



Bury Health & Wellbeing Board

3rd September 2026

Update from Bury Community Safety Partnership

Recap of governance & strategy

- Bury Community Safety Partnership
 - Meets every 2 months
 - Co-chaired by District Commander (Chief Supt) of GMP Bury and Executive Director of Strategy and Transformation, Bury Council
 - Mutual connectivity with Bury Safeguarding Ecosystem
 - Received Domestic Abuse Related Death Reports where reviews carried out
 - Connectivity to GM Police & Crime Leads and GM Standing Together Police, Fire and Crime workstreams/ plans
 - 5 priorities alongside cross-cutting activity and enabling activity through wider public service reform



Tackling offences against children

- Lead: Det. Supt Gareth Jenkins/ Jeanette Richards
- Refresh of Complex Safeguarding Strategy informed by GM Child Sexual Exploitation problem profile. Whilst Bury is not among the highest-volume districts for overall CSE offending, focus remains on addressing vulnerabilities and pursuing perpetrators, including focus on child-on-child CSE.
- As part of reprofiling of activity in Safeguarding Children's Partnership, this work now under priority of Harms Outside the Home; but also includes alignment with partnership activity on neglect
- Activity focusing on transitional safeguarding, with an initial focus on East Bury.



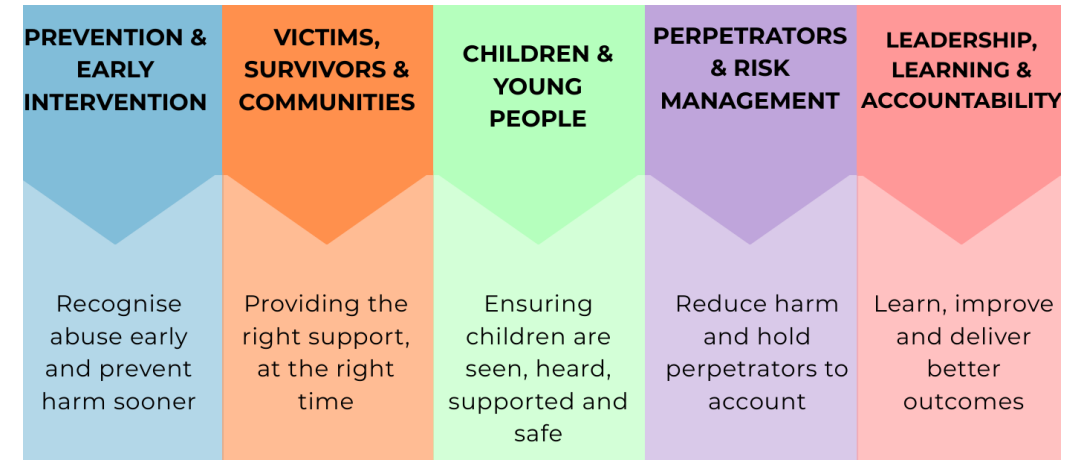
Serious Violence

- Lead: Supt. Phil Spurgeon (GMP)
- Review of Bury Serious Violence Strategic Needs Assessment underway, working with GM Violence Reduction Unit
- Bury rates of all violence offences remain consistently lower than GM average.
- Home Office Knife Crime Concentrations Fund- Bury town centre in Tier 3 response – locally led partnership problem solving approach, hotspot patrolling and partnership working.
- Bury knife crime delivery plan has been developed by Chief Inspector (Operations). 4P plan includes targeted activity to improve crime outcomes, target habitual knife carriers, target hotspots, improve 'Golden Hour' opportunities for knife crime incidents, increase use of civil orders including Criminal behaviour Orders, and strengthen partnership working.
- Bury violence plan developed by Chief Inspector (Partnership) Andy Wright. Aims to drive outcomes through investigation standards, prosecution file quality, evidence-led prosecutions, better Victim Code compliance, out of court and problem-solving disposals and CPD.
- GMP Op SKYHARBOUR is targeting those ordering prohibited weapons and selling them online. National Knife Crime Coordination Centre is also working with market sellers.
- Op SCEPTRE week of action 18th – 25 May 2026. GM-wide activity in support of the national week of action. Partnership work with retailers, Trading Standards and police cadets saw test purchase operations. Bury activity included weapons sweeps, school inputs, enhanced Metrolink patrols, community engagement around bleed kit locations, visits with partners to knife retailers and arrest activity for those wanted for weapons matters. Bury figures: 8 arrests, 16 hotspots attended by a total of 74 officer. Support from 3 partners. 12 Weapons sweeps with 4 weapons recovered. 4 retailer visits.
- Working alongside Youth Justice Review.



Domestic Abuse

- Lead: Will Blandamer (Bury Council/ NHS GM Bury)
- New DA lead with Strategic Partnerships Team – Lily Blundell
- Development of new Domestic Abuse Strategy for the Borough
 - Mission :To work together, across the whole partnership, to prevent domestic abuse, protect victims, survivors and families, hold perpetrators to account - so that Bury residents are heard, supported and safe.
 - Vision: We want to see Bury become a borough where domestic abuse is recognised early, responded to consistently, and where victims, survivors and children are heard, supported and never left to navigate the system alone
 - Approach:
 - Together, we will:
 - Use data and insight to identify risk and target prevention earlier
 - Ensure clear pathways to support at every level of need
 - Listen to and act on the voices of victims, survivors, children and communities



Domestic Abuse

- Renewed focus on data with tiered approach
 - Core data return:
 - Demand (GMP data and repeat victims/perpetrators/addresses)
 - Risk (MARAC & MATAC activity, ward hotspots)
 - Impact & Outcomes (children affected, victim outcomes, survivor voice)
 - Robust demographic information
 - Thematic deep dive (changes each meeting based off DAPB feedback/themes identified in dataset)
 - Wider dataset for partners to access as required
- Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews – learning/ key themes



DARDR Key Themes by Neighbourhood - Overview:

Bury: Drugs, Alcohol, Mental Health (Anxiety), Violence

Radcliffe: Dataset too small

Whitefield: Alcohol, Mental Health, wider Violence. Type of Abuse: Partner to Partner

Ramsbottom: Multiple perpetrators, Neglect. Type of Abuse: Adult Child to Parent Abuse

Prestwich: Dataset too small

Other/Cross-Border: Alcohol, Drugs, Open to Achieve, Anxiety, Low Mood, Self-Harm, Neurodiversity, Violence, Multiple Perpetrators, Children Removed , Age: 30-39

Inclusive Communities

- Lead: Helen Tomlinson (Bury VCFA)
- Recovery to Resilience – corralling activity which has taken place through cohesion roundtables; activity post Yom Kippur terrorist attack; and connecting to LETS Delivery tackling underlying inequalities (and associated grievances)
- Co-produce medium term framework in the meantime – place based programme with Belong to shape a local framework which delivers against national *Protecting What Matters* national social cohesion strategy but bespoke for Bury's communities and neighbourhoods
- Community capacity and connectivity – strengthening local communities of identity, experience and place, increasing power and resources within these, and improved methods for dialogue with and between these communities.
- Capability, cultural competence and confidence – training and development opportunities and expectations for staff including senior leads.
- Embedding anti-racist principles, policies and practice within all that we do as a Bury 'default'
- Enhanced Greater Manchester work on community sentiment and tensions tracking



Inclusive Communities

- Operation WILDSTONE and protective security approaches; engagement prior to upcoming High Holy Days
- Women & Girls Commission as localised response to national Violence Against Women & Girls Strategy



Safe spaces and places

- Leads across different workstreams including GMFRS, Travelsafe and Local Authority
- Water Safety Partnership
 - Local delivery against GM Water Safety Partnership
 - Water Safety messaging campaigns – targeted/ tailored promotion of core materials by audience.
 - Focus on protection (infrastructure); information (communication) and education
- Vision Zero Partnership
 - Safe Streets / Safe Road Users/ Safe Speeds/ Safe vehicles/ Post-crash response
- Be Moor Aware – fire safety campaigns



Safe spaces and places

- **CONTEST**

- Prevent – Safeguarding Against Hateful Extremism
 - Tiered training programme : [prevent-training-programme-bury-council-june-2026.pdf](#)
 - Reducing Permissive Environments: [Prevent - Venue hire guidance - Bury Council](#)
 - Awareness and referrals: [Prevent - Bury Council](#)
 - Reviewing learning from Southport Inquiry Phase 1 (next slide)
- Prepare & Protect
 - Martyn's Law Implementation including training, exercising and preparedness.



Southport Inquiry findings

- The Government has accepted all 67 recommendations arising from Phase 1 of the Southport Inquiry and has committed to implementing all recommendations directed at central government.
- The Home Office will coordinate delivery across departments and report progress ahead of Phase 2 in Spring 2027.
- The Inquiry concluded that the Southport attack was foreseeable and preventable, identifying five systemic failures that are directly relevant to multi-agency safety and safeguarding governance, risk management, and escalation arrangements



Southport Inquiry findings

- **Absence of risk ownership**
No single agency, nor any multi-agency forum, accepted responsibility for holding and managing the *overall* risk posed by the individual. Risk moved between systems but was never owned.
- **Critical failures in information sharing**
Risk intelligence was fragmented, diluted, or lost entirely as it passed between safeguarding, education, health, community safety, and policing structures.
- **Misinterpretation of autism and behavioural presentation**
Behaviours that indicated escalating risk were minimised or excused, rather than assessed and managed, due to misunderstanding of neurodiversity.
- **Failure to oversee online behaviours**
Clear indicators of fixation and escalating violent ideation in online spaces were not brought into multi-agency risk assessment.
- **Weak escalation and challenge**
Concerns were repeatedly referred between agencies and panels without decisive, accountable multi-agency action.



Southport Inquiry findings

- **Extreme Violence and Public Protection** The Government has established a new taskforce focused on non-ideological extreme violence, examining ownership of risk, information sharing, early intervention, online influences, and effective multi-agency responses. It has also announced plans to create a new offence of planning a mass casualty attack.
- **Prevent and Counter-Terrorism** Key reforms include stronger processes for repeat Prevent referrals, a new Prevent Assessment Framework, enhanced training for Counter Terrorism Policing staff, improved capability to assess online activity, stronger information-sharing arrangements when Prevent cases are closed, and clearer guidance that a fixed ideology is not required for a Prevent referral. A Prevent Practitioner Portal is also being developed.
- **Education and Safeguarding** Changes include stronger arrangements for transferring safeguarding information between schools, greater emphasis on sharing information about risks posed by pupils to others, mandatory risk assessments where pupils have a history involving knives or serious violence, enhanced attendance monitoring, strengthened Prevent training, and greater involvement of education settings in multi-agency safeguarding arrangements.



Responding to Southport Inquiry Phase 1 locally

Self-assessment being undertaken by Bury Safeguarding Partnership Business Unit based to review local position on:

- Clearly defined lead arrangement for individuals who pose a serious risk to others but sit across safeguarding, mental health, education, and criminal justice systems?
- How arrangements support a cumulative, longitudinal view of behaviour
- How/ if repeat police call-outs, school concerns, safeguarding contacts, online activity, and family context routinely drawn together
- Degree to which local may/ maynot concentrate on eligibility thresholds rather than professional judgement and curiosity
- Mechanisms to hold non-statutory but high-risk casesAre safeguarding and community safety assessments trauma-informed but also risk-focused?
- Management of complex individuals must across both partnerships (ie rather than fall in the gaps between them)



Previous meetings/ future agenda items

- May 2026
 - DHR Marie
 - Pioneer Mill (Safe Spaces)
 - Increase in national terror threat level
 - Antisocial Behaviour and summer readiness
- July 2026
 - DHRs - Marie D/ Tonderayai
 - CSP contributing to LETS Delivery – Economic Inactivity
 - Community Sentiment and tensions tracking
 - Young Futures Hub
- September 2026
 - Sentencing reforms
 - High Street Organised Crime Unit programme



Community Safety in context of Public Service Reform

- Place based, partnership problem solving – building on Op VARDAR
- Commitments through Neighbourhood policing including connectivity into Live Well spaces
- Targeted collaborative activity on identified cohorts of risk
- Maximising community assets including the new Whitefield Community Fire Station
- Empowering community-led responses, including through Standing Together investment into VCFSE



Community Safety in context of Public Service Reform

- Internal delivered / commissioned learning routed through BSP Learning & Development subgroup: [Learning & Development - Bury Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- Wider learning opportunities including Safety Advice for Everyone by Community Security Trust:
 - September 8th at 10am, A Practical Walk Through Martyn's Law (Martyn's Law with an emphasis on Standard Duty Premises)
 - September 16th at 6pm, Women's Safety (useful tips to keep you safe)
 - September 24th at 1pm, Lone Actors (the threat of mixed, unstable and unknown ideologies)
 - Future sessions on exploring the far right; hate crime and incels<https://events.zoom.us/j/9J2FJr6sdw~AggLXsr32QYFjq8BIYLZ5I06Dg>

