Problem solving violent crime: a guide for analysts

A problem-solving and analytical approach to serious violence.

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Aims

This guide is about problem solving and the analysis of serious violence. It aims to:

- describe a range of practical tools and techniques that you can use to help better understand and respond to problems of violence
- cover concepts and theories which have proven useful when applying a problem solving approach to violence reduction.

This guide is written primarily for analysts but should be relevant to anyone with an interest in, or responsibilities for reducing violent crime.

How this guide is organised

This guide covers topics relevant to problem solving violent crime. It is divided into five sections corresponding to the **SARA problem solving model**. These sections are:

- data for problem solving analysis
- analysis to identify and prioritise problems
- analysis to determine patterns
- analysis to evaluate impact
- presenting analysis effectively

Each section is made up of units. Each unit covers three areas:

- the learning objectives of the unit
- a description of why the unit is important when problem solving
- a demonstration, drawing on research and practice, of how the information reported in that unit might assist you in problem solving violence

Each unit ends with signposts to recommended resources and readings.

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