protective factors which mitigate against violence. If these can be tackled then all forms of violence will be prevented.....

RISK FACTORS

Individual

- Genetic or biological
- Injury during birth
- Early malnutrition
- Behavioural and learning difficulties
- Alcohol or drug misuse
- Mental illness
- Traumatic brain injury
- Gender
- Healthy problem solving and emotional regulation skills
- School readiness
- Good communication skills
- Healthy social relationships
- Personal resilience

Relationships

- Low family income
- Poor parenting and inconsistent discipline
- Adverse experiences e.g. abuse
- Emotional or physical neglect
- Household alcohol or drug misuse
- Household mental ill-health
- Family breakdown
- Family violence
- Culture of male aggressive behaviour
- Household offending behaviour
- Stable home environment
- Nurturing and responsive relationships
- Strong and consistent parenting
- Frequent shared activities with parents
- Financial security and opportunities
- Positive role models/peers

Community

- Unsafe or violent communities
- Low social integration and poor social mobility
- Lack of possibilities for recreation
- Insufficient infrastructure for the satisfaction of needs and interests of young people
- Fragmented communities – lack of cohesion
- Sense of belonging and connectedness
- Community cohesion
- Opportunities for sports and hobbies
- Strong resilient communities
- Safe physical environment that allows people to connect

Society

- Deprived communities - poverty, poor education
- High unemployment
- Homelessness and poor housing
- Culture of violence, norms and values which accept, normalise or glorify violence and societal desensitisation
- Discrimination and inequality
- Difficulties in accessing services
- Good housing , jobs & education
- High standards of living
- Opportunities for valued social roles
- Gender equality

DUDLEY VIOLENCE NUMBERS.....

Dudley overall is safe- safer than England and the West Midlands, however people don't feel safe and more can be done to make Dudley safer. Key risk factors include.... (link to full doc on all about Dudley)



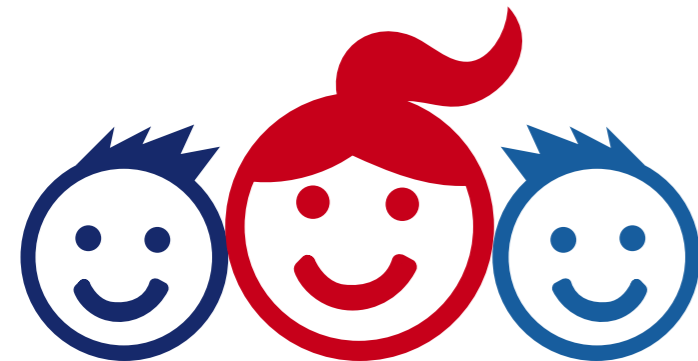
Dudley overall is safe safer than England and the West Midlands.

Violent offences per 1000 population (2018/19)



Living in poorer areas: 90,575 (28%) of people in Dudley live in the most disadvantaged areas of the borough.

(28% of people living in the 20% most deprived areas)



Child Poverty: **1 in 3** (34%) under 16 year olds live in poverty, compared to England and the West Midlands

Graph of Child poverty rate for dudley 34% england XX% west mids XX

Education: **58%** of Dudley pupils meet the expected standard for reading, writing and maths at Key Stage 2 compared to **64%** for England. (2018/19)

Double the proportion (**0.2%**) of Dudley pupils are permanently excluded compared to England (**0.1%**) and the west Midlands (**0.1%**) (2017/18)

Dudley 58%

England 64%

Dudley 95

England 72

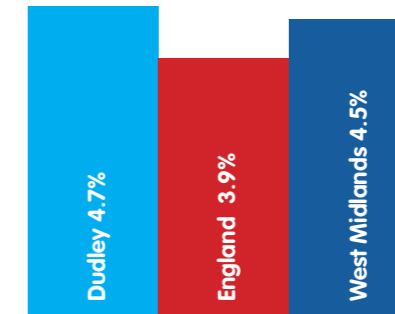
West Midlands 89

In Care: Dudley has a much higher level of children looked after than England or the west mids

Graph of number/10,000 under 18 for Dudley **95**, england **72** and w mids **89** (2018/19)



Adverse childhood experiences: 25 in 100 adults in Dudley (est. 17,259) will have suffered at least 2 adverse experiences in their childhood and 9 in 100 will have suffered 4 or more.



Employment: Dudley has a slightly higher unemployment rate to England and people stay unemployed for longer.

Alcohol and drug use are key triggers: 39% of violent crime involves alcohol and 21% involves drugs



All ages: Impacts across the life-course but especially younger ages (10 to 29 years). Youth crime has increased over the last 5 years.

23% of 9-11 yr olds and **27%** of 13-15 yr olds know of a gang member.

28% of 9-11 and **36%** of 13-15 yr olds reported being bullied



Knife crime is increasing and is especially an issue for young men (18-29 yrs)

Big arrow going up with 40% on (increase in weapons crime from 2017/18/to 2018/19

6% of young people aged 13 to 15 reported they carry a weapon for protection



Culture of violence - especially for some young men. **80%** of violent offenders in Dudley are men.

About **24%** of violent offenders reoffend. **X%** are offered some form of support to help them change their behaviour

Hidden violence is an issue - **31%** of all violent crime in Dudley is domestic abuse, **10%** is child abuse and **3%** is a hate crime. (2017/18)



Some parts of the borough experience more crime and violent crime than other areas.

We will focus partnership working in these high impact areas where people don't feel as safe and on working with vulnerable groups with risk factors, as well as working across the whole borough. West Midlands Police identified 19 high impact areas across the West Midlands region, 2 of which are in Dudley Borough- Dudley Central and Brierley Hill.



2 IMPACT AREAS, 7% OF DUDLEY

The Dudley impact areas in numbers

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| 17% of total recorded crime | 20% of all hate crime |
| 21% of violence with injury | 18% of public order offences |
| 24% of all knife crime | 28% of drug trafficking offences |
| 22% of weapon possession offences | 20% of any crime where a weapon is used |
| 14% of serious theft | 8% of Dudley's population live in the two impact areas, but... |
| 22% of personal robberies | 36% of all personal robbery offenders |
| 24% of business robberies | 29% of all business robbery offenders |
| 23% of theft from shop | 25% of all drug trafficking offenders |
| 23% of burglary other building | 22% of all theft from person offenders |
| 28% of theft from person offences | 22% of weapon possession offenders |
| 17% of all priority incidents | 20% of all theft of motor vehicle offenders |
| 19% of all most serious priority incidents | 18% of all offenders who burgle commercial premises |
| 16% of all anti-social behaviour | 17% of all offenders live in impact areas |
| 14% of serious road traffic collision | 17% of all violence without injury offenders |
| 20% of all vulnerable adult abuse | 17% of all violence with injury offenders |
| 17% of domestic violence | 16% of theft from shop offenders |
| 14% of all child abuse | 15% of all offenders for sexual offences |
| 14% of sexual offences | |

We will work with people living in these areas to improve lives and opportunities. We will do this by problem solving together, using the strengths of our communities and the expertise of our colleagues across many organisations.

Great things are happening in Dudley...that are building blocks for our work together making this a once in a generation opportunity to make a difference

A thriving voluntary and community sector with many volunteers and community groups

Major investment and regeneration in some of our most disadvantaged areas such as the metro to Brierley Hill, improved public transport and redevelopment in Dudley Central and Castle Hill.

Strong partnership and Vision for Dudley – developed with communities

.... a new Dudley leisure centre and Institute of Technology – bringing new job opportunities

WHAT OUR COMMUNITY SAID...

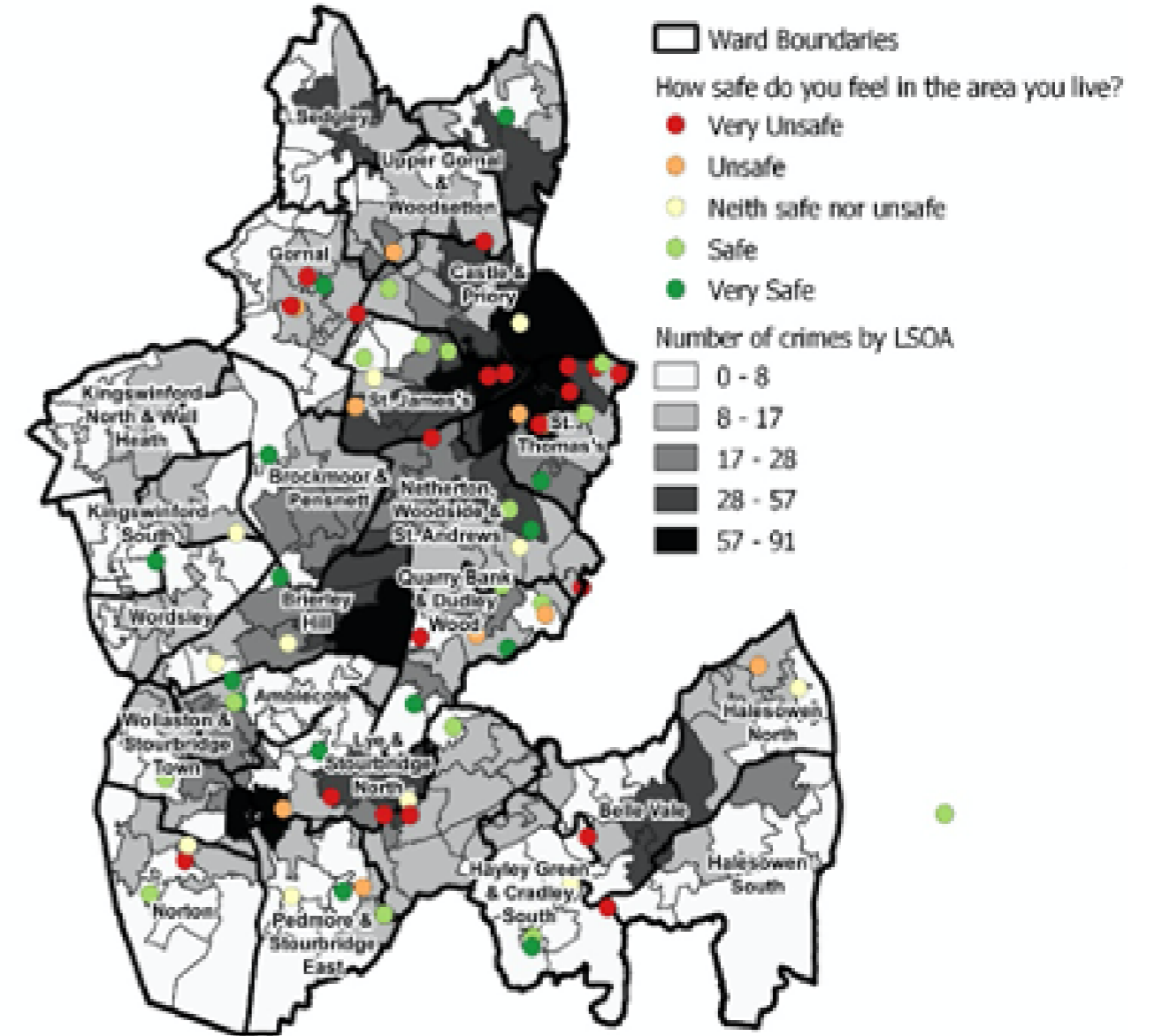
Even though the numbers show Dudley to be a safe borough overall, people don't feel safe, and this is especially so for those living in a high impact area or who are vulnerable due of risk factors

Feeling safe, being part of the community and living in a good quality environment underpin better outcomes for our communities...



From our survey we found that feeling unsafe correlates partly to areas of high violent crime areas, and in lower violent crime areas the fear of crime can still be high due to perceptions from the media

Violence with injury, Dudley borough, by location of offence, July 2018 to June 2019, with Responses to Let's Keep Dudley Safe Survey Question: How safe do you feel in the area you live?



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No I don't feel safe - the things you hear on the news and things you see and hear that are going on

Our approach aims to prevent violence at 3 scales and is focused on integrated people centred delivery...



SCALE 3 Preventing re-occurrence with those using violence (Intensive)

- Intelligence led policing, increased stop and search, stricter sentencing
- Work with A&E to reduce revenge violence, use 'reachable teachable moment' when people will be most willing to change behaviour
- Support for former violent offenders and provide intensive mentoring, psychotherapy and assistance with literacy, housing, parenting, employment, substance misuse, etc
- Restorative practice in the enforcement and criminal justice system (CJS) and flex our use of powers

SCALE 2 Prevention with high-risk groups (targeted)

- Work with communities in high violent crime impact areas
- Work within schools to promote resilience, prevent exclusions and improve school readiness e.g. nurture groups
- Work with young people to divert those at risk away from negative influence using intensive support and mentoring
- Trauma informed approaches that identify those at risk and tailor support
- Programmes targeted at specific types of violence e.g. knife crime,
- Resilience building through talking therapies, family therapies, family interventions, gang focused, mentoring, connecting people to community assets, substance misuse support

SCALE 1 Keeping people and communities safe and feeling safe (Universal)

- Promote emotional health and wellbeing and individual and community resilience e.g. nurture based settings, community connectedness
- Improve the physical environment so that it is good quality and safe
- Change cultural norms that glorify the use of violence
- Promote inclusion and reducing inequalities- gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, mental illness
- Prevent adversity in childhood - support parents & families to strengthen relationships between parents, carers and children e.g. Health Visiting, Family Nurse Partnership, parenting support
- Development of life skills in children, e.g. teaching conflict avoidance skills and providing broader skills to help them find employment
- Bullying prevention, social development programmes, early help family centres
- Reduce the availability and misuse of alcohol and drugs

We have mapped all our services and interventions that contribute to the 3 prevention scales (link xxxx) and have identified 3 priority goals – 1 for each scale.

Our health and wellbeing agencies and partnership groups will work towards all 3 goals, and we have identified partnership groups to champion each scale of our model...

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| Scale 3 Lead partnership group: Safe and Sound Board | GOAL | Scale -up and test approaches to broaden the access of intensive support to people using violence |
| | OUTCOME | All people using violence to be offered some form of support to address that behaviour |
| Scale 2 Lead partnership group: Safeguarding Executive | GOAL | A whole system focus on our 2 high impact areas – Brierley Hill and Dudley Central and vulnerable people |
| | OUTCOME | Reduction in violent crime rates |
| Scale 1 Lead partnership group: Forging a Future Executive | GOAL | Embed and scale-up our universal prevention programmes such as nurture based settings, street watches, community resilience and good quality physical environments |
| | OUTCOME | Changes in perception of safety in the Borough |

We believe that everyone has a role to play. There are actions organisations can take, actions people and communities can take themselves and actions organisations and communities can do together to keep Dudley safe and make it safer.