



Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022

2022 CHAPTER 32

PART 2

PREVENTION, INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF CRIME

CHAPTER 1

FUNCTIONS RELATING TO SERIOUS VIOLENCE

Functions relating to serious violence

8 Duties to collaborate and plan to prevent and reduce serious violence

- (1) The specified authorities for a local government area must collaborate with each other to prevent and reduce serious violence in the area.
- (2) The duty imposed on the specified authorities for a local government area by subsection (1) includes a duty to plan together to exercise their functions so as to prevent and reduce serious violence in the area.
- (3) In particular, the specified authorities for a local government area must—
 - (a) identify the kinds of serious violence that occur in the area,
 - (b) identify the causes of serious violence in the area, so far as it is possible to do so, and
 - (c) prepare and implement a strategy for exercising their functions to prevent and reduce serious violence in the area.
- (4) In preparing a strategy under this section for a local government area, the specified authorities for the area must ensure that the following are consulted—
 - (a) each educational authority for the area;

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- (b) each prison authority for the area;
 - (c) each youth custody authority for the area.
- (5) A strategy under this section for a local government area may specify an action to be carried out by—
- (a) an educational authority for the area,
 - (b) a prison authority for the area, or
 - (c) a youth custody authority for the area.
- See section 15 for further provision about the duties of such authorities in relation to such actions.
- (6) In preparing a strategy under this section for a local government area, the specified authorities for the area may invite participation from—
- (a) in the case of a strategy for a local government area in England, a person of a description for the time being prescribed by order of the Secretary of State under section 5(3) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998;
 - (b) in the case of a strategy for a local government area in Wales, a person of a description for the time being prescribed by order of the Welsh Ministers under section 5(3) of that Act.
- (7) Once a strategy has been prepared under this section for a local government area, the specified authorities for the area must—
- (a) publish the strategy,
 - (b) keep the strategy under review, and
 - (c) from time to time prepare and implement a revised strategy.
- (8) A strategy under this section must not include any material that the specified authorities consider—
- (a) might jeopardise the safety of any person,
 - (b) might prejudice the prevention or detection of crime or the investigation or prosecution of an offence, or
 - (c) might compromise the security of, or good order or discipline within, an institution of a kind mentioned in the first column of a table in Schedule 2.
- (9) A strategy under this section may cover an area that is wider than a local government area if it is also prepared in the exercise of the powers in section 9.
- (10) The Secretary of State may by regulations make further provision for or in connection with the publication and dissemination of a strategy under this section.
- (11) References in subsections (4) to (10) to a strategy under this section include a revised strategy.
- (12) This section does not affect any power of a specified authority to collaborate or plan apart from this section.
- (13) For provisions about the interpretation of this section, see—
- (a) section 11 and Schedule 1 (specified authorities and local government areas);
 - (b) section 12 and Schedule 2 (educational, prison and youth custody authorities);
 - (c) section 13 (preventing and reducing serious violence).

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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 8 in force at Royal Assent for specified purposes, see [s. 208\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- I2** S. 8 in force at 31.1.2023 in so far as not already in force by S.I. 2022/1227, [reg. 4\(a\)](#)

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