



HERTFORDSHIRE SPORT AND VIOLENCE REDUCTION PRIORITIES



Police & Crime
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FOR HERTFORDSHIRE



Grow the number of high-quality sport provisions in Hertfordshire's most vulnerable communities which contribute to the prevention of violence.



Enhance the confidence, competence, and capacity of the sport workforce to ensure high quality delivery which is pro-social in its approach and embeds the principles of trauma informed practice.



Increase the number of vulnerable/at risk young people meaningfully, and successfully, referred into sport through evidence-based, multi-agency referral pathways.

YEAR 1: 2023-2024

Advocate for a standardised Way of Working, bringing consistency, both regionally and nationally, to the use of sport-based interventions (SBI's) as an effective tool in the reduction and prevention of violence in vulnerable children and young people (CYP).

Complete audit of community sport delivery across Hertfordshire to establish baseline and set priorities.

Frame levels of need and vulnerability of CYP in communities across Hertfordshire based upon insight from the Community Sport and Serious Violence Dashboard.

Promote a principal, nationally recognised Theory of Change, drawing predominantly on the Social Development Model, identifying the need to maximise the number of prosocial opportunities SBI provide to vulnerable CYP.



Work across the system to influence stakeholders investing into the sport sector to embed a consistent approach to monitoring, evaluating and reporting on SBI's across the safer landscape in Hertfordshire.



YEAR 2: 2024-2025

Influence commissioning models at local authority and regional level to account for the differences in SBI delivering at primary, secondary and tertiary tiers. Specifically focusing on the expansion of intentionally designed secondary tier SBI in priority communities.

Complete audit of community sport delivery across Hertfordshire to review progress against system objectives.

Distribute the Workforce Competency Framework outlining the evidence base and recommendations for practitioners delivering at primary, secondary and tertiary levels of intervention to support connection of the sport sector to statutory partners.

Identify the network of practitioners delivering SBI's and connect them into local and regional training and development opportunities to enhance confidence, competency and capacity.

Pilot single point of referral pathway system between SBI's and other services at Local Authority level.

Disseminate the referral toolkit for LTO's and safer stakeholders to form the foundation of building effective pathways from statutory services into SBI's.



YEAR 3: 2025-2026

Work across the system to attract new investment and sustain existing provision in communities where children and young people are more vulnerable to becoming involved in violent crime as a victim or perpetrator.

Complete audit of community sport delivery across Hertfordshire to review progress against system objectives.

Advocate for the inclusion of SBI practitioners delivering at secondary and tertiary tier to receive core training in line with that offered to practitioners in other sectors, i.e. Advanced Safeguarding, Trauma Informed Practice.



Establish local authority based referral pathways for vulnerable CYP to access SBI's directly from statutory services, i.e. Early Help Services, Police and Youth Justice.

