

Envisaging the Future

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Focus of collaborations

- **Violence prevention (Child exploitation, Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG));**
- **Trauma informed practice/approaches;**
- **Multi-agency and partnership working;**
- **Mental health responses;**
- **Substance and alcohol misuse.**

Key themes – working well/drivers

- **Awareness cannot arrest way out of this at all levels;**
- **Buy-in from cross-Government, Ministers and Leaders;**
- **Change of language, helping to change culture and traditional responses/silo working;**
- **Acknowledgement of need for evidence base and evaluation;**
- **Importance of user voice in design and creation.**

Problems/Challenges

- Postcode lottery and time constraints;
- Unrealistic/short-term data indicators and measures – linked to Government led funding. Real impacts softer and longer term;
- Targeted funding and interventions – danger of only targeting a particular issue, not the broader vulnerabilities that often lay below it;
- Funding removed from ‘universal services’: schools, early family health care, community support and safe spaces.
- Commitment, language and culture change into action – repetition of findings over many years – lack of significant change (local commitment drives much good work).

Case studies to look out for ...

Wales Violence Prevention Unit (alongside VRUs others: Lancashire, Merseyside TVP, etc)

- Multi-skilled and experienced workforce
- Government backing and funding
- Key strategic and operational focus: violence surveillance, public and practitioner voice informing focus and initiatives.

STAD in Europe (SiE)

- Alcohol over-service – links to violence reduction/under-age drinking in nightlife settings
- Community-based programme
- Multi-agency involvement

http://stadineurope.eu/wp/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/2_1_STAD_in_Europe_Evaluation_Report.pdf

Co-responder models:

Domestic Abuse Car / Mental Health Cars

- [https://www.ucl.ac.uk/pals/sites/pals/files/street triage evaluation final report.pdf](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/pals/sites/pals/files/street%20triage%20evaluation%20final%20report.pdf)
- <https://jech.bmj.com/content/61/7/613>
- <https://www.fcwa.co.uk/operation-provide/>

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