



# Health and Wellbeing Board

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# What is the purpose of the VRU?

- **VRU core function** is to offer **leadership** and, working with all relevant agencies operating locally, **strategic coordination** of the **local response** to serious violence.
- VRU activity enabled by the funding **must support a multi-agency, 'public health' approach to preventing and tackling serious violence.**
- **Mandatory products:**
  - Joint Needs Assessment
  - Violence Reduction Strategy
  - Response Plan
- **Other**
  - Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan
  - £880,000 – March 2020



## Violence Reduction Units Application Guidance

- ✓ **Received 20<sup>th</sup>  
June 2019**
- ✓ **First meeting 21<sup>st</sup>  
June 2019**
- ✓ **Bid Submitted 04  
July 2019**
- ✓ **Funding  
Agreement  
Received 30  
August 2019**

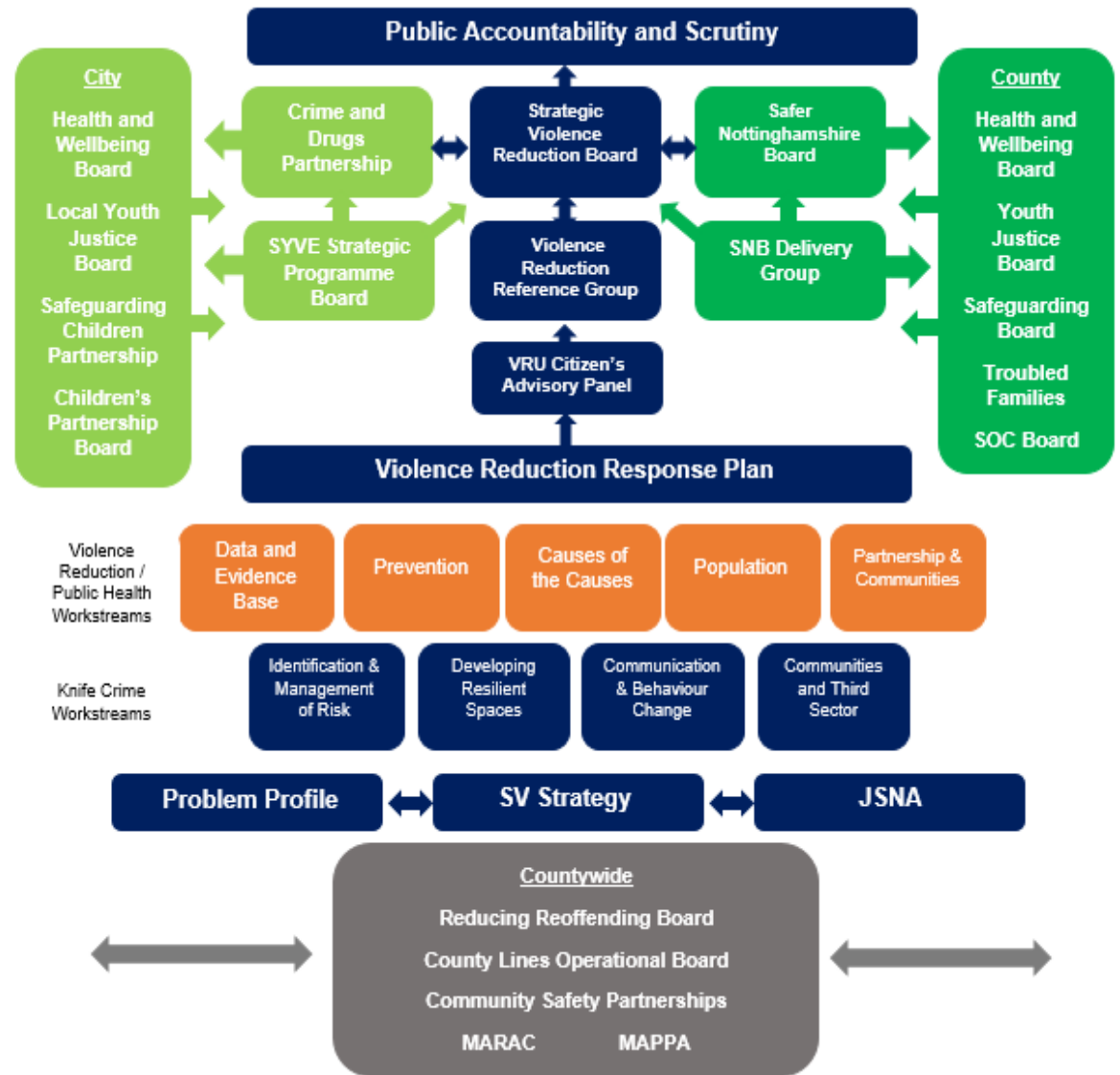
# Governance

Dependent on existing multi-agency arrangements

Strategic Violence Reduction Board

Violence Reduction Stakeholder Reference Group

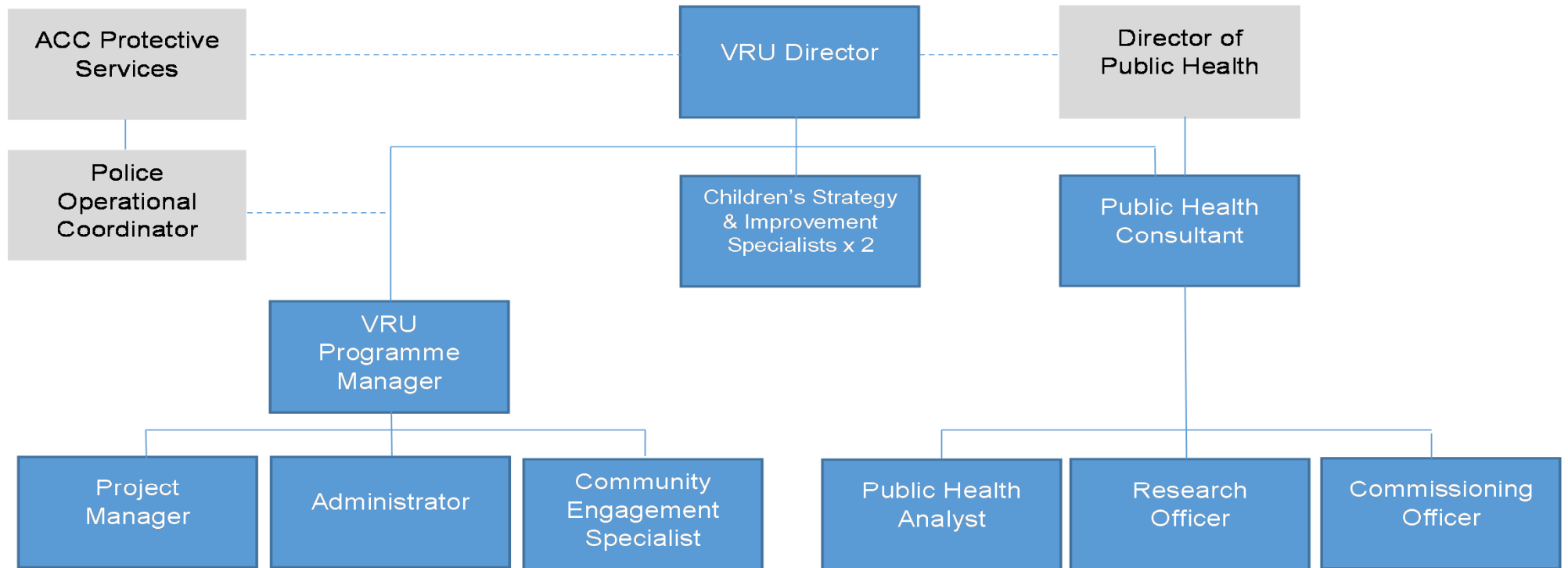
Citizens Advisory Panel



# Strategic VR Board Membership

- Paddy Tipping, Police and Crime Commissioner (Chair)
- Adam Brooks, Major Trauma Surgeon Nottingham University Hospitals (Vice Chair)
- Craig Guildford, Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire Police
- Jonathan Gribbin, Director of Public Health, County Council
- Alison Challenger, Director of Public Health, City Council
- Colin Pettigrew, Corporate Director, Children's, Families and Cultural Services, County Council
- Alison Michalska, Corporate Director of Children and Families, City Council
- Amanda Sullivan, Accountable Officer, Nottinghamshire CCG
- Dr Fu-Meng Khaw, Centre Director, Public Health England East Midlands
- Chief Executive, Nottingham College
- Chief Executive, Vision West Notts College
- Chief Executive, East Midlands Ambulance Service
- Governor – HMP Nottingham

# Violence Reduction Unit: Core Team



# A Public Health Lens

- Affects personal health, family health and population health.
- Applying science to understand 'Why'.
- Focus on social, behavioural and environmental factors.
- Stop the transmission of violence.
- Focus on those who are high risk.
- Reduce community susceptibility to violence and increase resistance.
- Mental health, drug use, depression and anxiety.
- Change community 'norms' – a counter narrative to violence.

# Violence Reduction Strategy: Public Health Workstreams



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## Rebalancing Act

A resource for Directors of Public Health, Police and Crime Commissioners, the police service and other health and justice commissioners, service providers and users.



**Thank you.**

**Any Questions/Feedback?**

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