



Call for practice – interventions to tackle vulnerability and/ or violent crime

Are you involved in implementing interventions to tackle vulnerability and/ or violent crime? If so, please share your practice with us.

The significant increase in demand associated with protecting vulnerable persons, with clear links to serious violence, has been one of policing's highest threat, harm and risk areas during the last four to five years. To date there has been a lack of systematic national sharing and testing of promising practice on these topics. In response to these challenges the College of Policing in partnership with the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) has been awarded a grant through the Home Office (HO) Police Transformation Fund (PTF) to undertake a programme of work to develop and share the evidence base in these areas. The programme launched in June 2018 and is funded until March 2020.

The Vulnerability Knowledge and Practice Programme (VKPP) hosted by the NPCC has been created to identify and share current interventions and approaches being used by forces across England and Wales. A number of the most promising interventions identified through this process will be tested by independent evaluators to help to identify what works to tackle vulnerability and violent crime. The end result will be a 'menu' of interventions for decision makers to choose from when addressing some of the most challenging areas in policing. Further details about about the work of the programme can be found on the [College website](#).

How you can help

To ensure we capture the full range of practice in use across policing, we are asking you to [share examples](#) of interventions or approaches that you are using in your force to tackle vulnerability and/or serious violence. We are interested in any type of intervention or practice in this area, including: approaches to information sharing and analysis; early intervention; prevention and disruption activity; policing and partnership approaches; and regional, force-wide or local projects.

In the area of vulnerability, we are particularly interested in interventions which:

- focus on children and young people;
- address multiple vulnerabilities; and
- are aligned to national priorities.

Areas of particular interest in relation to serious violent crime include:

- knife crime;
- gangs;
- county lines; and
- the criminal exploitation of young people.

Why share details of your intervention?

Sharing your intervention will:

- help map and share current practice across England and Wales
- assist in selecting interventions for further evaluation
- support the development of the evidence base on interventions to tackle vulnerability and violent crime

How do I share my examples?

We have developed a [call for practice form](#) to help record information about any practice or interventions you would like to share. We also welcome submissions of supporting materials such as business plans, implementation plans, demand models, post-implementation reviews and evaluations. Please return call for practice forms and any other supporting materials you would like to share to: vulnerabilityprogramme@college.pnn.police.uk

What happens next?

The College and the VKPP will review all submissions to:

- build a national practice map of activity related to vulnerability and violent crime; and
- identify approaches and interventions that may be suitable for future independent evaluation.

We may approach forces and individuals for further information about their submissions, and in some cases follow up visits may be arranged with a member of the VCC. Identified practice will be shared at the end of the programme unless it relates to sensitive tactics/ law enforcement activity. In these instances appropriate redaction and/ or controls will be applied to publication of these materials.

Click [here](#) for the call for practice form

Completed forms should be returned to
vulnerabilityprogramme@college.pnn.police.uk

**Closing date for consideration for evaluation -
Friday 16th November 2018.**

Thank you for your support.