

# Violence and Exploitation as a Public Health Challenge

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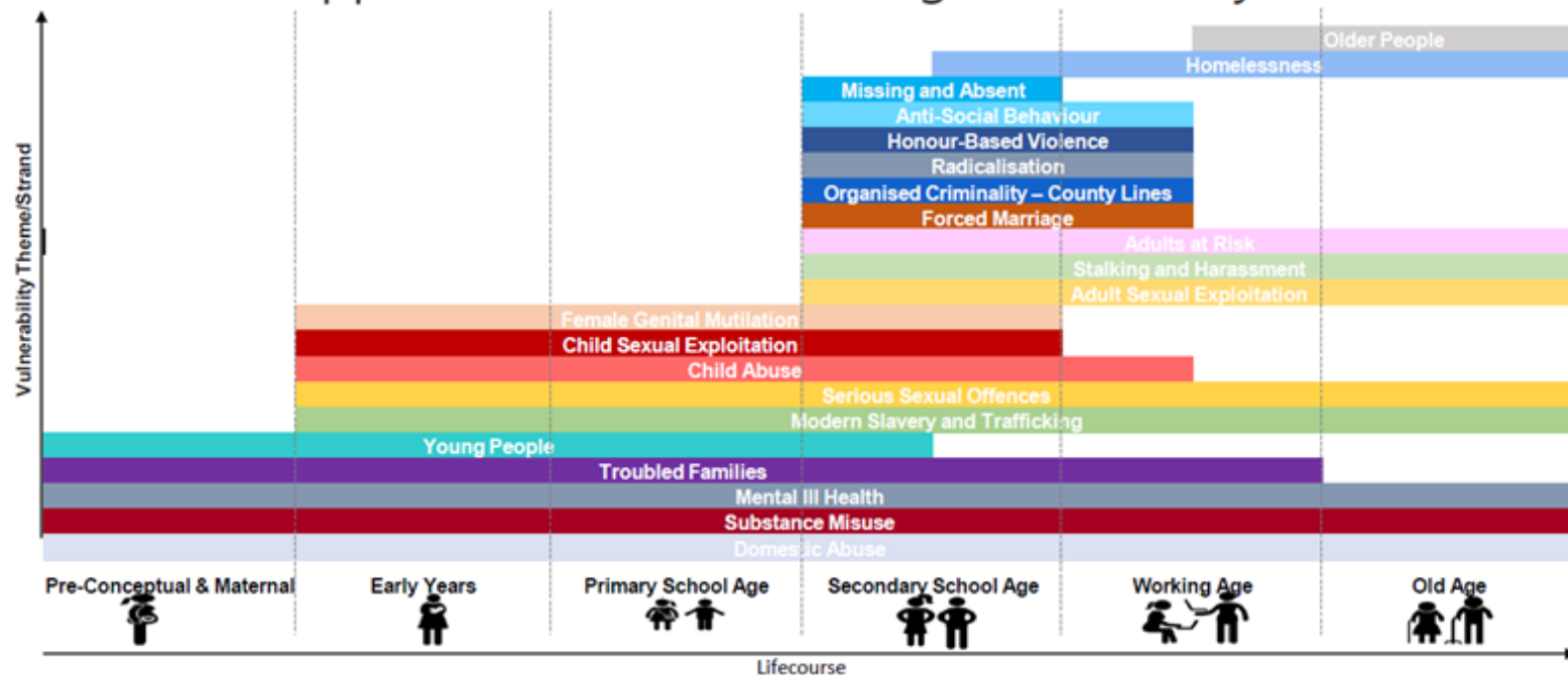
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# Defining public health

Public health has been defined as "**the science and art** of preventing disease ", prolonging life and improving quality of life through organized efforts and informed choices of society, organisations (public and private), communities and individuals.

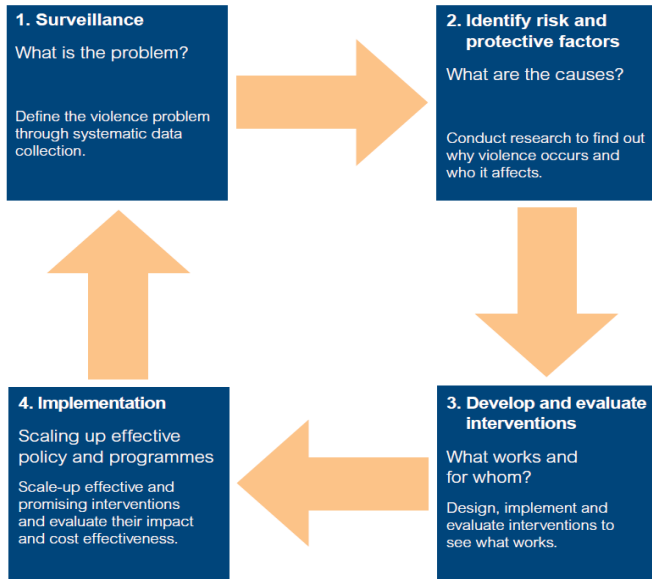
# A lifecourse approach to understanding vulnerability



# Why is Violence and Exploitation a PH Issue?

- Long been recognised as a significant concern for public health because of the ill-health and suffering that it causes.
- Violence has sometimes been compared to a disease – a complex preventable problem that can be understood and addressed by using some of the techniques more usually applied to disease control.

# The Public Health Approach



Source: WHO, 2017

- Define the scale of the problem and measuring the impacts of exploitation on our communities
- Shared understanding of the causes and indicators of exploitation
- Tackle complex and multiple vulnerabilities at scale, through a partnership of equals to establish prevention models and advocating for effective intervention at all stages
- Prevent and reduce the harmful impacts of exploitation, to safeguard children and young people



Understanding the Determinants of Health and Wellbeing helps us to tackle exploitation and violence