



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 Vulnerability and Violent Crime programme (VVCP) launched in June 2018 and is funded until March 2020.

As part of the VVCP funding, a 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. Work also in progress by the VKPP include briefings which amalgamate learning from serious case reviews, safeguarding adults' reviews and domestic homicide reviews. Further details 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. Our previous call for practice activity between September and December 2018 identified over 130 practice examples, most of which are now being shared in the 'Initiatives' section of the [Knowledge Hub's Vulnerability and Violent Crime Programme group](#). The Knowledge Hub VVCP group is growing at pace and already has over 200 members accessing and sharing new and emerging practice. The VKPP monitors the traffic on the site, where users typically spend 15 minutes visiting 10 different pages/practice examples, demonstrating a clear value for policing across all vulnerability types.

We are interested in any type of intervention or practice linked to vulnerability and serious violence, 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: **online child abuse** (sexual or grooming for criminal exploitation); **knife crime**; **gangs**; **county lines**; and **the criminal exploitation of young people**.

An intervention could be described as any of the following:

Prevention	Interventions focussed on preventing crimes from taking place. Includes situational prevention and people-based interventions.
Diversion	Interventions targeting 'at risk' groups to divert them from committing crime.
Reoffending	Interventions that deal with the offender after an offence has taken place to prevent repeat offending.
Location	Applied to interventions where a location e.g. a car park or a residential street, is the target.

Why share details of your intervention?

Sharing your intervention will:

- help map and share current practice, and identify emerging issues across forces in England and Wales
- support the development of the evidence base on interventions to tackle vulnerability and violent crime
- help VKPP staff direct relevant interventions to external funding agencies, e.g. the Youth Endowment Fund

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. See the document below, or at the end of [this webpage](#), for examples of promising interventions from the previous call for practice. Please return call for practice forms and any other supporting materials you would like to share to: vulnerabilityprogramme@college.pnn.police.uk



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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. 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 VKPP. 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
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Closing date – 21st February 2020.