## Knife crime problem solving: School-based intervention programmes

## **Activities** Inputs/resources Potential mechanisms **Potential outcomes** Outputs Police Identify schools Increased students' Intended Intended to receive the feelings of safety Increased awareness Reductions in knife carrying School leaders and intervention of the risks and among youths receiving the teachers Positive interactions consequences of knife intervention Inform parents, between police and Parents and carrying staff and pupils young people at risk Diffusion of benefits to children guardians why the school has of involvement in Targeted children better in school not receiving the Local authority been selected and knife crime able to say no to knife intervention the purpose of the Reductions in knife crime Referrals of at-risk carrying intervention children to relevant Denormalising knife involving affected youths Identify pupils in support services carrying Reductions in (knife) crime in the targeted school to The gathering At-risk children identified school setting receive (and provide of credible and support provided Improved perception/trust in rationale for) the and actionable police among students, staff and Unintended intervention intelligence community Stigmatisation of affected Inform selection schools and pupils Unintended pupils of risks of knife carrying Criminalisation of Increases knife carrying among affected pupils affected school pupils Increases mistrust and hostility Increases fear of towards the police knife crime Normalises knife carrying

## Context

- ❷ Rationale for police presence in schools made clear to affected staff, students and parents/guardians
- School involved in the design and delivery of the specific intervention
- ✓ Intervention delivered in a manner that is fair, just and equitable, in accordance with the principles of procedural justice
- Where relevant support services can be referred to for those children judged to be at risk of involvement in knife crime
- ♦ Where 'mission creep' can be minimised to avoid perceptions of criminalising young people