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# North Wales without violence

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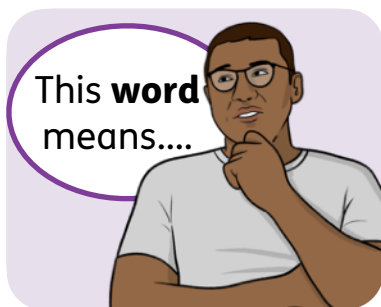
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Sometimes if a bold word is hard to understand, we will explain what it means.



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# A message from Ian Bancroft



My name is Ian Bancroft, and I am the **Chair** of the Safer North Wales Partnership Board.

The **Chair** is the person in charge of a group or meeting.



The **Safer North Wales Partnership Board** is a group of organisations that work together to make North Wales a safer place to live and work.



We have written a **strategy** about how to reduce serious **violence** in North Wales.

A **strategy** is a plan for how to do something and why it is important.

**Violence** means using force to harm someone in their body or mind.



We wrote the strategy with the **Police and Crime Commissioner**, who is in charge of policing in North Wales.



This booklet will tell you more about the strategy.



Our **vision** is for there to be no violence in North Wales.

A **vision** is how we want things to be in the future.



We want everyone in North Wales to feel safe.



We know lots of organisations are already working to keep North Wales safe.



We will tell you more about what organisations are doing in this booklet.



We know it will be difficult to stop violence in North Wales.



But we think we can do it if we all work together.

# About the Serious Violence Duty



**Serious violence** means using force to:

- Injure or kill someone.



- Make someone think badly about themselves.



- Stop someone being able to live well.



The Government said that from January 2023, we have a Serious Violence **Duty**.

A **duty** is something you must do.

This means that organisations have to work together to:



- Stop serious violence.

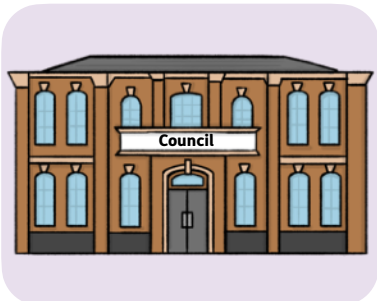


- Understand why serious violence happens.

The organisations the Government says must work together are organisations like:



- The police.



- Councils.



Other organisations the Government says must work together are:



- The fire and rescue service.



- Health organisations.



- Social workers.



- Organisations who work with adults or young people who have broken the law.

# Our priorities



To make our vision happen, we have agreed 4 **priorities**.

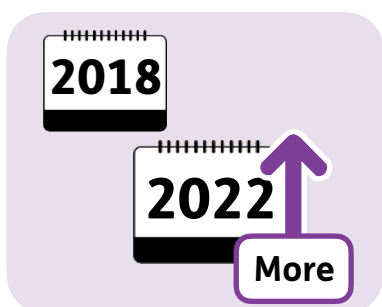
**Priorities** are the most important thing that should be done first.

## 1. Stop violence against women and girls



We want to stop violence against women and girls, **domestic abuse** and sexual violence.

**Domestic abuse** is when you are harmed by a family member or someone you live with.



Violence against women and girls went up between 2018 and 2022.

Our strategy will make sure that children and young people:



- Understand what is good or bad behaviour in a relationship.



- Know who to go to for help if they need it.

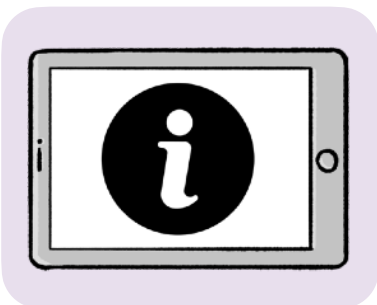


All children can learn this, even if they do not go to school every day.

Our strategy will also make sure that:



- People in North Wales know how to help women and girls who are being hurt.



- We have good information so organisations can understand who is being hurt and why.

## 2. Keep young people safe



More young people have been asked to leave their school in North Wales than in the rest of Wales.



But we know that being in school helps keep children away from violence.



We also know that children who do not have a lot of money in their home are more likely to be involved in crime.



We are worried about the amount of violence young people see on the internet.

Our strategy will make sure that:



- People who work with children and young people know how to keep them safe.



- We get the information we need to keep children and young people safe.



- Children and young people know how to keep themselves safe when they use the internet.



- Organisations work together to keep children and young people safe outside of their homes.

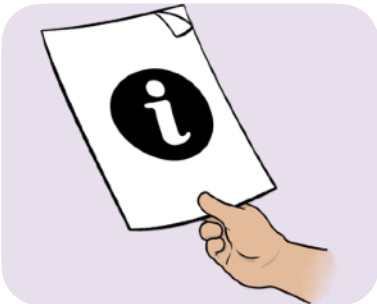


- Children and young people know who are good people to be friends with.

### 3. Work together to reduce serious violence



We know that it is important for different organisations to work together to reduce serious violence.



We need to share information among the different organisations.



We also need to get people in the local area involved, to reduce serious violence.

Our strategy will make sure that:



- We can share information quickly and in a safe way.



- We work together to share information.



- We use **technology** to share information.

**Technology** is gadgets and equipment that help people.

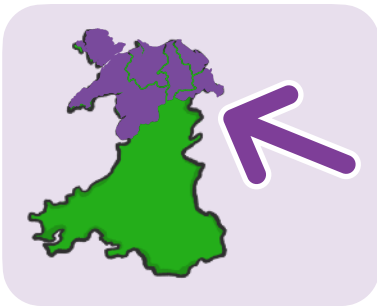


- We talk to people who have been involved in serious crime.

## 4. Try and understand why people are violent



We think it is important to understand why people are violent, so we can stop other people being violent.



The 2 areas in Wales where people have the least money are in North Wales.



We know that children who have bad things happen in their lives when they are young are more likely to commit crimes as they get older.



So we want to make children's lives better.



Our strategy will make sure that



- We work with young people up to the age of 25 to try and stop them committing crimes.



- We find out the best way to stop people committing crimes.



- Everyone working with children and young people understands that people look at the world differently when bad things have happened in their lives.



- We try to stop serious crime in areas where people do not have a lot of money.

Our strategy will also make sure that:



- We have good information about children who have had bad things happen in their lives.



- We help children who need support to keep going to school.



- We do more to understand why children and young people are violent.

# Living in North Wales

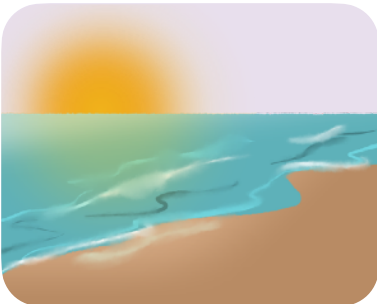
People in North Wales:



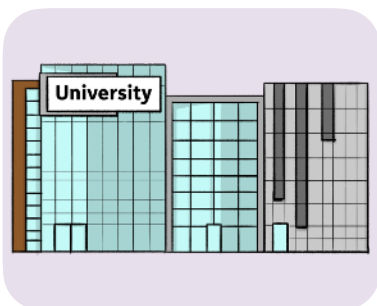
- Get on well with other people in their area.



- Like living here.



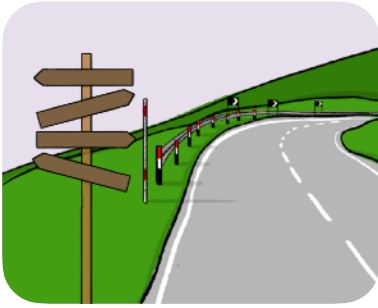
Lots of people visit North Wales because of the beautiful mountains and beaches.



There are 2 universities and lots of young people live near them.



In some parts of North Wales, people do not have much money.



It is easy to travel to Liverpool and Manchester from North Wales.



But that can make it easy for people to make people do things they don't want to do, like sell drugs or have sex.



In North Wales, there are areas where not many people live. These are called **rural places**.



It takes more time to get to rural places.



It can be hard to get around in rural places because there are not many buses or trains.



Sometimes it is difficult for people to get help because there are not many services in some areas.



Lots of extra people visit North Wales in the summer.



This can make more work for the police and other organisations, but the police work hard to keep people safe.



The police will talk to people in Welsh or in English.

People can choose if they want to talk to the police in Welsh or in English.

# About serious violence in North Wales



**Nearly half**

Nearly half of the violence in North Wales happens in someone's home.



**Wrexham and Rhyl**

A lot of the violence happens in places where people do not have a lot of money, like Wrexham and Rhyl.

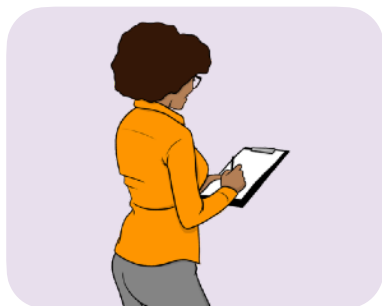


Most violence is done by men.



Most children in North Wales said they feel safe most of the time.

# What we have done so far



We have been looking at what is already happening to reduce violence in North Wales.



We asked organisations and people for their stories about violence.



We also asked people what they think we are not doing yet in our work to stop violence.

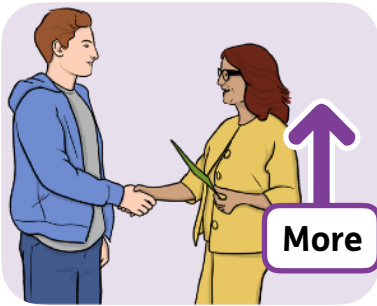


They said we should teach children and young people more about how to stop violence.

People and organisations also said we should:



- Teach children in school about good relationships.



- Get organisations to work together more.



- Work with parents.



- Help people have good mental health.



- Give more help to people who do not have a lot of money.



# Checking our strategy



We will check our strategy every year.

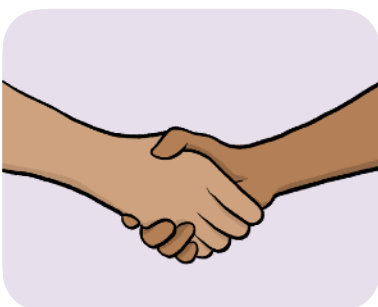


When we check our strategy, we will decide if we need to change any of our priorities.

We will look at:



- What we have done.



- How well we have worked together.



- If there is less serious violence.

# Find out more

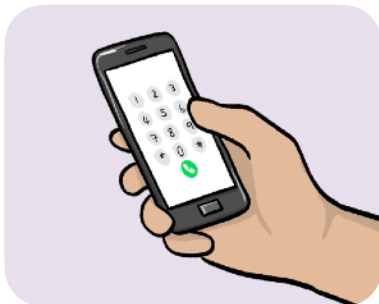


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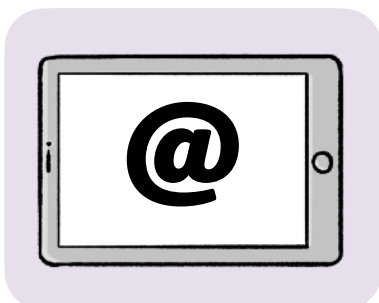
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