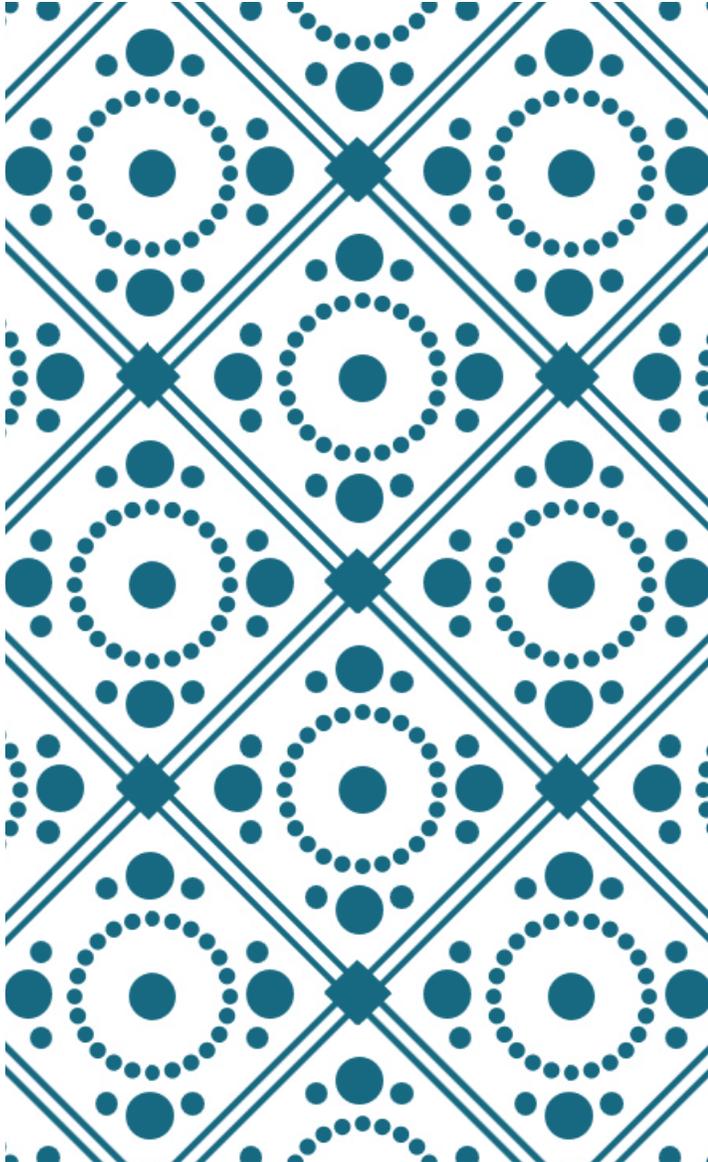


# VIOLENCE REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP

London Borough of  
Waltham Forest



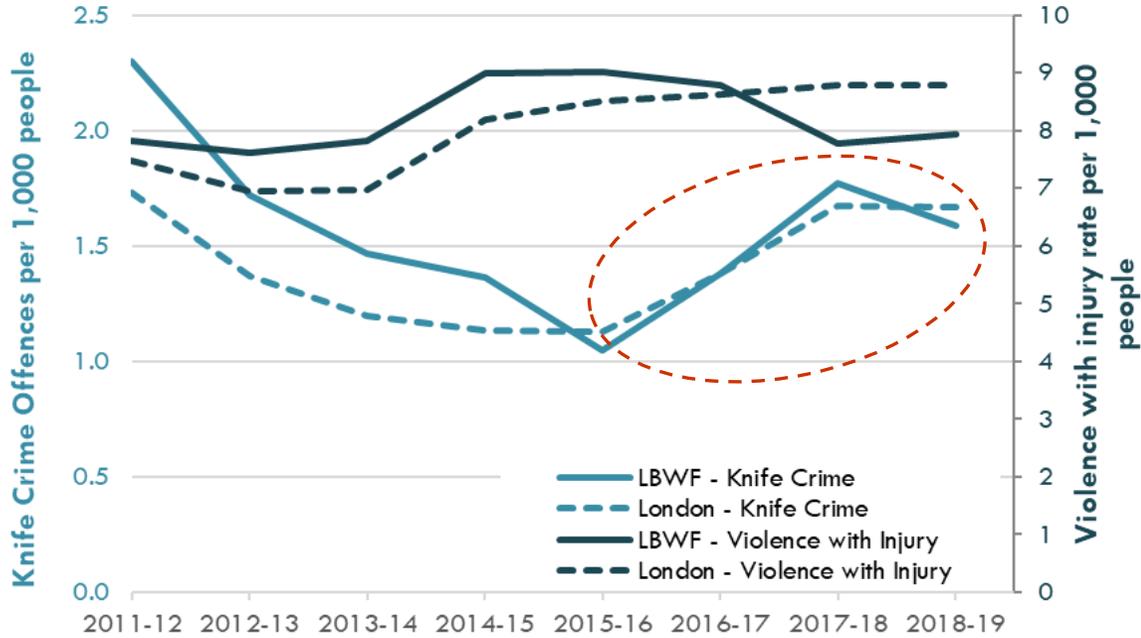


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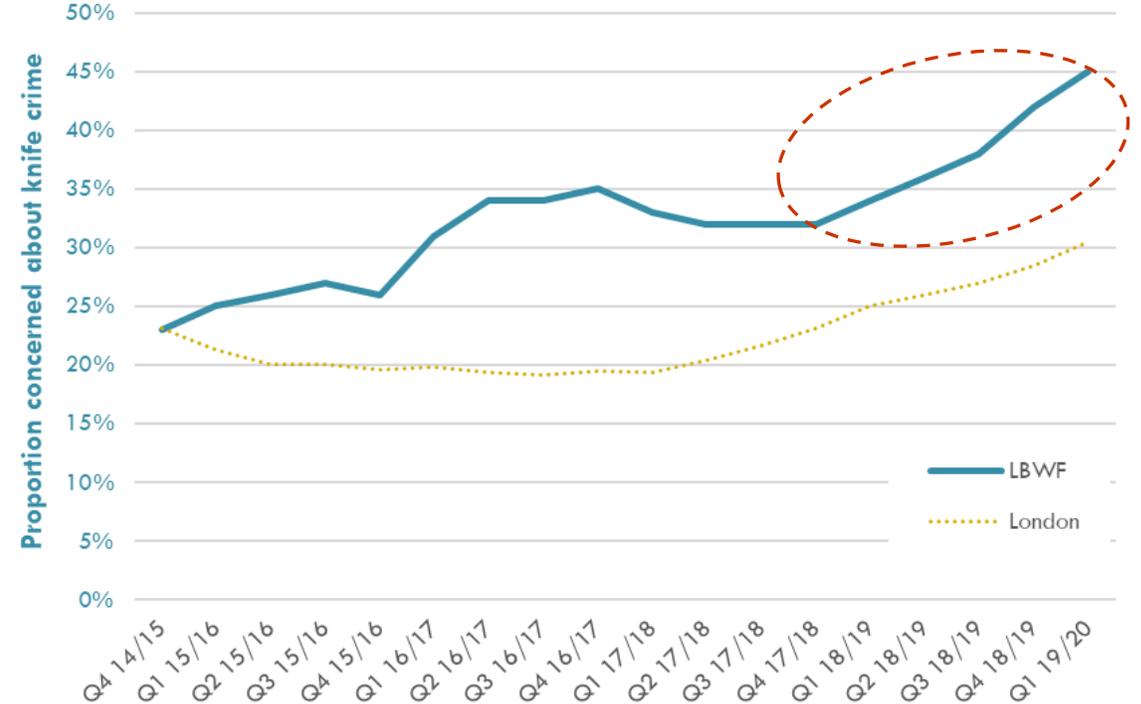
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Setting the context for our Violence Reduction Partnership

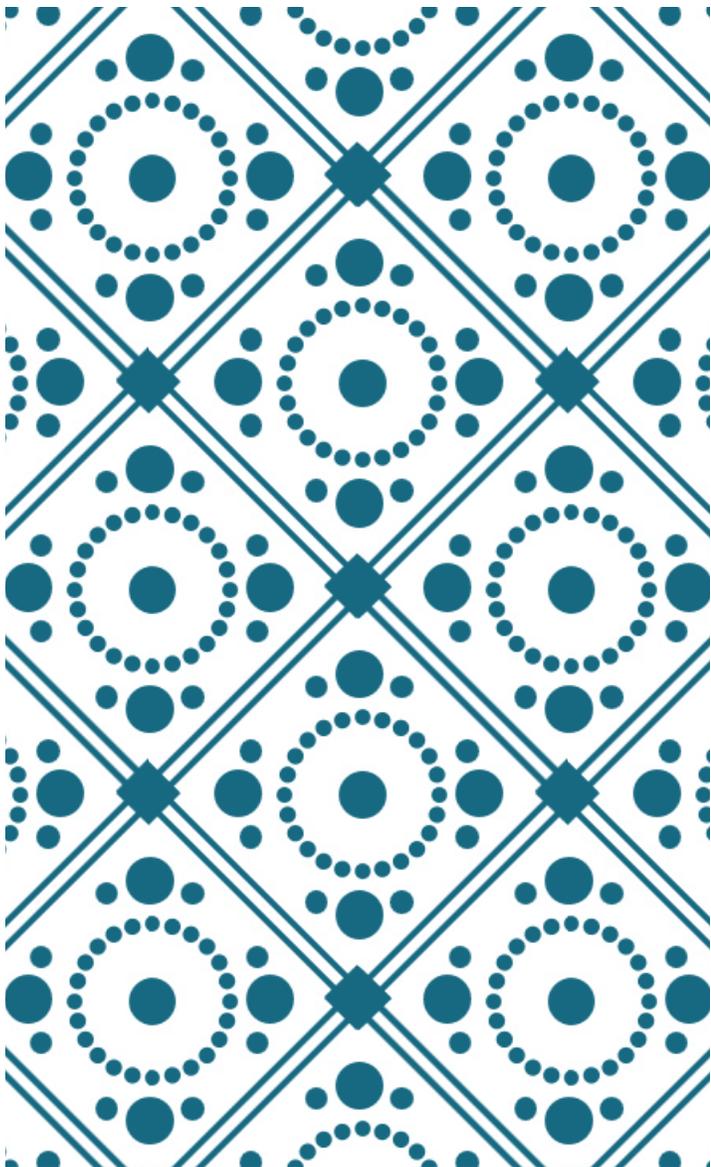
## RATES OF KNIFE CRIME & VIOLENCE



## FEAR OF KNIFE CRIME



**VRP Ambition:**  
**To reduce violence in Waltham Forest so that our residents feel safer.**



# HOW?

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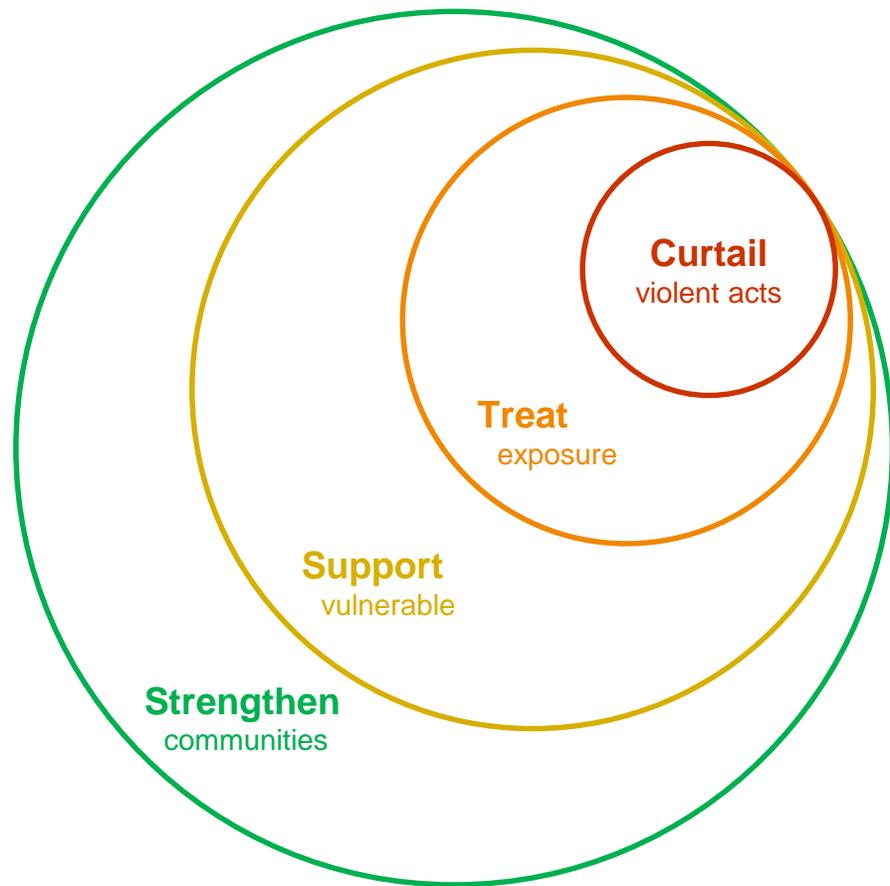
The principles of our approach to tackle violence

Clear  
framework

Broad  
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Youth  
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- **Curtail** violent acts at source, pursuing perpetrators and enforcing action
- **Treat** those who have been exposed to violence to control the spread
- **Support** those susceptible to violence due to their exposure to risk factors
- **Strengthen** community resilience through a universal approach

Each 'domain' has a working group made up of partnership representatives.

Clear framework

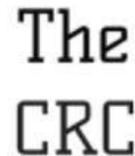
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Young people  
represented on all  
VRP groups

Separate 'Young  
People's Group' to  
challenge  
recommendations

VRP informed by  
outcomes of annual  
'Big Youth  
Conversation'

Use of Streetbase to  
understand views of  
young people  
month by month

'Voices in  
Partnership' group  
within YOS help co-  
design solutions

Prioritise activities  
that showcase the  
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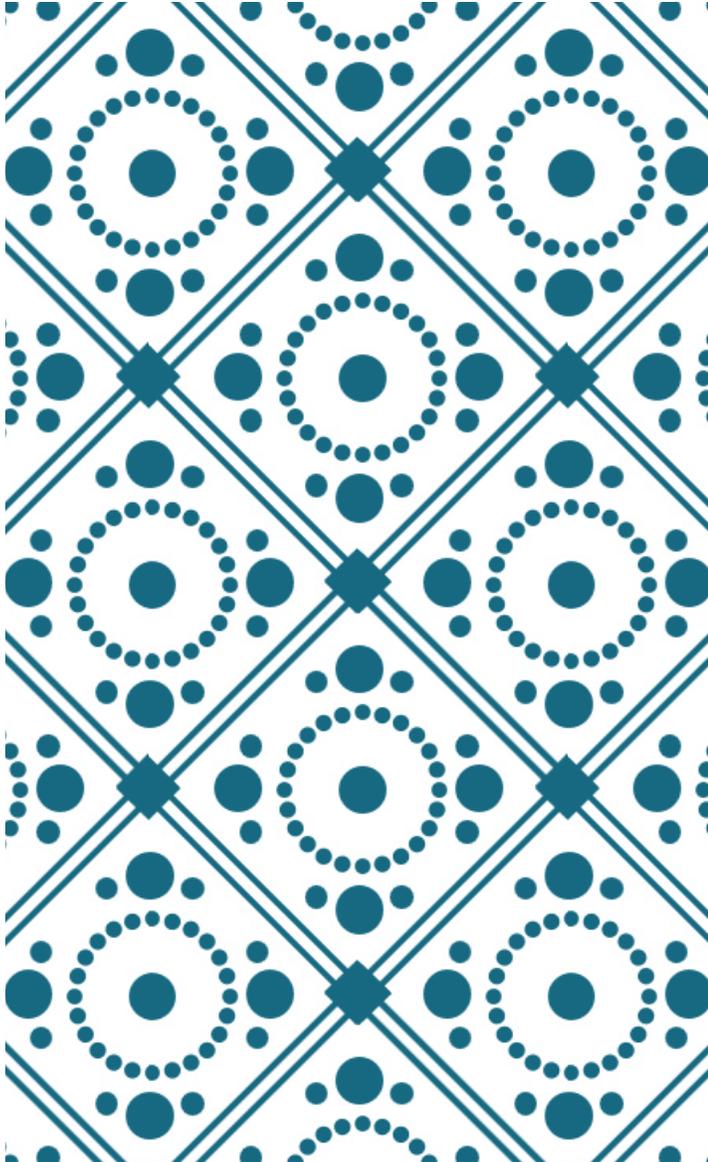
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To change the outcomes we need to look to change the system



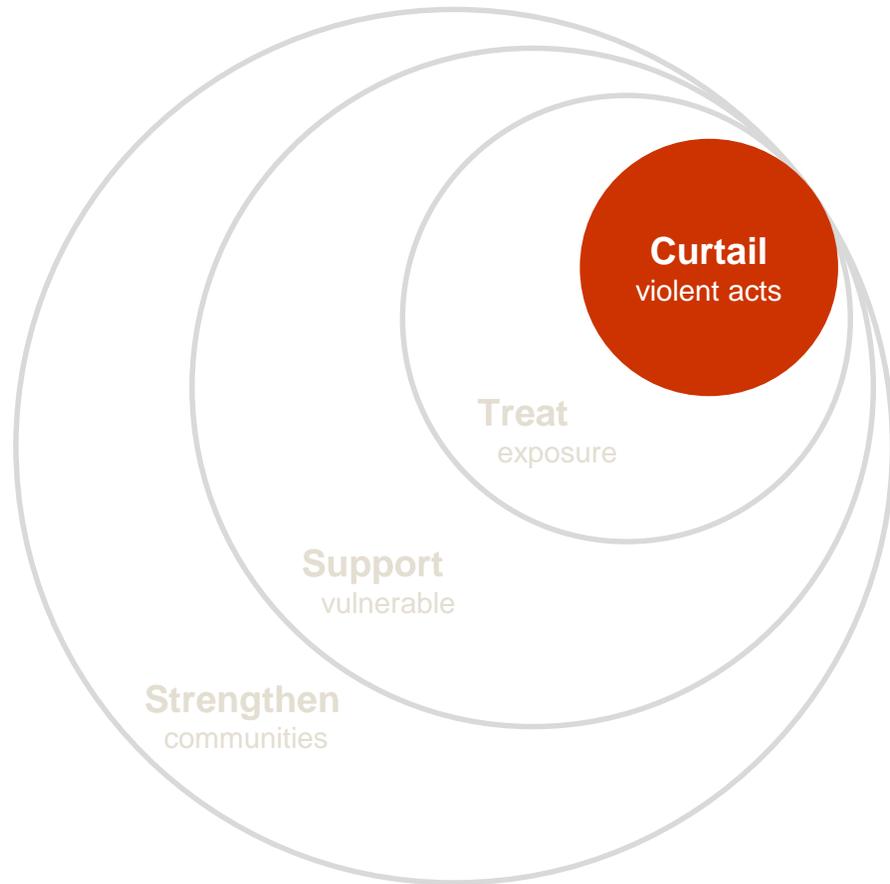


# WHAT?

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Specific projects being taken forward in the VRP

# CURTAIL



VIOLENT ACTS ARE PREVENTED & DISRUPTED, WITH PERPETRATORS PURSUED & PROSECUTED QUICKLY & EFFECTIVELY



More joint operations with Police than any London borough; St James St work led to 38% reduction in crime.



Launched ASB Strategy to embed the partnership approach within Curtail domain



A new PSPO for the Northern wards has been introduced, designed to tackle street-based ASB



We've funded a financial investigator to seize criminal assets under the Proceeds of Crime Act.



We are piloting a new ASB out-of-hours service to support our enforcement activities.

# TREAT



## THOSE HARMED BY VIOLENCE & EXPLOITATION GET HIGH QUALITY TREATMENT QUICKLY TO AID RECOVERY AND PREVENT VIOLENCE SPREADING



First boroughs (with Hackney) to launch the **Safe & Together** model to support domestic abuse survivors



Implemented **gang-exit programme**, supporting former gang members as they leave prison and reintegrate into the community



Implementing **IRIS domestic abuse programme** in all GP surgeries to improve identification and referral of domestic abuse

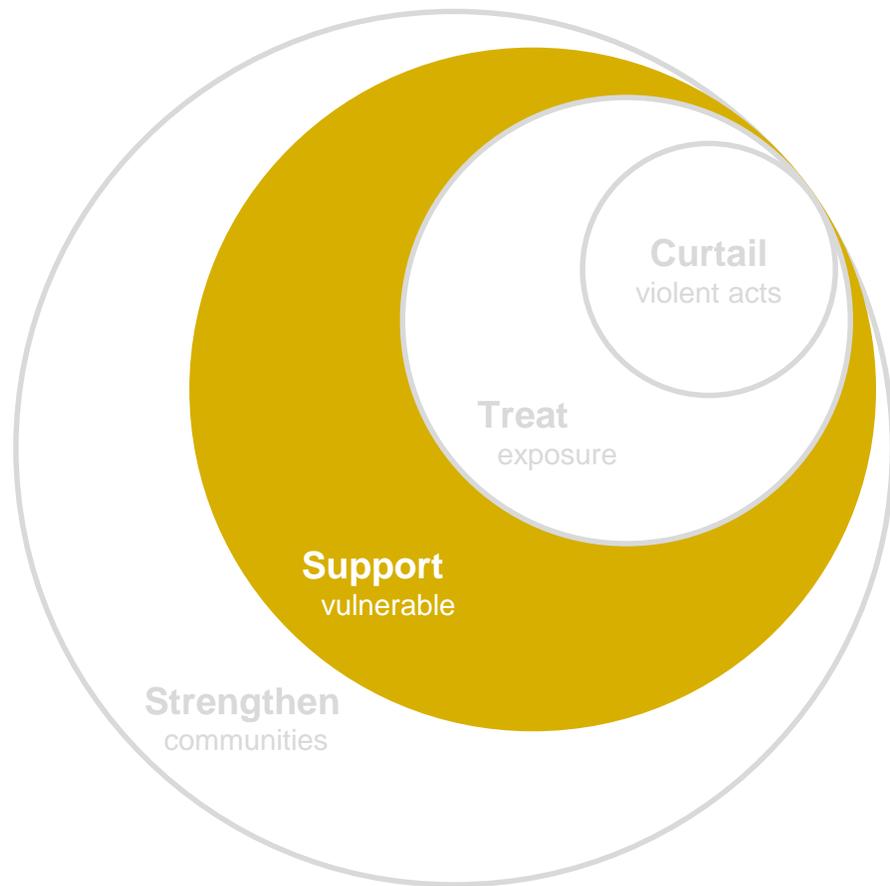


**One Stop Shop domestic abuse support service** embedded in Children and Family Centers



Using our year as the **first London Borough of Culture** to demonstrate how to treat violence through culture, including **Eastside Story** – a three-month programme of youth work and performing arts – and our Youth Offending Service taking young people to a

# SUPPORT



## THOSE VULNERABLE TO VIOLENCE & EXPLOITATION GET TARGETED EARLY SUPPORT & OPPORTUNITIES TO REDUCE THE RISKS



Training local residents as community mentors for those at risk of exclusion or gang activity – almost 50 mentors trained in first cohort.



We've undertaken a review of Alternative Provision and are consulting on changes to help ensure children remain in mainstream education



Our Streetbase programme provides peer-to-peer support to vulnerable young people, with young people patrolling borough hotspots to offer support



We've commissioned work to improve our approach to safeguarding young women and girls at risk of violence and exploitation



Successful 'single view of adolescent risk' pilot enabling information-sharing across services



Introduced Adolescent at Risk workers to divert young people away from risk taking behaviour

# STRENGTHEN



## OUR COMMUNITIES ARE EMPOWERED TO BE STRONG & RESILIENT TO END VIOLENCE, WITH OPPORTUNITIES & ASPIRATION FOR ALL



Launch of LifeSkills resilience programme: c.10,000 primary school children will be given tools and guidance in positive decision-making and resilience. Evaluation of first WF cohort suggests UK's best progression results.



Every Year 6 child in the borough received dedicated guidance during the transition from primary to secondary school – children who are identified as vulnerable are given extra support.



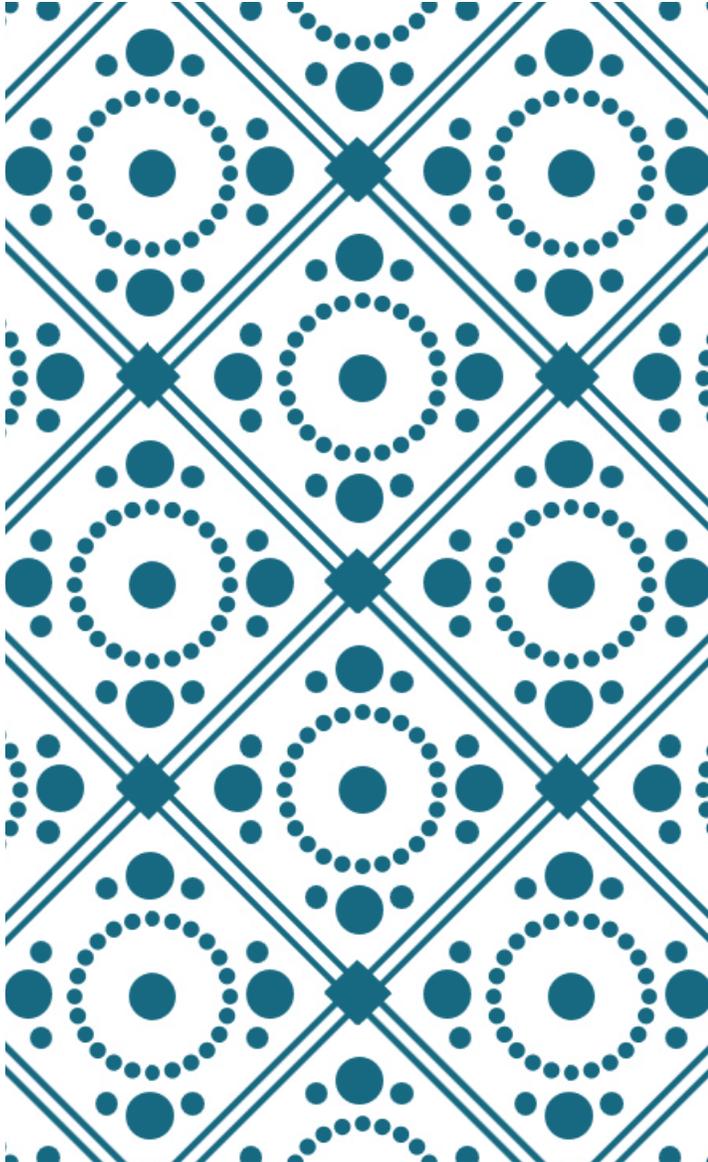
Connecting Communities programme is building networks and encouraging volunteering across communities, with hyper-local groups on violence & youth engagement.



Co-designed Young People's Mental Health Charter which outlines our commitment to supporting every young person's mental and emotional wellbeing



Recruited first cohort of local residents as 'Ask Me' ambassadors to address concerns around gangs, with coverage across the borough.

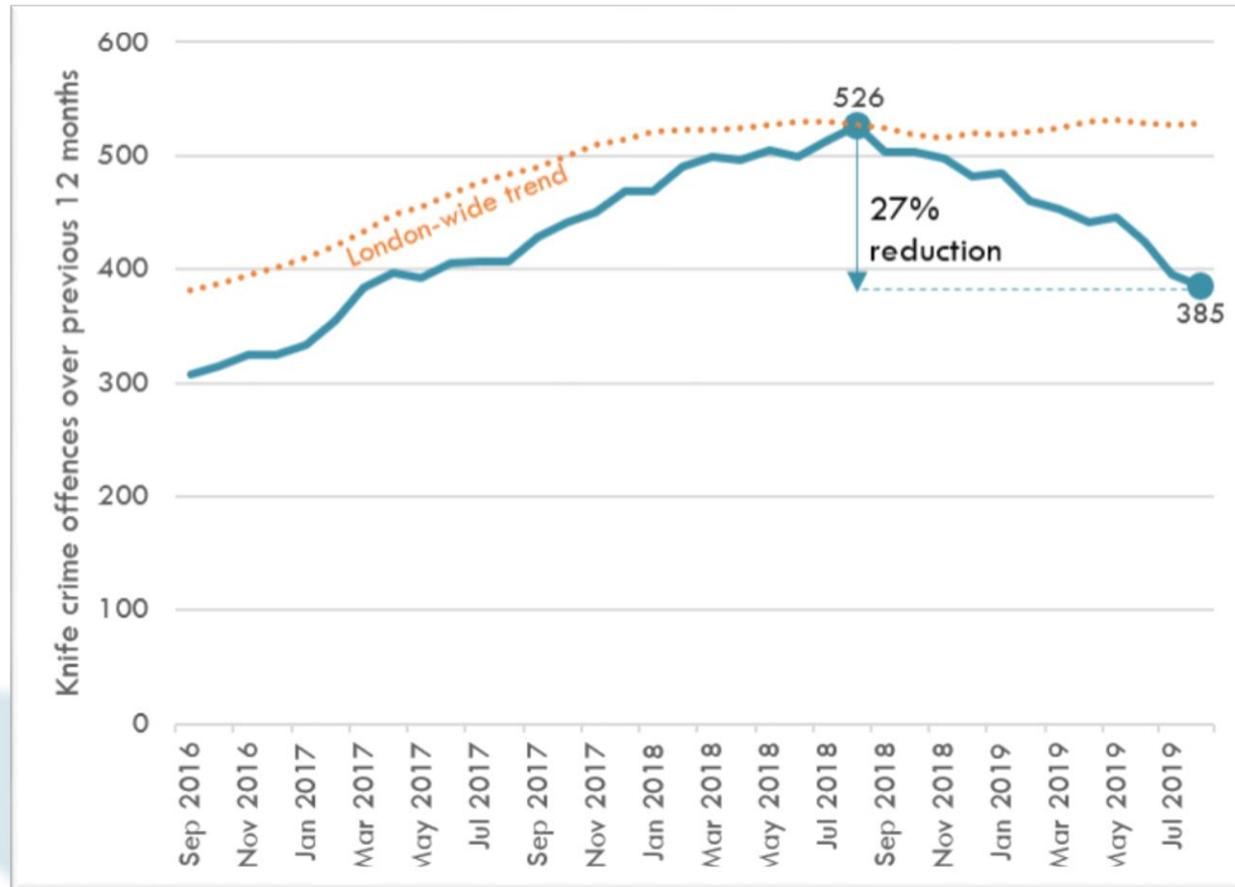


# PROGRESS & NEXT STEPS

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Progress made by the VRP over the first year

# POSITIVE EARLY RESULTS...



# ...BUT THERE IS MUCH WORK TO DO

- Rates of knife crime and violence are still too high.
- We need to address perceptions of crime and violence.
- Confidence in police is low.
- We have the lowest rate of 'successful' stop & searches across London.
- Need to be clearer on the pathways of young people and how they get the right **treatment** and **support**.
- Partnership strong, but need to bring more organisations inside the tent and strengthen co-delivery.
- Lots of others have different 'public health' approaches – we all need to share, listen and learn.

Comments, questions or ideas?

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For more detail read our annual report:

[bit.ly/VRPUpdate2019](http://bit.ly/VRPUpdate2019)

Read stories from across our VRP:

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