



Key Findings: What we're doing well already

Putting young people first:

- Appointed a Children and Young People's Commissioner
- Significant investment into youth-based interventions
- Youth Safety Board established to set strategic priorities, bring partners together, hold the system to account and develop interventions
- Enhanced safeguarding response introduced following 2019 Ofsted inspection
- Extended the definition of young people to the age of 25

Commitment to prevention:

- Investment in children and young people
- Local priority to expand youth services
- Partners support the extent of youth work in the borough
- Continued effective engagement of children and young people in decision making

Taking a whole system public health approach:

Through implementing a whole system public health approach, we have supported innovative interventions across the system:

- Preventing Child Exploitation and Harm Hub
- Pan-Newham Partnership
- Newham Multi-Agency Collaborative
- The Divert! Service
- Increased mentoring opportunities
- Supporting youth victims within A&E
- The Pan-London Rescue and Response county lines service
- Joint work with Police, NHS and VCFS
- Partnership "Spotlights" (small partnership team sprints to develop innovative solutions) on Gender-Based Violence and Youth Safety



Recommendations: Where we can do better

Gathering better data:

- Improved data is needed alongside performance management information to inform future commissioning and investment decisions as well as supporting better intelligence, joint working and intervening earlier to support families

Greater integration with partners:

- A more integrated approach to policy and practice is required to join up safeguarding, health, education, VCFS and Police, to offer young people access to the right services whilst maintaining effective working relationships between services

Addressing young people's needs:

- Consideration needs to be given to the balance of investment between early prevention services and targeted services for adolescents, which will be critical to delivering youth safety over the longer term

Communication and engagement:

- Stakeholders and young people have been relentless in calling for greater clarity and consistency around the communication of resources, services and actions being taken to address youth safety within the borough



A Brighter Future: The impact we're having

The benefits of Newham's preventative approach greatly outweigh the costs:

- Most importantly, young people in Newham are being supported to thrive, so they are happy, healthy, safe and more likely to achieve their ambitions.
- Evidence and research show our approach delivers significant economic and social benefits for the borough and our residents over both the long and short term.
- The initial financial cost of the preventative approach over the long term delivers a return on investment of £7.22 for every £1 spent. The total fiscal benefit of a year of funding for the key preventative services is realised within three years. An overall conservative fiscal value across the public sector of over £77m against the £17m spend.

Recommendations:



Gathering better data:

What we're doing

- Looking deeper through Spotlights
- Youth Safety Interventions Evaluation
- **Next Gen Newham Survey**
- **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment**
- Youth Safety Data Dashboard



Greater integration with partners:

- **Next Gen Newham**
- **Participation Alliance**
- **Women & Girl's Safety Charter**
- **TRID (Tackling Racism Inequality and Disproportionality) Programme**
- **Young People's Charter**
- **Newham Mental Health Multi-Agency Collaborative**
- Integrated Youth Safety Action Plan
- Child Sexual Exploitation Intelligence Hub Pilot



Addressing young people's needs:

- **Preventing Child Exploitation and Harm Hub**
- New Early Help Strategy
- **Ward Panels**
- **Return home interviews**
- **DICE Parenting Programme**
- **Youth Justice Board Pathfinder Project**
- **Supporting Families programme**
- **Investment in Youth Empowerment Service**
- Vanguard therapeutic provision for adolescent exploitation
- Voluntary Community & Faith Sector (VCFS) Commissioned Projects



Communication and engagement:

- **Journey of a Child**
- **Community Conversations**
- **Youth Safety Board**
- **Youth Citizen Assemblies**
- **Next Gen Newham**
- **Young People's Charter**
- **Participation Alliance**

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Our Approach to Youth Safety

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Young People at Risk

Opportunities for education, training & employment

Use enforcement & disruption

Trusted adults

Education & Prevention

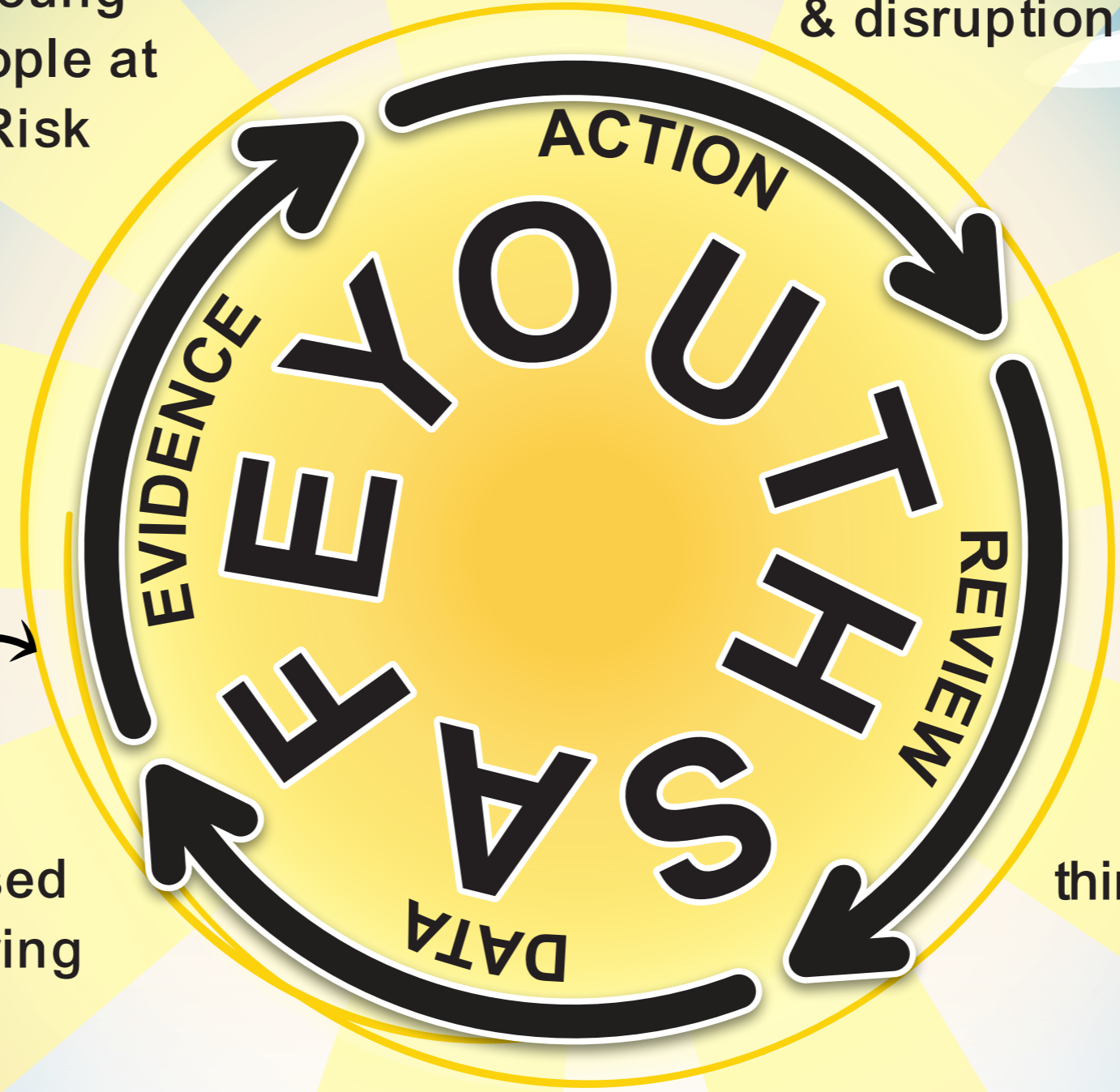
The golden thread: Creating solutions together with partners, the community and young people

Focused Mentoring

Help when things go wrong

Advice & guidance

Solutions Together



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