# Violence prevention, data sharing and the ED

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#### WEST MIDLANDS VIOLENCE REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP (WM VRP) Formerly known as the Violence Reduction Unit (WM VRU)





#### Royal College of Emergency Medicine ISTV National Launch event

- West Mids VRP structure
- Taster WM VRP projects
- Role of SVD Manager for combined ICBs
- Current and future ED data collection challenges

#### WM VRP STRUCTURE



Birmingham: 51% of CYP live in 10% of the most deprived areas in England.

Children in the most deprived areas are TWICE as likely to die than those in the least deprived (infant death, accident, interpersonal violence and suicide).

westmidlands-vrp.org/data-insights/strategic-needs-assessment

Association of Paediatric Emergency Medicine



1060 Tackling child inequality in a UK Emergency Department: a pilot early intervention service on the shop floor FREE

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#### Abstract



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Aims Around 30% of children and young people (CYP) live below the official poverty line. Exacerbated by the pandemic, spending on preventive early interventions declined by 48% in the UK over the last decade, while expenditure on youth justice services, safeguarding and children in care increased by 34% in the same period.(1) Child poverty has toxic effects, including: infant death; low birthweight; bottle feeding and tooth decay; second hand smoke exposure; obesity; asthma; poor school performance; and death in an accident.(2)

The Emergency Department at Birmingham Children's Hospital, with 60,000 annual attendances, serves the UK's diverse second city where 51% of CYP live in the 10% most deprived areas in England. The Early Help scheme aims to prevent children and families needing more specialist services, helping with housing, finance, food poverty, digital exclusion, mental health, child development, SEND and many others. The pilot service based in the ED was introduced to raise awareness of Early Help among ED staff and to increase support to attending families with barriers to health and social care.



**Methods** An Early Help coordinator (FD) began work alongside ED clinicians from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 with the aim of bringing Early Help to children and their families attending the ED. Alongside referrals made to Early Help the pilot plans to evaluate any reduction in referrals to specialist services. Out of hours, referrals are still made and picked up the next working day.

### Early Help is a crucial part of violence prevention

## Awaab Ishak was 2 when he died from black mould exposure



UK human rights crisis: Olivia Colman film on baby death tragedy from black mould launches 'terrifyingly urgent' rights campaign



Markers of deprivation correlate with those of violence. ED standard letter to landlords quoting Landlord and Tenants Act 1985 and Home Act 2018.

#### TEACHABLE MOMENTS



#### **Violence against Women and Girls**

Guidelines for clinical management of non-fatal strangulation in acute and emergency care services Feb 2024 Review date Feb 2025



- Non fatal strangulation x7 likely to be killed.
   50% have no physical signs. All should have CT head neck lfas.org
- Virginity testing and hymenoplasty now illegal NHS Rapid Read
- Coercive concealment (plugging) NHS Rapid Read

#### **Violence against Women and Girls**

- Helping Hands, nursery intervention with Women's Aid around positive relationships and feeling safe
- Safer together, Girls empowerment programme, prim/second/PRU challenging harmful ideologies
- The Feast, safe dialogue around belief systems, secondary
- Men at Work, safety discussions, improving ambition, surpassing external expectations and "changing the script"



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## SVD Manager

- Dorian Davies SVD Manager for combined ICBs in West Midlands
- Site visits to 10 centres, ideally in person and with rep of all teams
- Identify good practice and challenges
- Feedback to Trusts on performance
- Feedback to national teams on regional challenges

## Solihull MIU

- Small waiting room, no privacy
- Glass encased reception
- Engaged and motivated staff keen to contribute
- Multiple systems: x2 Oceano versions, PICS, Clinical Portal for over 16s and Oceano/ Patient First for under 16 years
- Ambulance PRF not uploaded to platform clinicians use
- Non mandated field means injury details not completed



## E-triage

## eConsult Health and Vodafone collaborate to reduce

**NHS A&E** wait times

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✓ West Mids VRP structure
 ✓ Taster of projects
 ✓ SVD Manager
 ✓ Challenges

ED teams are resilient, hard working, adaptable and they get it. Permanent staff are invested and motivated re ISTV

The IT systems and process are key.

Our annual report: bit.ly/vruannualreport

Our Strategic Needs Assessment: bit.ly/vru-sna

Web-based version: wmvru-sna.org

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