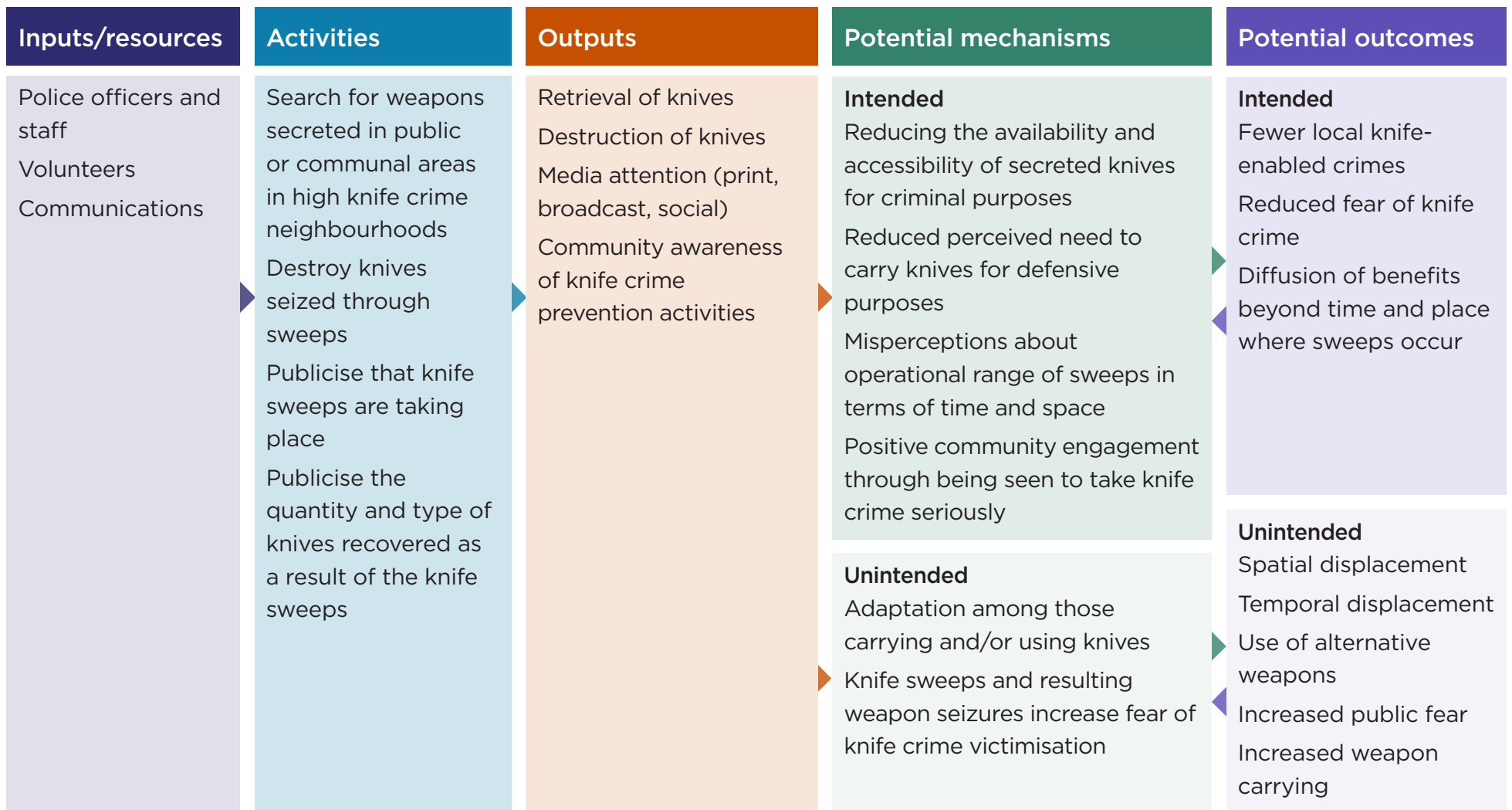


Knife crime problem solving: Knife sweeps



Context

- ✓ Knives/weapons secreted for future offensive or defensive use (perceived as too risky to carry because of stop and search and/or knife arches)
- ✓ Knives/weapons secreted after use (perceived as potential indicators of guilt following use to inflict injury)
- ✓ No knives secreted by likely offenders, but by those using them as fashion items (perceived as taboo by family members)