

# **The consequences of school exclusion for children and communities in Surrey: a Community Safety perspective, research in Surrey, and some promising approaches in Prevention**

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***“I believe that school exclusions  
should be treated as critical  
incidents at the time they occur”***

- Charlie Spencer, Youth Offending Lead, Surrey County Council

# Taking a Public Health Approach

Looking across the life course to:



**Prevent** vulnerability and adverse childhood experiences



**Intervene early** when they do arise

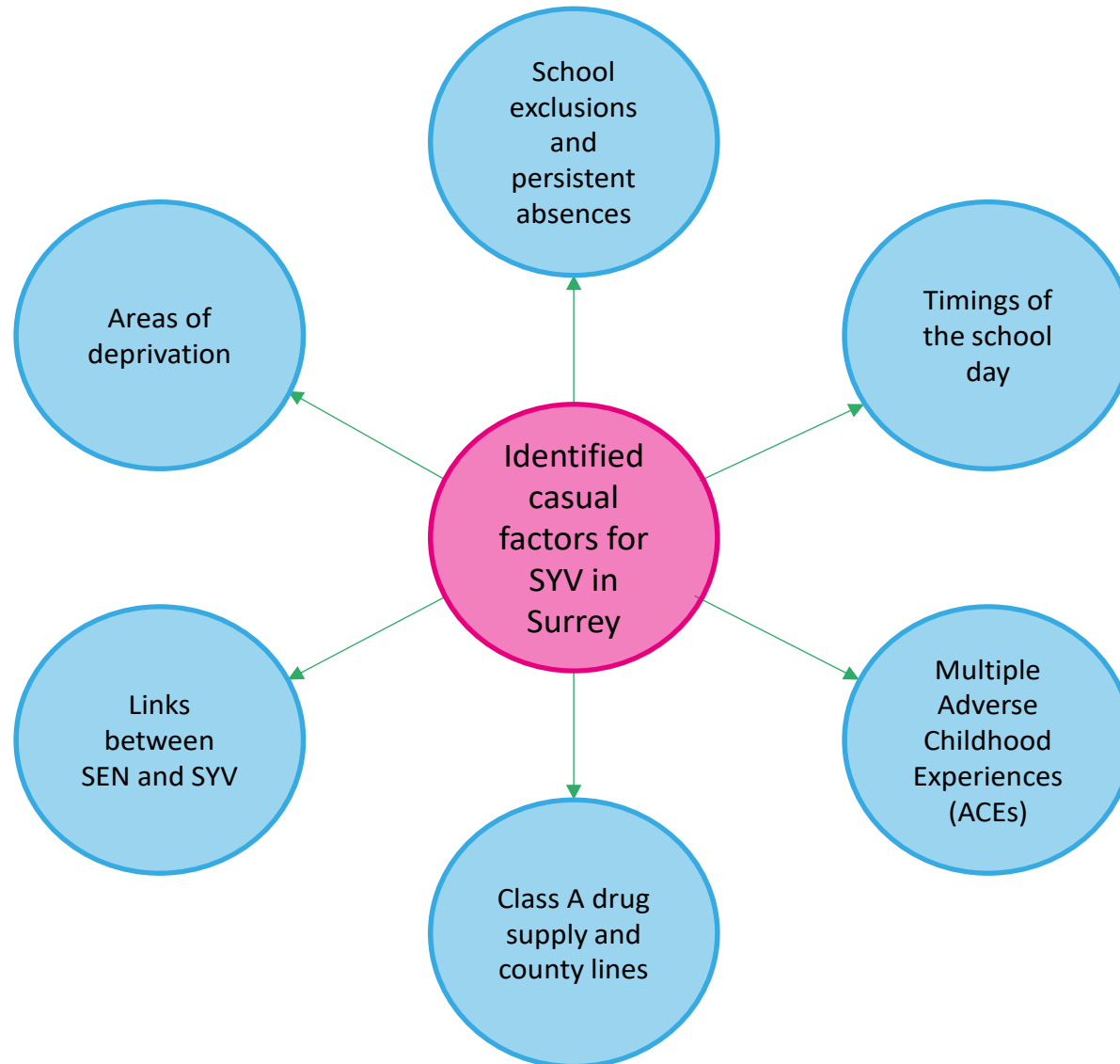


**Mitigate the negative impact of these circumstances** throughout the life course by creating a healthy and supportive environment

*“Serious Youth Violence involves young persons between the ages of 16-24 and is concerned with specific types of crime such as knife crime.. and areas of criminality where serious violence or its threat is inherent, such as in gangs and county lines drug dealing...”*

| Adapted from HM Government National Serious Violence Strategy 2018 (UK)

# Public Health Rapid Review

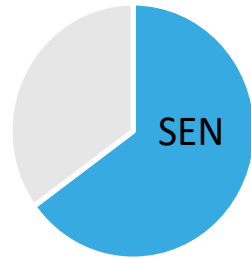


# Consequences of vulnerability: evidence in Surrey

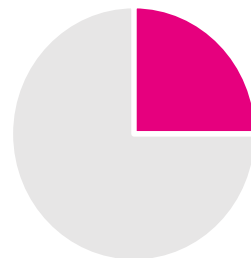
**9.18%** increase in permanent  
exclusions (2018-19)



Across the county, approximately **1 in 5 children** live in poverty (Average based on constituency figures across Surrey developed by End Child Poverty)



Of those young people with court outcomes,  
**64% have Special Education Needs**



Violence against the person accounts for **26%** of  
all Youth Offences in Surrey (in quarter 2 of  
2020)

# Surrey Serious Youth Violence Strategy 2020-2025

## Our Priorities

Keeping children and young people safe

Prevention, early intervention and the effective provision of services

Utilising a collaborative and coordinated approach

Upskilling and empowering residents, communities and local partnership agencies to identify need, reduce risk and improve outcomes for young people

## Vision for Surrey

*Using prevention, early intervention and risk reduction, it is our vision to improve outcomes for young people in Surrey so that they are safe, and feel safe, from Serious Youth Violence*

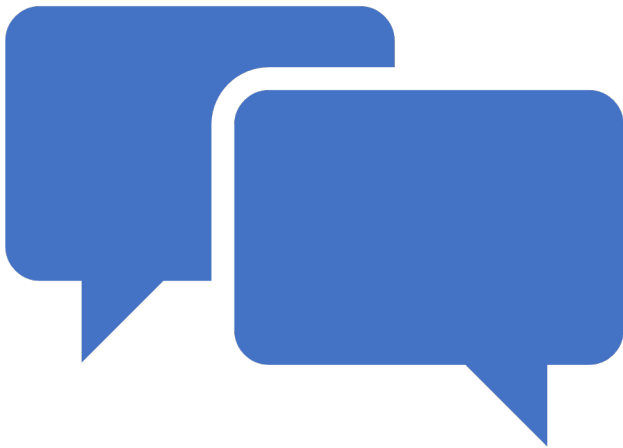
# Developments and achievements

## Research and evidence-led working:

- Serious Youth Violence Strategic Group
- Royal Holloway University Exclusion Research
- University of Surrey Deprivation Analysis



## Violence Reduction Unit Associate Status and the Serious Violence Duty



Home Office

Consultation on a new legal duty to support a multi-agency approach to preventing and tackling serious violence

Government response



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# Early Help Pilot

Dave Bentley  
Surrey Police







**“A healthy society...is not one that waits for people to become ill, but one that sees how health is shaped by social, cultural, political, economic, commercial and environment factors, and takes action on these for current and future generations”  
(Bibby 2018)**