

Report to the Thames Valley Police & Crime Panel

Title: Community Safety Partnerships

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Background

- 1 Community Safety Partnerships (CSP's) were introduced in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to be made up of 'responsible authorities' and some who sit as a result of local agreement. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 made no significant amendments to the role and remit of CSP's, however it meant changes to their working context as funding for crime and disorder reduction (or community safety) would be funnelled through the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). It is worth noting that the former 'Community Safety Fund' initially allocated in 2013/14 has now been absorbed into the general Police Grant allocated to PCCs. Therefore, the allocation of funding at a local level for community safety and crime and disorder activities, and mechanisms for its distribution, are at the discretion of individual PCC's.
- 2 Home Office Guidance (PCC Update July 2011) states that PCC's will be supported to work effectively with other local leaders to prioritise resources to suit local needs and priorities. There is a duty for both parties to co-operate and have regard to each other 'relevant priorities in carrying out their respective functions'. This duty to have regard to each 'others' priorities exists even if the PCC were not to provide funding to CSPs. PCC's have the authority to require a report from a CSP where they are not content that the CSP is carrying out its duties 'effectively and efficiently'.
- 3 CSP's are held to account by local overview and scrutiny committees using powers given by the Police and Justice Act 2006.
- 4 The statutory obligations for CSP's are as follows:-
 - Strategic Group to direct the work of the partnership
 - Regularly engage and consult with the community about their priorities and progress achieving them
 - Set up protocols and systems for sharing information
 - Analyse a wide range of data, including recording crime levels and patterns, in order to identify priorities in an annual strategic assessment
 - Set out a partnership plan and monitor progress

- Produce a strategy to reduce reoffending
- Commission domestic violence homicide reviews

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/police-and-crime-commissioners-and-community-safety-partnerships>

- 5 CSP's are encouraged to take an actions orientated rather than a meetings orientated approach and also to focus on reduced bureaucracy, value for money and improved delivery of services. CSPs consist of five 'responsible authorities' - police, relevant local authorities, fire and rescue authorities, probation providers and Clinical Commissioning Groups and are under a duty to assess local community safety issues and draw up a partnership plan setting out their priorities.
- 6 The Thames Valley is made up of a complex partnership landscape comprising of a number of local government structures including two tier (District and County Councils, and Unitary, Authorities) working alongside a range of other organisations which also configure themselves at a local, County and Thames Valley level. These Local Authority areas vary in geography and demography quite substantially. One of the strengths of the Thames Valley is the diversity of its population. Universal priorities which affect all areas of the Thames Valley include violent crime, domestic and sexual abuse, anti social behaviour, burglary and theft and safeguarding issues. CSP's in the Thames Valley have many years experience of working collaboratively to maximise opportunities to reduce crime, disorder and anti social behaviour.
- 7 The PCC and CSPs have a duty to take each other's priorities into account and in the Thames Valley the PCC works closely with the CSPs to achieve this. The Office of the PCC (OPCC) attends most CSP meetings and fund and host regular Thames Valley wide events where all CSP Managers and the OPCC have the opportunity to come together to share learning and look at opportunities for joint working.
<https://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/police-and-crime-plan/working-in-partnership/community-safety-partnerships/>
- 8 According to some research undertaken by the Centre for Public Scrutiny relations between Panels and CSPs and Scrutiny Committees appear to be sporadic and ad hoc. In many instances, the fact that many Panel Members sit on CSPs is the only reason that any liaison does occur. There is often not an effective mechanism for intelligence and data to be shared between Panels, CSPs and their corresponding scrutiny committee. The Panel has therefore agreed to have an annual update on the work of CSPs which will be presented by Members.
- 9 Other areas which are important to note about CSP's are as follows:-
 - Each year, the Strategy Group for community safety commissions the strategic assessment. This is an audit of all the crime and disorder, substance misuse and reoffending that has taken place across the CSP area over the previous year, and seeks to predict the key issues and identify priorities for the partnership by highlighting risk. The strategic assessment should be closely aligned to the background evidence underpinning the police and crime plan. Partnership priorities should be established via a combination of the hard quantitative evidence established in the strategic assessment and through consulting the community. This is a statutory duty on CSPs.
 - Additionally each CSP needs to hold one face to face public meeting.
 - Many CSP's structure themselves to provide a strategic oversight and a number of delivery mechanisms to ensure that actions outlined in partnership plans are undertaken. This should be a highly tactical meeting bringing agencies together to problem-solve chronic issues on a geographical basis.

- Each CSP should have an information sharing protocol with a Designated Liaison Officer in each Responsible Authority to assist in the sharing of datasets, including depersonalised information. The best mechanism would be to utilise data in the form of analytical problem profiles to properly understand an issue, then apply problem solving methodologies to address them.
- Community Safety Partnerships need to work very closely with neighbourhood policing teams, and tackle the priorities highlighted by communities through consultation.
- Priorities for CSP's tend to include domestic abuse and reducing reoffending through Integrated Offender Management Schemes.
- A CSP can offer access to commissioning and procurement services to PCC's
- The key strength of CSPs is their ability to be flexible and design multi-agency responses around local need.

10 Issues and risks identified by CSP are as follows (see matrix):-

- Adult exploitation
- Modern slavery
- Burglary/cross border crime
- Prevent/Hate crime
- Cyber crime
- Building community resilience
- Sexual violence

Community Safety Funding

11 The PCC may made a crime and disorder reduction grant to any person if, in the opinion of the PCC, it will secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction. The opinion of the PCC may make such grants subject to any conditions which he/she thinks appropriate. Not all PCC's give allocations to each Council in their area and bids have to be made through the commissioning process. In the Thames Valley as well as the PCCs Community Safety Fund, which is provided to Local Authorities, the Police Property Act Fund is also used to fund some of the activities and joint priorities of the PCC and Chief Constable in local areas. In previous years the PCC has provided funding to local authorities in the Thames Valley for community safety purposes. Last year a consultation was undertaken on funding and information on this can be viewed via the following link

<https://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/community-safety-fund-review/>

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Members highlight any areas from their own Community Safety Partnerships which they wish to bring to the Panel's attention either good practice or emerging risks.**
- 2. That Members note the work being undertaken by CSP's and consider whether they wish to add anything to the Work Programme in light of this.**

Feedback from Local Community Safety Partnerships

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE (Safer and Stronger Board)Key

Key areas of work include:-

1. Domestic Abuse
2. Adult Exploitation
3. Cyber / Digital Crime
4. CSE (Pursue strand)
5. Integrated Offender Management

Domestic Abuse

- **DVA Youth Worker** recommencing on 1st April 2017, funded for a year with the option to extend (covering Wycombe, Chiltern and South Bucks)
- Funding secured for a **DVA Youth Worker in Aylesbury Vale** until the end of March 2019.
- **DVA Engagement Worker** sitting with TVP in Chiltern and South Bucks, commenced Sept 2016. (The post holder has carried out a review of all the cases and found about 30% had an element of coercive control that had not been picked up by the Police Officers and has developed training for them.)
- **DVA In Reach Worker** pilot in two GP surgeries in Chesham to raise awareness of DVA with GPs and practice staff and support referrals from GPs
- **DVA Integrated Contract (IDVA)** – funding secured to continue with the existing 8 IDVAs across the county.
- Working with Family Resilience to set up a **Creative Play Pilot** for children who have witnessed DV.
- Driving and maintaining a growing network of (currently over 200) **DV Champions** across over 44 different agencies with 16 trainers
- Commissioning and providing Domestic Violence **training to front line professionals**

Adult Exploitation

- Developing Adult Exploitation **beyond the bounds of Modern Slavery** (as described in the legislation) – e.g. scams, county lines, radicalisation etc
- Creation of a wider **Adult Exploitation Strategic Partnership** to tackle key challenges across the work area with an Exploitation Task & Finish Group leading on a **local Action Plan and Strategy**
- Commissioning and provision of **training for professionals** and front line staff in key risk areas
- Development of **service provision** for exploitation victims
- Development of an **Anti-Slavery Network** for the County, the first in the Thames Valley

Cyber / Digital Crime

- Delivery of joint **training and awareness** events for professionals, stakeholders, teachers and parents (with Safeguarding Children's Board)
- Leading on a **common approach to cyber / digital** across the Thames Valley
- Developing a **single overarching strategy** for the Force area

CSE (Pursue strand)

- Safer & Stronger Partnership Board lead on the delivery of one of the four CSE work streams.

- Leading on **understanding need and developing support mechanisms** for families of perpetrators e.g. counselling
- **Delivering workshops** and driving consistency across local practise, training and resources for Hotels, Taxis and other key sectors

Integrated Offender Management

- Implementing recommendations from a **review of IOM** to broaden the cohort out from serious acquisitive crime to other areas of criminality including violence.
- Piloting a project to tackle some of the **barriers to housing** for ex-offenders
- Providing a small fund to drive progress on **practical issues for offender rehabilitation** such as obtaining ID documents, work permits, essential clothing

Strengthening Partnership Working

- Maintaining a **Joint Protocol** between key Boards in the county (including Safer & Stronger, Adult and Children's Safeguarding Board and Health & Wellbeing Board) for the purpose of accountability, communication and ownership of all key agendas that span the 'radars' of each partnership Board
- Reviewing the Crime & Disorder **Information Sharing Protocol** to ensure it remains fit for purpose and encourages sharing of data

Safer Bucks Priorities 2017-20 (County Community Safety Agreement)

Safeguarding against Vulnerability and Exploitation

including child sexual exploitation (CSE), children and adults being targeted over the internet (e.g. grooming, harassment, fraud), people being targeted for scams

e.g. the development of an Anti-Slavery Network and a targeted Victim Service in Buckinghamshire

Tackling Violence and Abuse (including Domestic)

including abuse of children and young people, abuse of older people and domestic abuse

e.g. continuing the provision of Independent Domestic Violence Advocates for those who are at high risk of harm

Reducing Re-offending

including ways to keep offenders and ex-offenders off the streets, enabling them to change their behaviour, reducing the misuse of drugs and alcohol, and preventative work with families of those at risk of and involved in offending

e.g. developing co-ordinated rehabilitation programmes that consider the issues faced by children and families of ex-offenders

Helping our Communities to be Resilient

including information on how to keep yourself safe online, having safe places for people to go when they feel vulnerable, support for those who are social isolated

e.g. making information more accessible and available to those who need it

Aylesbury Vale District Council

This link is for the Environment & Living Scrutiny Committee page covering the meeting in which the CSP plan was reviewed.

<http://aylesburyvale.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MId=2113&Ver=4>

Within AVDC, Community Safety has been highlighted as a priority by partners and residents and so the CSP has undertaken a review of its membership and adopted a problem-solving, demand reduction operating model. The Strategy and Annual Plan has been designed to introduce tangible actions to employ these key principles, focusing on early intervention and prevention of crime and disorder, whilst empowering communities to be more resilient. Emergency Planning and Resilience have now been aligned with the Community Safety sector within AVDC. The Community Safety discipline will continue to focus activity on acquisitive crimes, such as burglary to homes, and supporting a multi-agency approach to raise awareness of home and personal security.

At the same time, partners will work together to tackle some of the highest priority crimes, such as organised drug dealing gangs who exploit the vulnerable by employing the “County Lines”⁴ model. Initiatives such as the Vulnerable Tenancy Group will seek to support those at risk of losing their homes through being exploited by criminal gangs. Organisations will work together, including the Institute Of Community Safety, to gain a greater understanding of the landscape of organised crime and gang activity in the Vale. This will support work with the police to disrupt and dismantle such organisations.

Anti-Social Behaviour, along with crime is often the symptom of complex issues within families and communities. The Partnership will be working with the Police Crime Commissioner, housing providers and the police on a project to support communities to address ASB issues and to aid their resolution, using Community Based Resolution. This voluntary method of intervention has been highly successful in other areas of the country and it is hoped that this pilot will replicate the success within the Vale. Alongside this initiative the Community Safety Team are reviewing AVDC’s ASB policy, along with those of partner housing providers to ensure effective and efficient interventions are in place to deal with those residents that display less social responsibility.

Chiltern and South Bucks District Council

Over the past year Chiltern and South Bucks CSP has focused on a number of different actions that have linked in with the Partnership Plan.

Particular areas that we have focused on includes:

- Community Cards project – working with primary schools and focusing on year 6 pupils across both Districts they are encouraged to collect a variety of different stickers based on different topics – community integration, ASB, CSE, drugs and alcohol, loan sharks, intergeneration and dementia, faith establishments etc. The winning school goes to Legoland. Further info can be found on both DC websites.
- Ask for Angela has been launched across both Districts – working with the Licensing team to deliver posters to licensed premises with the aims of reducing sexual violence and harassment. Further information and a list of pubs involved can be found here <http://www.chiltern.gov.uk/article/6126/Ask-For-Angela> or here <http://www.southbucks.gov.uk/askforangela>
- Hotel Watch was launched with training and story boards produced for reception staff, cleaning staff and bar staff. Test purchase operations with TVP will take place soon to see if further training is required.
- Neighbourhood Watch – proactively targeting roads that have recently had a burglary with letters to try and set up a NHW scheme – this has been very successful.
- Community Integration – working with the CDC/ SBDC Community Integration Officer to build up relationships with BME communities and continue with the Movers and Shakers group in Chesham.

- Continuing to raise awareness of particular crime types and focus on communication campaigns at particular times of the year when there is an increase. E.g wintertime burglary when the clocks go back, shed breaks and garden centre events in spring time, bike marking over summer holidays etc.
- Cross border crime continues to be an issue – particularly in South Bucks. Members are well aware of the problems and know that it would be beneficial to have more ANPR cameras installed.
- In terms of performance monitoring community safety reports are submitted to Policy Advisory Groups in Chiltern and South Bucks District Council over the past year.

The Partnership has used the Strategic Assessment to identify the following priorities for Chiltern and South Bucks:

- Reduce domestic burglary and theft from vehicles
- Vulnerability and safeguarding (including child exploitation, exploitation of people – modern slavery, forced labour, scams)
- Tackling violence in the community and domestic violence and abuse.
- Improving community resilience
- Tackling fear of crime through effective communication

Wycombe Community Safety Partnership Update – May 2017

Wycombe District are fully committed to working in partnership with a large number of statutory agencies, voluntary organisations and the business community. Involvement of the local community is also essential and community spirit will continue to be harnessed into making Wycombe District a safe place to live, work and visit.

The proposed priorities are:

- tackling anti-social behaviour and crime
- safeguarding our communities from exploitation
- working together to address child sexual exploitation
- building community resilience

Reports on performance of partnership work go to the Wycombe Community Safety Strategy Group. This Group sets up action groups to drive work on the priorities within the Partnership Plan and delivers on projects; is represented on the Buckinghamshire Safer and Stronger Partnership Board; and contributes to the Safer Bucks Plan.

CSP Update:

- The Anti-Social Behaviour Team has implemented a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to replace the town centre Designated Public Places Order, and one to tackle prostitution related activities in the Desborough Road area have been consulted upon and agreed by Cabinet.
- The Wycombe District Council Anti-Social Behaviour Officer has set up the Street Community Core Group – which meets 6 weekly to discuss those individuals causing problems within the town centre, including issues relating to street drinking and begging.
- The Wycombe District Council Anti-Social Behaviour Officer is working with Marlow police officers to roll out Community Cop Card Scheme in 2017. The scheme provides the opportunity for year 6 pupils from participating schools to complete activities to collect up to 24 stickers. Pupils are encouraged to engage with their local community by directing them towards social clubs, historical places, environmental work, and sports and educate them about the importance of healthy relationships, personal safety, road safety and being dementia friendly,

amongst other things. Neighbourhood policing teams are utilising problem profiling approaches to their areas – and working in partnership with relevant agencies to implement actions.

- A new Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) domestic abuse disclosure scheme launched in Bucks (supported by Terence Higgins Trust HW)
- A multi-agency operation ran in May 2016 where a number of local nail bars were visited in relation to modern slavery. Information was left with the workers, and translators were on hand to discuss any concerns.
- Police and Wycombe District Council Taxi Licensing officers undertook joint visits prior to Christmas to speak with taxi drivers about safeguarding of customers and CSE, and undertake checks on vehicles.

Good practice:

- Hotel Watch has been launched within High Wycombe. A pack of partnership information was produced and delivered to 35 hotels by Neighbourhood Police Officers, and regular emails are sent out with information relating to safeguarding children, child sexual exploitation. Training is being planned for all Hotel Watch members. Along with 'test purchases' to test hotel staffs approached to potential CSE.
- Delegation Bucks has been set up within Bucks – this is a multi-agency group which meets monthly to discuss those domestic abuse cases which do not meet the MARAC criteria.

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Bracknell Forest

Bracknell Forest's Overview and Scrutiny Commission will meet as the Crime and Disorder Committee on 6 July to receive a presentation from the police, Police & Crime Commissioner and Community Safety Manager serving the Borough to consider: the performance of the Community Safety Partnership in 2016-17; and the priorities in the Community Safety Plan for 2017-18.

The Community Safety Partnership within Bracknell Forest has working on a number of activities throughout 2016/17:-

Domestic Abuse

They have redesigned the Domestic Abuse Service Coordination (DASC) Project, which provides support to standard and medium risk victims of domestic abuse. The redesign was to ensure we are identifying victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse at an early stage to provide support and advice to prevent repeat victimisation.

Tackling Alcohol-related Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

They have set up a sophisticated recording system in conjunction with Thames Valley Police to capture data in relation to Designated Public Place Orders (DPPO) in order to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the DPPO. This data has allowed Neighbourhood Policing Teams to target hotspots and deal with those specific individuals who cause nuisance related ASB within the town centre through the consumption of alcohol.

Regular reviews of crimes and incidents relating to alcohol-related ASB within the designated area of the DPPO have shown a reduction.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

The operational ASB Team continues to work with Thames Valley Police to resolve cases of ASB. This year they have seen an increase in begging within the borough and have successfully obtained their first Criminal behaviour Order (CBO) in relation to begging.

Preventing Violent Extremism

In 2016/17 a new Prevent Strategy and Action Plan was developed and this built upon the previous work of the Prevent Steering Group and ensures the Council responds to the ever changing landscape of this safeguarding threat.

The training and awareness programme continues to be delivered and imbedded into normal practice within the Local Authority, Schools and Partner Agencies including; Youth project, Child Minders, Faith Group.

Partnership Problem Solving Group (PPSG)

The PPSG was introduced in August 2016 to work collectively with partners to reduce perceived and actual crime and anti social behaviour levels to ensure Bracknell Forest is a safe place to live, work and visit.

This group has successfully identified issues that would benefit from a multi agency problem solving approach and has set up a number of task and finish groups in order to find sustainable solutions to the issues, in partnership with the local community where appropriate.

Reading

Please find link below for the Community Safety Plan for Reading:-

http://www.reading.gov.uk/media/2499/Community-Safety-Plan/pdf/Reading_CSP_2016-2019.pdf

Reading's Community Safety Partnership has just completed its second year of the three year plan. The strategic assessment carried out in 2015, identified six priority areas for the CSP, which can be categorised under three key themes:

- a) **Violent Crime** (Night Time Economy, Domestic Abuse, Sexual Violence)
- b) **Exploitative Crime** (Child Sexual Exploitation, Modern Slavery, Adult Exploitation (including sex working, human trafficking and cuckooing¹))
- c) **Vulnerable Communities** (*Prevent*, hate crime and counter-terrorism)

The CSP has established five strategic groups to deliver on the priorities, each of which is chaired by a senior manager from one of the partner agencies:

¹ House takeover of a vulnerable adult, usually by drug dealers or gangs.

Group name	Remit
Violent Crime	
Domestic Abuse Delivery Group and MARAC Steering Group	Domestic Abuse
Violent Crime Delivery Group	Violent Crime (NTE associated), Adult Sexual Violence
Exploitative Crime	
Adult Exploitation Strategic and Delivery Groups	Adult Exploitation and Modern Slavery
Vulnerable Communities	
Vulnerable Communities Delivery Group	Hate Crime, Counter-Terrorism, <i>Prevent</i>

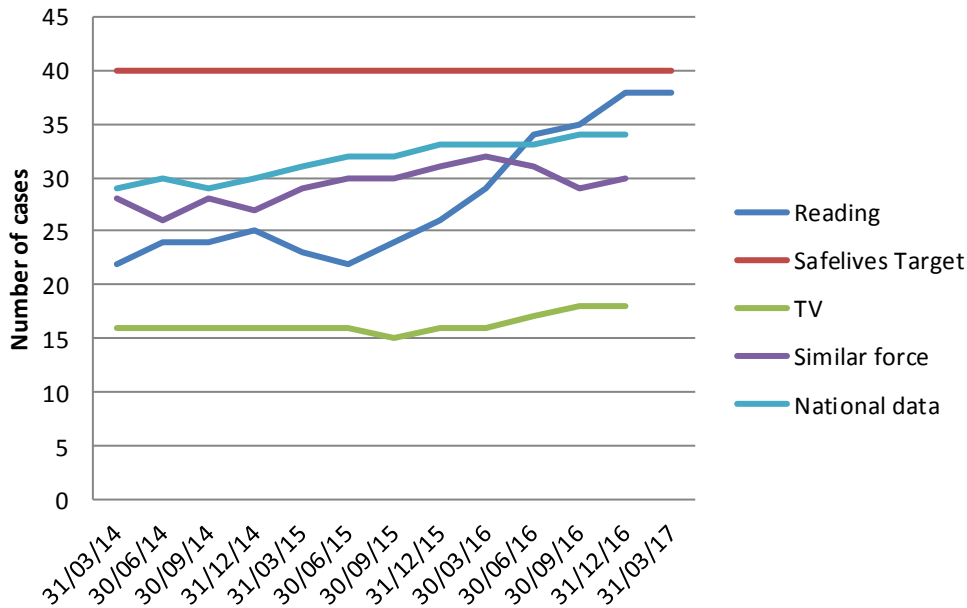
The Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Sub-Group is owned by, and reports to, the Local Safeguarding Children Board. Following a realignment of priorities by the Community Safety Partnership, it receives regular report on the progress of the action plan.

Domestic Violence

In the first year of the CSP Plan the focus was on ensuring the process and procedures were in place to effectively manage those at most risk of harm. This was achieved through intensive review and roll out of training across the partnership and wider sectors; revitalising the Domestic Abuse practitioner's forum; and ensuring the correct membership across all sub-groups with a special focus on the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC).

The local performance data shows the success of all of this activity. The work done around MARAC has seen the partnership move to within 94% of the SafeLives expectations. With all the main blocks in place, in the second year of the plan the group has begun to take a deeper look at priority issues including Forced Marriage and Honour Based Violence. A revised action plan has now been put in place to improve the outcomes for these victims. Running alongside the work of the CSP the local authority has reviewed the domestic violence service it commissions locally. A new commissioned service is now out to tender realigning resources to meet local needs.

Marac cases per 10,000 female population

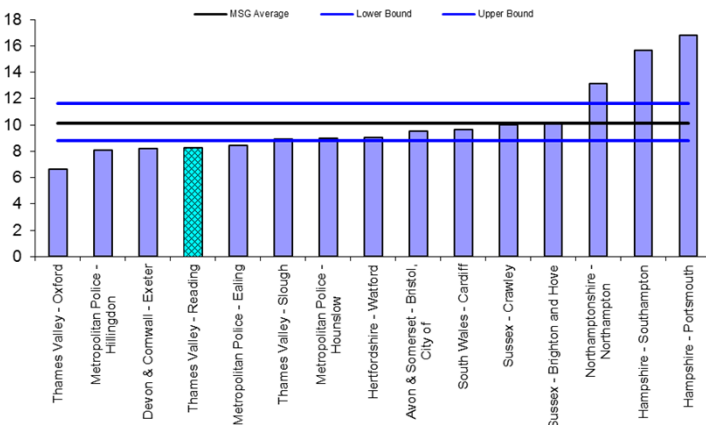


Violent Crime

Reading has one of the largest night-time economies (NTE) in the Thames Valley. The CSP along with its partners in the business sector has worked hard to ensure that those visiting the Town Centre at night remain safe. Despite all of this work the strategic assessment identified that the rate of violent crime had risen significantly, and accounted for 43% of all crime in Reading. This trend had been repeated nationally, which meant that Reading’s performance was still good when compared to its Most Similar Group (MSG).

The new Violent Crime delivery group needed to understand what was driving this demand. It identified a number of hotspot areas not just within Reading’s town centre but also other location including Prospect Park Hospital. Actions were identified and working with and alongside those best placed to manage the locations the CSP reviewed practice and training for staff.

Reading has continued to outperform most of its comparison partnerships and is now seeing a six percent reduction in violence and an improvement in performance in comparison to our similar group.



Given the scale of Reading's NTE and the number of non-residents who visit the town the position within the comparison group based on crimes / 1000 population remain very strong.

Adult Exploitation

The Strategic Assessment identified adult exploitation (including modern slavery, human trafficking, sexual exploitation and vulnerable adult property exploitation, intimidation and labour exploitation) as a key emerging priority in the town. The intelligence provided within it indicated that adult exploitation may be a significant issue for Reading, particularly due to the deeply hidden nature of it and often reluctance of victims to contact the authorities.

Being a new priority for the CSP the strategic group priorities ensuring process to identification and protecting victims within the action plan. Extensive training has been provided across a wide range of partner agencies, including housing providers, trading standards, Adult Safeguarding and Anti-social behaviour teams. This has been both generic training and team specific training. The CSP has established an operational multi-agency case management group to agree action to both protect those who are victims of exploitation and identify those at risk of being exploited.

The Strategic group has facilitated joint enforcement action including the partial closure of a property allowing time for additional measure to be put in place to prevent further victimisation. Reading has been fortunate that running alongside the CSP plan the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, funded an Independent Trauma Advocacy Service (ITAS) pilot in Reading. The CSP assisted the OPCC in monitoring the project both locally and as part of the dual monitoring with a similar project in Oxford.

With much of the initial actions well advanced, the Strategic Group will focus on understanding those areas of Modern Day Slavery that are under or seldom reported within Reading. The plan is now working to improve access to reporting by potential victims and early identification victims by partner agencies.

Prevent, Hate and Counter Terrorism

The strategic assessment identified that reports of Hate Crime (racist, religious, homophobic or disability related incidents) across the CSP area had increased by 18%, surpassing the previous target by almost 10%. It acknowledged that Hate Crime is still likely to be vastly under reported.

The impact of Hate Crime on an individual can be substantial and in some cases nationally has led to suicide or homicide. We also know that in some types of hate crime, the impact goes much wider than the individual and can affect the wider community.

The links between hate crime (especially those relating to anti-Muslim hate) and the Prevent/Counter-Terrorism programmes has been highlighted and is often referred to as cumulative extremism.

The CSP took the opportunity to pull together three areas that were already being worked on in various places. Hate Crime, Preventing Violent Extremism and Counter Terrorism.

A CSP action plan were already in place for Hate Crime that had resulted in the increases outlined above. Work has continued to embed the good practise. This has included a community led Hate Crime forum for the sharing of community intelligence. The facilitating of a hate crime case monitoring group that allows community member access to anonymised case data. They are then able challenge partner's action or inaction and feedback to their wider communities. A review of all hate incidents and crimes overseen by the police sergeant is carried out daily. This ensures they are correctly logged and cases are progressed effectively.

Having increased the numbers reporting hate crime the delivery group identified improvements in outcome for victims as a priority. This as however proven less effective and outcome rate have begun to fall. The group have commissioned some local analysis of the outcome data to get a full understanding of what is driving the change and put appropriate action in place.

A prevent action plan was integrated into the delivery group plan this has included, delivering national prevent training to partners, delivered prevent training for schools as part of their safeguarding training; ensured the correct filters are in place on public accesses IT equipment in local authority buildings. Currently levels of referral into channel meet the expected levels and are from a wide number of agencies.

In addition the CSP run an annual SECTU led one day counter terrorism awareness course for all partners including the business sector. Through this program Reading CSP has raised awareness amongst hundreds of staff working in both the statutory and voluntary sectors.

Safer Slough Partnership

The Safer Slough Partnership (SSP) is the local statutory Community Safety Partnership for Slough. The purpose of the Partnership is to provide a strategic and co-operative approach for addressing local crime and anti-social behaviour within the Borough. The Safer Slough Partnership is chaired by the Chief Executive and co-chaired by the Police Borough Commander with representatives from statutory and community partners in attendance.

This report will provide an update on how the SSP is refocusing to ensure that it has the capabilities, skills and mechanisms to oversee the work of the statutory and non-statutory agencies represented at the Partnership. As a local authority whilst the Council can't control all crime and perceptions of crime, they can use their influence at the SSP to monitor, review and help shift partners toward collaborative interventions based on known risks in Slough and to develop sustainable solutions that stem from evidence and a foundation of research.

Over the last 12 months, the SSP has focused on providing support and coordination of a multi-agency response to crime and disorder, while reviewing Board membership, the performance management framework and the number and focus of the operational sub-groups that sit under the SSP.

As part a review of membership, the SSP Chair and Vice Chair have agreed that the independent Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children's and Adult Board is to become a co-opted member of the SSP. This draws together the important work of the two safeguarding boards and the SSP and strengthens the partnership focus on people and particular vulnerable adults and children.

The SSP has developed a new one page strategy. The strategy under pins the focus of the board and sub-groups, supporting corporate strategies (for example the TVP Policing plan and the SBC Five year Plan). The SSP strategic goals have been developed around three core themes. These three themes are strategic and therefore do not specify in detail the operational objectives, but underpin the focus of the priority groups sitting under the SSP (see figure 1).

Theme	Specific Focus	Delivery Mechanism
Violence – Protecting People	Domestic Violence	VAWG group
		World Café Events
	Alcohol	DAAT Partnership Board
	Youth and Gang Crime	Youth Violence Group
		Serious Organised Crime Group
Resilience – People and Place	Crime Prevention	Parks and Open space T&F
		Serious Organised Crime Group
	Fear of Crime and Perception of Slough	Intensive Community Engagement
		Communication and media group (TBA)
		Performance Management Group
	Designing out Crime	Slough Plan
Emerging Risks	Cyber Enabled Crime	TBA
	Modern Slavery	Modern Slavery and Exploitation Group

Figure 1

The creation of a new Performance Management Group, and a new performance management framework, provides the SSP with a valuable tool to manage the delivery of the strategy, oversight of the three key thematic areas and operational groups – Business as usual, Priority Delivery and Task and Finish Groups (See figure 2)

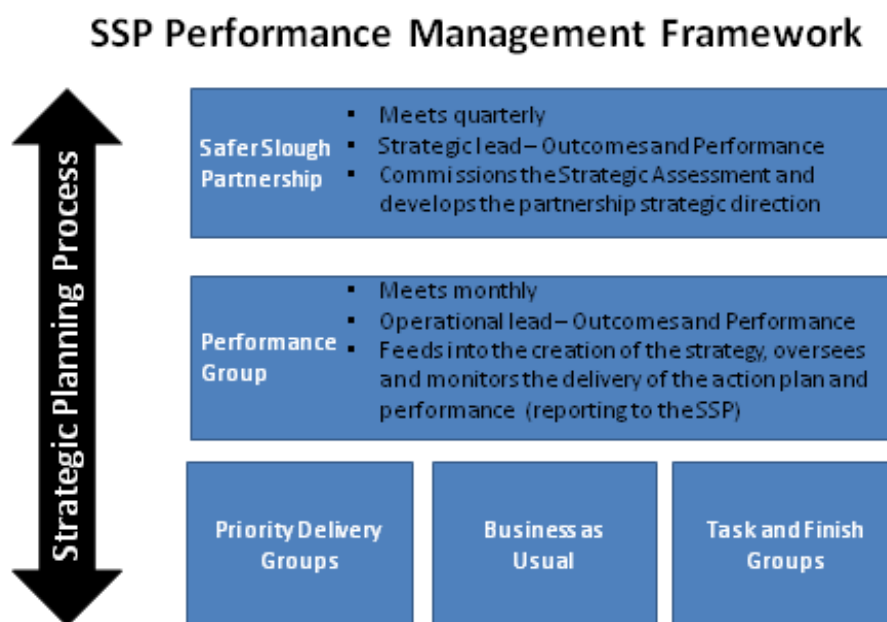


Figure 2

A review and consolidation of sub-groups has led to the formation of a number of new priority delivery groups:-

- The Safer Slough Partnership commissioned research focused on Domestic Violence, which has led to the creation of the Violence Against Women and Girls group (VAWG) - focused on Domestic Abuse, FGM, Forced Marriage and Honour Based Violence. This group draws together the DA Strategic group, operational deliver group and the FGM LSCB sub group.

- Modern Slavery and Exploitation group – this is an emerging area of work for the SSP and aligns the SSP with the work of the Anti-Slavery Commission and the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner. We have a strategy group and are forming an action plan.
- Two groups focusing on Youth Crime – the Youth Violence Group focused on the operational delivery and support of young people and the Multi-Agency Serious Organised Crime Group, with a focus on gangs and disruption
- A process of forming specific task and finish groups to provide a short and focused response when needed has already provided tangible results at a time when partner resources are limited.

Other areas of focus:-

The research the SSP commissioned into CSE has confirmed the presence of Near-Peer CSE in Slough and they are now implementing a schools based intervention model as part of a multi-agency response. As well as the operational focus groups for youth crime, the SSP is forming a Youth Gangs strategic group to ensure better alignment of interventions and services.

Conclusion

The changes to the SSP will enable the partnership to support agencies to focus on the risks faces by Slough residents from what are seen as traditional crimes to the unknown and unquantified emerging risks. The Performance Management Group provides an invaluable function of monitoring and horizon scanning, allowing the SSP Board to keep a strategic view of Slough. A refocus of the operational groups (including a merger of groups) provides a specific focus where needed, while recognising the need for sustainability and collaboration.

While there are many challenges facing the members of the SSP, the review and subsequent changes to the SSP Board in membership and structure will provide the SSP with the skills, knowledge and ability to monitor, review and to best use of the resources available to deliver of local priorities for Slough.

Crime and Disorder

Slough annual Crime and Disorder Reduction Panel was hosted on 2nd March 2017. The committee which held the meeting was the Neighbourhoods and Community Services Scrutiny Panel.

<http://www.slough.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=569&MId=5672&Ver=4>

The main focus of the update from Thames Valley Police was on sexual assaults – this arose from a motion taken at our Council meeting of 26th July, which stated:

“This Council resolves to work with Thames Valley Police through the Safer Slough Partnership to prioritise its response to counter the increase in serious sex crimes around the town and to reduce the fear of sexual assault across the Borough.”

The Panel noted the work which had been undertaken to improve the safety of public spaces (e.g. better lighting, CCTV, eradication of ‘blind spots’ caused by high bushes) and the work of the Parks and Public Spaces Task & Finish Group in this matter. However, they also recommended that the Safer Slough Partnership establish a priority dedicated solely to the matter, although the Partnership responded that their work had raised the priority of the issue across a range of areas. The Panel will be taking a full response to these points at its first meeting of the new Municipal Year on 26th June.

Traffic policing and the balance of Police Constables to Police Community Support Officers were also discussed, although the Panel did not raise many questions on these areas as they were satisfied with the information in the agenda papers.

Modern slavery was a specific focus, as it was an emerging risk. At present, the SSP suspected that there was a local issue but recognised the need for more work in this area to increase awareness and identify potential areas of concern.

West Berkshire

The Strategic Priorities for the West Berkshire Safer Communities Partnership during 2016/17 were:

- Domestic Abuse
- Antisocial Behaviour
- Crime Prevention

The Safer Communities Partnership Strategy Group has had consistent attendance by representatives of all of the responsible authorities and the majority of agreed partnership performance targets were achieved.

- Domestic Abuse Champions and DASH/MARAC training was delivered to a wide range of officers across the partnership and there were 129 Champions trained during the year and 132 people received DASH/MARAC training.
- Domestic Abuse training and awareness raising work has been carried out in a range of settings including GP Surgeries, Royal Berkshire Hospital and Children's Centres. All 14 GP Surgeries within West Berkshire have now received training for 2 consecutive years and every surgery is now well equipped to respond with knowledge of referral pathways and local services.
- In 2016 West Berkshire was awarded White Ribbon status in 2016 for partnership work in addressing Domestic Abuse, in December the Partnership hosted a screening of the Banaz Mahmood documentary to raise awareness of Honour Based Violence and at Christmas there was a White Ribbon Giving Tree in West Berkshire Council offices.
- Healthy relationships education work has been carried out in a range of settings including secondary schools, Newbury College and Alternative Curriculum establishments.
- Whilst there has been an adoption of restorative approaches to addressing anti-social behaviour where appropriate enforcement action has also been undertaken. A Closure Order was instigated, with full partnership agreement, to address ongoing and significant issues related to a property in Newbury. In addition Criminal Behaviour Orders, Acceptable Behaviour Agreements and a Community Protection Notice have also been utilised along with the Dispersal Power.
- In respect of restorative work there have been a number of successful outcomes following meetings between residents with sustained improved relationships.
- There have been a number of anti-social behaviour related cases where the vulnerability of the victim has been a significant factor and multi-agency work instigated to protect and support these individuals.
- The Schools Drama Competition was successfully coordinated for the 10th, and final, year with secondary schools performing their own plays on the subject of 'Prevent'. Safer Schools Partnership work continues in all secondary schools with Prevent training, E-safety awareness raising and inputs on Hate Crime.

- Utilising Counter Terrorism funding from the Home Office a training DVD was created, Recognise, that has been used effectively in both educational and community settings.
- The Integrated Offender Management Scheme continues to be effective within West Berkshire with regular refreshes of the Cohort and a number of successful interventions.

At the end of 2016/17 as part of changes to the governance arrangements of the West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board the Safer Communities Partnership was subsumed into a new partnership that will be a sub group of the Board. The Building Communities Together Partnership will continue to fulfil the statutory responsibilities of a Community Safety Partnership but will also oversee partnership activity seeking to build community resilience across West Berkshire.

From April 2017 the Safer Communities Partnership Team has been expanded to incorporate both West Berkshire Council officers and officers from Thames Valley Police to form the Building Communities Together Team. The BCT Team is co-located in West Berkshire Council offices and from 1st April the BCT Team Manager has reported to the deputy LPA Commander. It is anticipated that over time officers from other partner agencies will join the BCT Team to create a multi agency team with responsibility for:

- Supporting communities and individuals to harness local resources, support and expertise; finding and co-designing local solutions
- Helping people to help each other
- Protecting and supporting those that need help in partnership with other local forums

Windsor and Maidenhead

The Council has regular Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Meetings which can be found via the link below:-

<http://rbwm.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=165>

The priorities for Windsor and Maidenhead are as follows :-

- 1) Domestic Abuse Advocacy (IDVA & Outreach) – via the DASH charity
- 2) Drug and alcohol prison in-reach service
- 3) Young people’s substance misuse service provision – RBWM
- 4) YOT Early Intervention service
- 5) YOT victim engagement service

Wokingham

Scrutiny of the Council’s Community Safety responsibilities rests with the Community and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Committee receives an annual update report on the Borough’s Community Safety Partnership. This took place at the meeting on 13 March 2017. The Committee also received a verbal update from the Bracknell and Wokingham LPA Commander, at its meeting on 9 January 2017. This covered the operation of the merged Bracknell and Wokingham teams and an update on trends relating to crime and disorder in the area.

Link to Committee meetings

<http://wokingham.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=306>

The four key priorities for Wokingham are:-

- Increasing the effectiveness of multi-agency arrangements to encourage the reporting of domestic abuse and responding accordingly;

- Work with the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) Cohort to reduce the likelihood of repeat offending;
- Understand the needs associated with hidden crime such as hate crime, and
- Understand the issues affecting all residents and working to make them feel safer.

Over the life course of these priorities the CSP has seen an increase in reports of domestic abuse, a reduction in IOM offenders who are arrested and has made improvements in understanding the needs of the community and responding effectively.

The current four priorities are in place until 31 March 2017. Members of the CSP have commissioned a Strategic Assessment to inform future priorities and establish new performance indicators to be implemented from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2019.

OXFORDSHIRE

This report provides a brief update for the Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel on the work of the countywide Safer Oxfordshire Partnership. This countywide partnership provides strategic direction for shared community safety priorities across Oxfordshire. It supports the coordination of community safety activity around shared priorities so that we can more effectively and efficiently reduce crime and anti-social behaviour across the county.

The Safer Oxfordshire Partnership consists of an officer-led Coordination Group who support collaboration on community safety priorities that are shared across the four district-led Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) areas: Cherwell, Oxford, South & Vale, West Oxfordshire. An elected member-led Safer Oxfordshire Partnership Oversight Committee provides support and challenge to the Coordination Group on how they are delivering these shared priorities. The chairmen of the district level CSPs and the SOP are our representatives on the Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel.

Key data trends

- There has been a fall of 6% in the total number of police recorded crimes across Oxfordshire since 2012
- Reports Anti-Social Behaviour have fallen by 11% since 2014
- Exceptions to the overall fall in crime include sexual offences and violence with/ without injury

Key achievements for SOP 2016-7

- **WORKING PROTOCOL** The partnership developed a working protocol with the other countywide safeguarding Boards, Health & Wellbeing Board, Children Trust and the CSPs to clarify roles and responsibilities and to ensure clear escalation processes on safeguarding concerns.
- **DOMESTIC ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION** A strategic review of domestic abuse, which heard the voices of both adult and child victims, as well as perpetrators, has been completed and 9 recommendations are being implemented. In addition:
 - support has been provided for 217 high risk victims of domestic abuse and there are over 1184 trained domestic abuse champions currently active across Oxfordshire

- two Domestic Homicide Reviews have been undertaken in South & Vale at a cost of £22k which comes out of a countywide shared funding pot
 - the CSE sub-group has funded activity to build resilience and reduce risky behaviours by young people who may be vulnerable to CSE, including outreach work to build resilience amongst at risk young people and providing confidential spaces for hard to reach boys/ young men to discuss challenging issues such as radicalisation, honour based violence, substance misuse and positive families
- PREVENTING RADICALISATION The partnership oversees the implementation of the Prevent duty through providing a forum for partners to coordinate activity at the county level. Prevent has been embedded into existing safeguarding processes and over 320 frontline staff (including schools) have received WRAP (Workshop to Raise the Awareness of Prevent) training this year. The Oxford CSP coordinates progress on Prevent across all specified authorities, whilst all district CSPs monitor implementation of their local Prevent delivery plans. The partnerships participated in a Home Office Peer Review of Prevent in May 2017 and the report is due in June.
 - PUBLIC HEALTH continues to support the Refresh Café initiative which provides work/employment-based interventions, support and real work experience to drug and alcohol users with a history of offending.
 - YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE has continued support young people at risk of entering the criminal justice system with the rate of reoffending continuing to fall.
 - COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIPS continue to deliver a broad range of activities to keep communities safer. These include diversionary activities for young people, student safety, activity to support victims of CSE, Domestic Abuse, FGM, and support for the Safe Places scheme supporting vulnerable adults.

Our priorities for 2017-18 are:

- Support a strategic and operational response to exploitation
- Protect vulnerable people through reducing the risk of abuse and human exploitation
- Reduce anti-social behaviour
- Reduce the harm caused by alcohol and drugs misuse
- Reduce the level of re/offending, especially young people
- Reduce the risk of radicalisation and hate crime
- Support a countywide approach to tackling serious and organised crime
- Provide support and challenge to the Police and Crime Commissioner

Further information including our Community Safety Agreement and our Strategic Intelligence Assessment for 2017-18 can be found on our web pages: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/safer-oxfordshire-partnership>

CLLr Kieron Mallon is the Safer Oxfordshire Partnership Oversight Committee Chairman

Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire

The Joint Scrutiny Committee in March 2017 looked at the performance of the South and Vale Community Safety Partnership and the link to the report is attached below:-

<http://democratic.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=549&Mid=2310&Ver=4>

Current projects include:-

JOINT AGENCY TASKING (JATAC) COMBINED WITH POLICE TASKING

The community safety team is responsible for running Joint Agency Tasking (JATAC), a sub group of the CSP which tackles community safety issues that due to their scale, complexity or potential impact, need a multi-agency approach. Officers from Thames Valley Police, community safety, children's social care, environmental health, housing, Soha, Sovereign Vale, Mental Health, Fire & Rescue and other agencies share resources, knowledge and data on a monthly basis to support:

- repeat victims of ASB
- medium/high risk ASB victims
- families in need of intervention to avoid ASB
- domestic abuse victims
- prolific offenders
- vulnerable individuals (e.g. homeless individuals, repeat missing young persons, individuals at risk of radicalisation, concerns of child sexual exploitation)

JATAC provides a framework for holding responsible agencies to account for the actions they've taken to support vulnerable residents and identifying any further action needed.

Once a fortnight, the South and Vale Local Police Area Commander chairs a police meeting called Tactical Tasking and Co-ordination Group (TT&CG). This meeting gives the police the opportunity to agree/review their tactical response to key crime priorities impacting the two districts.

In summer 2016, the community safety team and the police worked together to consider how they could better streamline these two separate operational tasking processes to maximise partnership working and make best use of resources and data sharing: the outcome was a proposal to the CSP to run a six month pilot project where JATAC and TT&CG meetings would be combined.

The pilot project began in October 2016 and is due to end in March 2017, when the community safety team will carry out an evaluation with partner agencies to review the effectiveness of combining the tasking mechanisms. The team will take their findings and recommended next steps to the CSP in summer 2017.

WANTAGE AND GROVE COMMUNITY ALCOHOL PROJECT (CAP)

A Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) made up of voluntary and statutory organisations was launched in Wantage and Grove in August 2015, to tackle underage drinking and associated anti-social behaviour. This is the first and only CAP in Oxfordshire.

Details of the work achieved this year for Wantage and Grove (Vale) CAP:

1. CAP ran two interactive alcohol action days for year 9 students at King Alfred's Academy. Partners presented information on CSE, health and laws around underage drinking. Students heard from Henry Maybury, a musician whose brother was alcohol dependant and sadly passed away at the age of 29. These themed days will now run every year for year 9 students.
2. CAP partners from health, youth offending service and a local youth project have been working with the Police to create an alcohol clinic for young people at risk of harm through underage drinking. Referrals to the clinic will come from Police, NHS and the school. Young people can attend with their parents for early intervention around risky behaviour and the dangers of alcohol.
3. Wantage CAP have recently launched a year 9 competition to design a stencil on the theme of alcohol education. The winning design will be manufactured and used to chalk-spray

temporary signs around Wantage and Grove. Examples of possible messages are to discourage underage drinking, promote healthy choices, resist peer pressure, encourage young people to carry proof of age, educate young people about the risks of trying to use “fake ID” or to help support licensed premises to promote Challenge 25. The entries have been shortlisted and the winner will be chosen by the national CAP members. These signs will be seen around Wantage from 10 July 2017.

The 2017-18 CSP includes a target to aim to set up a CAP in South Oxfordshire later this year.

HOTEL WATCH

Hotel Watch was re-launched in South Oxfordshire in February 2017. This started with a Fraud training event where hotel representatives heard from professionals on subjects such as fake Wi-Fi, credit card fraud, email scams, and identity theft. This scheme is in its early stages and the intention is to sign more hotels up to Thames Valley alerts and to get each area to have a correspondence group where they can share information with each other. There will be another training event in July for all hotels in South and Vale. The subject of this event is CSE and Modern Slavery. Dr Maureen Brookes, an ex-hotelier and expert in Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking will be talking about how these issues could affect the hotel industry. A representative from the Kingfisher Team will talk to attendees about CSE and how to spot the signs of exploitation. Prior to this event a CSE test purchasing operation will be conducted across the two districts.

CSE CAMPAIGN

Thames Valley Police have provided funding for a campaign to raise awareness of CSE within the night time economy. STOPCSE A4 stickers have been put into all town centre licensed premises in the Vale, and are in the process of being completed in the South. The aim of this project is to remind people of how to spot the signs of CSE and how to report it.

CHELSEA’S CHOICE

The partnership funded this production in ten schools across the South and Vale during the first week of May 2017. This included an evening production for parents.

“Chelsea’s Choice” an innovative and powerful theatre production highlighting the serious and emotional issues of child sexual exploitation that shows how young people are groomed by adults. The play tells the real life stories of several victims and young people are able to ask questions of the actors throughout the performance. Over the last two weeks the production was delivered in nine secondary schools in our districts this included a parents and staff production in the evening at King Alfred’s Academy, Wantage.

Feedback from Sarah Berrill, Head of Year 9, Didcot Girls School: *“Many thanks to you and Alter Ego for a fantastic performance of Chelsea’s Choice. It had 240 students gripped and hanging on every word.”* They aim to repeat this performance to other secondary schools later in the year.

DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEW LEARNING EVENT

On 15 December 2016, the community safety team hosted a Domestic Homicide Review learning event for partner agencies to improve their knowledge and share best practice. This included presentations about the potential use of a domestic abuse and stalking reference app, a new pilot service ‘The Anchor Programme’ that supports victims who have complex mental health needs and the service provided by Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse (AAFDA) who specialise in

guiding families through Domestic Homicide Reviews. The event was attended by over 50 officers from South and Vale District Councils, Thames Valley Police, National Health Service, National Probation Service, Domestic Abuse Specialist Services, Registered Social Landlords, Buckingham and Oxfordshire County Councils and Oxford Mental Health.

DOMESTIC ABUSE WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

The CSP supported the White Ribbon Campaign on 25 November 2016 by stencilling chalk domestic abuse awareness raising messages in public spaces (with permission from the landowner) across South and Vale. For example, *'are you walking on egg shells at home?'* and *'Is your friend being controlled?'* All messages featured the Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse helpline number. Awareness of Coercive Control was highlighted by BBC South news and anecdotal feedback from members of the public claimed the stencils were a brilliant way to get the message out to the community.

Cherwell District Council

The partnership has been focusing on delivering priorities that are pertinent to the local. The Council prioritises anti-social behaviour and youth engagement at the core of their work. They are also responding to new trends in cyber-crime, child sexual exploitation and preventing radicalisation. To that end as a council and a PCC funded partnership they have invested significantly in youth engagement programmes.

These include through the CSE sub group funding of a Barnardo's street intervention officer to reduce the effect of those preying on the vulnerable through awareness programmes. They funded a workshop in secondary schools to raise awareness around radicalisation and a further production around cyber-crime. They firmly believe in continuing to work to reduce anti-social behaviour even though this is not in the PCCs plan and have invested in night time economy action plans and departure zones to get people home safely. Future plans will continue to reflect the PCCs plan however they will continue to address local issues as well.

Good practice highlights :-

- 4 out of the six neighbourhoods in Cherwell have had a reduction in ASB in the last 12 months.
- Working with partners - a vulnerable adults group and vulnerable children's group has been set up running in tandem with JATAC and Oxfordshire early intervention programme
- From July 2016 – Feb 2017 the Recreation & Sport Activator initiative has engaged 4,850 young people in positive activities and alternative sports sessions across the district focusing on hard to reach young people and challenging communities.
- Safeguarding Children in Banbury (SCIB) a group of head teachers from Banbury schools have banded together to create plans to deliver events promoting reducing CSE, cybercrime and substance abuse and are planning community events as well as school programmes for 2017-18
- Barnardo's street intervention scheme during 2016 -17 where over 470 children were engaged some in sessions of up to 6 weeks duration
- Big foot' workshops to eight secondary schools focusing on good citizenship, and preventing radicalisation delivered at end of summer term 2016.
- Multi agency Xmas departure zone to promote TVP anti rape campaign and ensure revellers got home safely

- Tack Marking week at all known stables and farms within the Rural patch. From 20th February starting with Bicester finishing with the tack marking event at Countrywide Store in Banbury on 25th Feb
- Cherwell theatre company delivering free presentations followed by a workshop to all secondary schools re cybercrime and cyber bullying

They are reviewing their plan in June with a workshop to revise their action plan going forward and re write their strategy.

Oxford City Council

Information on the Oxford Safer Communities partnership can be found below.

https://www.oxford.gov.uk/info/20101/community_safety/1107/oxford_safer_communities_partnership

Oxfordshire's Community Safety Strategic Assessment identified the following community safety issues as priorities for Oxford:

- Violent crime
- Anti-social behaviour
- Organised crime
- Preventing extremism
- Violence against Women and Girls

Oxford City Council's Scrutiny Committee have responded to member and public concerns about safeguarding arrangements in city guest houses following Operation Bullfinch, and have helped to shape how the Council responds to this issue through its various partnerships. Similarly, the Committee have voiced concerns about international students of English language schools under the age of 18 living in private accommodation within the city and pressed the Council to focus on this issue. Having previously rejected a proposal for a single PSPO covering Oxford's major rivers and canals, the Committee have encouraged emerging area-specific plans to tackle a variety of nuisance behaviours on Oxford's waterways.

Over the last year Scrutiny has considered the following crime and disorder items (see links below):-

[PSPOs update – monitoring the numbers of interventions and enforcement powers taken \(item 105\)](#)

[Public safety and addressing anti-social behaviour on Oxford's waterways](#)

[Improving safeguarding arrangements in city Guest Houses \(item 106\)](#)

[Graffiti prevention \(item 107\)](#)

[The work of the Police and Crime Panel \(item 95\)](#)

[Safeguarding language school students \(item 66\)](#)

West Oxfordshire

The Safer Oxfordshire Partnership Oversight Committee meets twice per year to review what each CSP is doing, last meeting 31/01/17. A full restructure of the West Oxon CSP has taken place over the past twelve months and a new Portfolio holder has been appointed (Cllr Carol Reynolds).

The following reflects the work they have commissioned through the PCC Fund for the year 2016/17.

- The Breaking the Cycle project will support overall 200 women over a year, of whom 150 will be aged under 25, vulnerably housed and unemployed. The remaining 50 will be any

age and will be ex-offenders. All of the women face a number of challenges in their lives, including exclusion from ready employment by background or circumstance, and are economically inactive. The delivery to each beneficiary will cover a total of two days of training; the first will include an individual assessment and focus on life skills, coaching them both in groups and 1:1, working on issues in their lives and identifying actions they can take to move them towards their goals.

- Base 33 - Youth Work Team works with young people of all backgrounds and supports them through the difficult transition between childhood and adulthood that can present young people with many challenges and create issues for them to address. They employ the method of informal education which involves group discussions and the encouragement of peer support to promote empowerment and sharing of knowledge, opinions and ideas.
- The Safe Place Scheme is a national scheme that helps vulnerable people feel confident and safe whilst out and about. If someone is lost, confused, feels they are being bullied, abused or harassed while they are out they can go to a designated Safe Place. There they will be given some reassurance and assisted to make a phone call.
- Domestic Abuse - Commission Domestic Abuse services across West Oxon to include male & female victims of DA. To raise awareness and train appropriate frontline staff and designate them as DA Champions. West Oxon DC Safeguarding procedures and policies have been updated.
- Junior citizens – teaching children about safety
- Road safety - The objective is to deter speeding motorists, and if motorists become persistent then to take more positive action against the speeding motorists hopefully leading to a safer environment and a happier community.

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

The Council's Scrutiny Management Committee, the committee responsible for Crime and Community Safety, considered both Neighbourhood Policing and the Safer Neighbourhood Review at its meeting on 25 January 2017. Papers for the meeting can be found at the following link:

<http://milton-keynes.emis.uk.com/milton-keynes/Calendar/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/5506/Committee/1091/Default.aspx>

Annual report is being drafted for the July 2017 CSP meeting, a snapshot of some of the work streams conducted in the last 12 months can be found in the links below. A quarterly report is provided to the SaferMK Partnership regarding activities (see below).

<http://www.safermk.com/our-strategy-priorities/>

[SaferMK Business Management Group Report Apr - Jun 2016](#)

[SaferMK Business Group Report Jul - Sept 2016](#)

[SaferMK Business Group Report Oct - Dec 2016](#)

A summary of activities can be found below. Some key areas to address in the last year have included, Loan Sharks, Abandoned needles, Domestic Abuse repeats, Local Area profile review

- Positive outcomes include a reduction in the prevalence of abandoned needle sticks from injecting drug users in Milton Keynes, UK: Analysis of needle exchange centres and drug dependency services, To highlight, based on the reports of Abandoned Needles in early 2015, alongside Public Health, we put together the Abandoned Needles Group, which included partners from Parks Trust, Housing and Compass and TVP, which has seen a reduction in recorded reports of abandoned needles
- Established a link with the Open University Partnership of Applied Social & Criminological Research in the New Town to enhance our ability to research and deliver projects in MK

- Local Area Profile Review: The review conducted through the Institute of Community Safety around Peer Groups and intelligence was conducted on the 21 April 2016. Since then this has developed our understanding of current and emerging issues in MK
- Conducted a survey for residents to identify their thoughts and feelings on crime and community safety issues in MK
- Raising Loan Shark awareness across MK

How will CSPs and PCCs interact?

There are five key ways in which a PCC and the CSPs in the force area will work together, and these can be seen on the diagram below:

