

Information Sharing to Tackle Violence (ISTV): Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

Supporting Materials:

1. Checklist
2. FAQs
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ISTV SOP Checklist

This checklist aims to ensure that all necessary steps are taken when recording ISTV information in which patients are injured because of violence to prevent future violence. Here is a checklist for the ISTV SOP.

However, we advise that you first, identify key personnel responsible for initiating, recording and coordinating information ISTV information recording and sharing efforts.

Purpose

This Standard Operating Procedure describes the process for recording (and sharing) information about violence by asking people injured in violence who attend Emergency Departments or Urgent and Emergency Care Units.

Why?

ISTV information collection makes a difference to both communities and EDs

Knowing where and how people injured in violence in our community can help prevent 33% of injuries that occur through violence

We all want to know that our loved ones are safe in our communities.

Goals

- Help us build safer communities
- ISTV information collection will assist relevant agencies in reducing violence and knife crime

Impact

- Three-quarters of people injured through violence and treated in EDs do not tell the Police.
- ISTV information is an important piece in revealing both the places and times that violent injury occurs in our communities.

Patient Confidentiality

- All the information shared is anonymised
- Never compromised

Injury Date and Time

- Date and time injury occurred
- Not precise? That's ok
- Include, date, month, year and time

Place of Injury

- Type of place injury occurred (not the area of the body injured)
- Include the place, e.g. pub, bar, club, outside licensed premises

Injury Intent

- Ask the person injured in violence why the injury occurred
- Say whether the alleged assault was by a single assailant

Injury Activity Status & Type

- Record what the person injured in violence was doing at the time of the injury

Injury Alcohol or Drug Involvement

- Record whether you think it is probable that alcohol or drugs were involved in the cause of the injury.
- It's OK to guess if you are not 100% sure

Injury Mechanism

- Record the physical cause of the injury

Violence Location Description

- This is the most important information.**

It helps narrow down the location
- The more detail you can give, the better