

Staffordshire's Serious Violence Concordat

In Staffordshire (including Stoke-on-Trent), we recognise that serious violence is increasing prevalent, that its impact is significant and that it can affect people across all stages of life.

As such, local agencies have adopted serious violence as a shared strategic priority and have developed a county-wide strategy to consolidate and further improve our response to preventing and responding to serious violence.

We are absolutely committed to working with all relevant stakeholders to strengthen the visibility, early identification and partnership response to prevent serious violence and its associated harms. Violence is unacceptable and preventable.

This Concordat is a declaration of our individual and joint commitment. It requires all relevant partners to:

- Understand the risk and profile of serious violence within our communities;
- Recognise serious violence as a shared concern, requiring a shared response and appropriate resources;
- Provide strong, joint leadership and clear governance arrangements, holding each other accountable for contributions;
- Deliver the Serious Violence Strategy / plans, and provide a range of evidence-based responses, from intervening at a preventative or early stage, through to targeted, specialist and enforcement actions;
- Involve communities in shaping and delivering responses, creating attitudinal change;
- Ensure synergies with related strategies and action plans, to avoid duplication and maximise efforts.

We, the organisation listed below, support this Declaration and, as such, are committed to working together to proactively deliver the Staffordshire-wide Serious Violence Strategy, 2020–2023.

