

Knife Crime Action Plan **Summary**

Working Together for a Safer Cleveland

CURV's Knife Crime Action Plan is a joint effort to tackle knife crime and serious violence across Cleveland. Developed with young people, families, schools, police, and local organisations, the plan is built on prevention, early support, community leadership and long-term opportunities.

Our shared goal: to reduce knife crime and build a safer Cleveland for all.

Our Four Key Themes

1. Prevention – Engage, Educate and Divert

We will educate young people early about the risks of knife crime and offer positive alternatives. Through school programmes, youth activities, and support for families, we aim to build resilience and reduce the chance of young people being drawn into violence.

2. Early Intervention – Supporting at Critical Crossroads

We will act quickly at key points in a young person's life—such as in schools, A&E, or police custody—when they may be most vulnerable. Trained staff and mentors will provide tailored support to help individuals make safer choices and move away from harm.

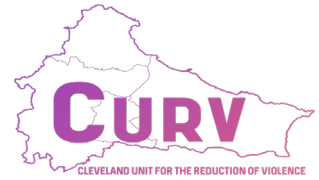
3. Community Action – Reducing Knife Crime Together

We will empower local communities to take the lead. This includes supporting youth-led campaigns, sharing lived experiences, and creating safe spaces where people feel supported and heard. Families, residents, and community groups will be central to the solution.

4. Building Tomorrow – Creating Opportunities for a Safer Future

We will connect people, especially young adults with skills training, employment, mentoring, and volunteering. By opening up new pathways, we can give people the tools they need to build a better future and break the cycle of violence.

Our Approach



- Youth-Led: Young people will help shape and lead the plan.
- Community-Driven: Local people and organisations will play a central role.
- Collaborative: We will work hand-in-hand with police, schools, and support services.
- Support-Focused: We will prioritise prevention and support, while recognising the role of enforcement where needed.
- Data-Informed: We will use local insight and evidence to guide every decision.

Measuring Success

We will track progress using:

- Police and hospital data on knife-related incidents
- Youth and community feedback
- Reductions in reoffending and serious violence
- Ongoing evaluation of what is working and where to improve

Next Steps

- Launch a Knife Crime Action funding to support local initiatives through a focused funding window.
- Strengthen local partnerships with schools, police, local authorities and community groups.
- Roll out programmes in schools and neighbourhoods focused on reducing violence and supporting families.
- Expand mentoring, lived experience and job training
- Monitor and adapt based on what works.

**BY WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE SAFER, STRONGER, MORE
CONFIDENT COMMUNITIES.**