Our ambition: every Londoner feels safe, knowing that we have reduced violence in their community

Our commitment: we will work collaboratively with the London Violence Reduction Unit to develop and implement effective ways of reducing violence, including addressing its root causes

The number of violent incidents across England and Wales has increased each year since 2014. Whilst London has observed a lower rate of increase than other areas, the number of violent incidents in London is unacceptably high and is one of the Mayor of London’s highest priorities[^6][^7][^8]

200,000 offences of violence including 120 homicides were recorded in London in the 12 months to March 2019

The Royal London Hospital on average admits two people a day with a stabbing injury, having a devastating effect on families and placing avoidable pressure on NHS staff

The VRU unites specialists from health, police, local government, probation and community organisations

28% of Londoners report feeling that knife crime is a problem in their local area

Violent incidents have increased by 7% in London and by 22% nationally in the 12 months to March 2019

The areas of London most affected by violence are often those with high deprivation
Our commitments so far...

- Working at neighbourhood level and with local Community Safety Partnerships we are continuing to **develop best practice and multi-agency action plans that address violence in local areas**, which can be evaluated and promoted by the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU)
- Embedding case workers in Major Trauma Centres for example St. Giles Caseworkers who **offer support to young people** admitted to the Royal London Hospital as a result of serious violence
- Building on the Information Sharing to Tackle Violence (ISTV) programme, we are continuing to work together to review opportunities to: **identify individual and community risk and preventative factors; build the evidence base, and to share data** with the VRU and its partners
- Supporting the VRU to **develop a movement against violence** that promotes positive messages and activities for London citizens, building stronger and safer communities

Our next steps...

- NHS London will establish a clinical and professional network that provides leadership across the health system and establish a Violence Reduction Academy to support and equip local health systems to develop and implement best-practice evidence-based models across the capital
- NHS London will explore a more integrated trauma model so Londoners affected by violence and trauma can receive more effective, joined up physical and psychological support
- Violence reduction will be factored into JSNAs and into the work of Health and Wellbeing Boards
- Local health and care partnerships will interrogate existing care pathways for opportunities to reduce violence and social risk factors
- We, as a London-wide partnership, will identify promising new or non-traditional models of prevention and early intervention and look to evaluate, share and scale good practice across the capital
- Working with the VRU and other agencies across London, we will develop new models of care for people affected by violence, which will be co-produced with the people they aim to support
- We will support the VRU’s work to strengthen London’s network of support for those affected by violence and trauma. This will include expanding support to parents and families; investing in London’s youth workers and developing trauma-awareness among frontline professionals