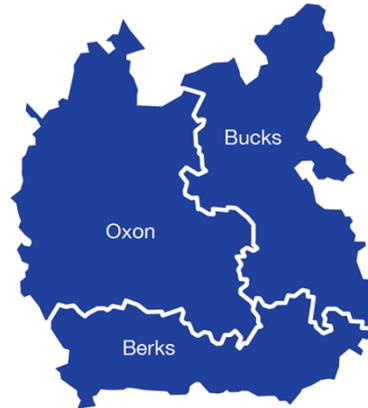


Report to the Thames Valley Police & Crime Panel

Title: Community Safety Partnerships

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- 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). 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, and the Thames Valley is very fortunate, that its PCC does provide local CSPs with funding.
- 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 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/>
- 5 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.

Community Safety Funding

- 6 The PCC may make 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.

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

BERKSHIRE

BRACKNELL FOREST

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/crime-and-emergencies/crime-and-community-safety>

Bracknell Forest's community safety partnership plan is driven by their vision, strategic themes and priorities.

Vision

Everyone has the right to:

- be free from being a victim of crime and anti-social behaviour
- feel safe
- choose their own lifestyle

Everyone has the responsibility to take reasonable steps:

- to avoid becoming a victim of crime
- not to cause harassment or distress to others
- to respect differences in others

Strategic themes

The partnership has 5 strategic themes:

- re-offending
- prevention and early intervention
- violence and serious organised crime
- protection of vulnerable people
- Bracknell town centre

Priorities

Our priorities are:

- violence
- burglary
- stealing from vehicles
- domestic abuse
- offending by young people
- sexual exploitation
- modern slavery
- criminal exploitation
- drug lines
- extremism and radicalisation
- drugs and alcohol
- anti-social behaviour

WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Progress against current priorities

Priority One: Addressing Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG)

The Wokingham Domestic Abuse Strategy is designed to support children, adults and families within Wokingham Borough, by developing an understanding of the needs of both victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse; men and boys are included in all work.

The Substance Misuse and VAWG Subgroup of the CSP oversees this work and reports directly into the CSP Board. The VAWG strategy is designed to enable Wokingham Council to meet its statutory duties for example the Care Act 2014 and the Children and Families Act 2014. The main role of the CSP is to hold the Domestic Abuse Strategic Group in delivering the current domestic abuse strategy.

Domestic abuse continues to be the highest number of contacts to Children's Services 'front door' and support in Wokingham is provided in a number of ways: Wokingham's main domestic abuse provider is Berkshire Women's Aid (BWA). BWA are funded to provide a range of services for people affected by domestic violence. This includes outreach, a family support programme, one to one support for victims, and a helpline and refuge provision. BWA work very closely with children's services in Wokingham to ensure that children who are identified as being at risk of domestic violence are supported.

The VAWG subgroup and Commissioning Team meet with BWA to review the impact of the support service provided.

- A 'pilot' legal drop in clinic for victims of domestic abuse is held monthly.
- A Police led MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference), which ensures that high risk victims are identified supported and referred to appropriate support. In 2016/17 the MARAC saw 84 cases.
- Victim support is offered by a range of council services and other workers including Housing Officers, Social Workers, and Probation Officers etc.

Multi-Agency Tasking and Co-ordination (MATAC)

The MATAC will replace the DARIM in Wokingham where the medium and low risk repeat D.A. offenders are reviewed. The model has been adopted from Northumberland where they have seen a 60% reduction in repeat domestic abuse incidents by implementing the same model.

Police will work will target perpetrators to reduce the repeat offences of domestic abuse as previously there has been focus on supporting victims of domestic abuse but not the perpetrator. Identified perpetrators will be referred into the MATAC process where key partners will agree a bespoke set of interventions using a domestic abuse 'toolkit'. This can include targeting and disrupting perpetrators and or supporting them to address their behaviour. Victims of D.A. will continue to receive the same support.

- D.A. training for multi-agency professionals is delivered by Berkshire Women's Aid.

- Tough Love an Alter Ego performance will be delivered to secondary schools in Wokingham as a medium to prevent young people being coerced into abusive relationships by the recognising the signs and making the right choice of partner.
- Behind Closed Doors has been commissioned, this is a training performance for multiagency professionals for them to understand the lived experience of those people living and witnessing domestic abuse.
- Children living with domestic abuse are supported in groups in schools by Berkshire Women's Aid.
- Victim and perpetrator Choices group work is a six week programme devised by BWA and provides women with the opportunity to engage in working promoting understanding of domestic abuse. The programmes aims to empower women to develop their understanding of domestic abuse and move forward from their experiences in a safe and secure group setting. There is a perpetrator Family Choices course which has seen a significant increase in referrals.

Priority Two: Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour, Harmful Misuse and Organised Crime

These issues can often be interlinked and this priority is aimed at reducing all and to prevent members of our community from exploitation and their risk and involvement in Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and/or harmful misuse escalating to serious organised crime. Instances of Anti-Social Behaviour have been of concern across the Borough during the start of 2018 and the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and Thames Valley Police have been working together to address this.

This priority will aim to address the causes of ASB and the CSP Problem Solving Task Group will be tasked with managing geographical areas and individuals of concern on a multiagency level. Work to tackle these issues cannot be in isolation – see Contextual safeguarding and a project plan to raise awareness and develop a strategy across Council services and partner agencies will be developed.

Nationally and locally, the rates of serious organised crime; specifically county line dealing has had a direct bearing on the increased crime levels in the area. The Police have been proactive in addressing county line dealing for example running successful operations such as 'Operation Stronghold' which aims to decrease the risk from organised crime by reducing vulnerabilities and criminal opportunities and have focus weeks planned to target this crime in Wokingham.

Police, Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB), CSP, Anti-Social Behaviour Group, schools and Problem Solving Task Group are working collaboratively to reduce incidents. In a bid to safeguard children from exploitation and anti-social behaviour the following initiatives have been commissioned.

KICKS PROJECT

The CSP have funded the KICKS project from Reading Football Club; the aim of the work is to engage hard to reach young people aged 11-19years, all sessions are free. By giving young people information, raise participant's awareness about how to keep themselves safe within the community and try to help them make informed choices now and later in life. Sessions are mainly football based and from 1st April 2018 to 13th January 2019 worked with 328 unique participants; on average each group reaches 26 young people. The CSP receive regular data report as to the numbers of children reached in Wokingham schools and the outcomes.

POSITIVE PATHWAYS

This project is commissioned by the CSP and is delivered to 5 Wokingham schools to work with students in years 6, 7 and 8 where children may be involved or at risk of involvement with County Lines. Schools provide baseline behaviour and the success is measured during and at the end of the project, behaviours will be measured at intervals and up to 12 months after completion with students scoring themselves. Schools refer children to the programme and only those children who will positively engage with the project are accepted.

SEMRAC/EMRAC Conference

The CSP is funding and participating in a training event for multi-agency partners to improve the response to those children discussed at the Sexual /Exploitation Multi-Agency Conferences (SEMRAC/EMRAC). The aim of this work is to improve the multi-agency response when children are involved with or at risk of sexual/criminal exploitation, to ensure that timely, robust multi-agency plans are in place and that they are monitored and followed through to improve the life chances/experience for the child.

Priority Three - Reduce and prevent exploitation and address the needs of vulnerable victims and offenders

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) recognised that vulnerability of both victims and offenders has an impact on demand for police and other emergency services. Supporting victims, particularly repeat victims of crime will improve their resilience. Supporting vulnerable offenders will decrease their level of offending. This will have a positive impact on crime rates, but most importantly ensure people have access to services which will improve the quality of their lives.

Data from that service has provided the CSP with information about local victims' needs, including for example Wokingham victims are more likely to be young, under 19 and be victims of violence, theft or harassment. A small number of victims have a disproportionate impact on public services and a number of repeat victims are known to other support services such as Local Authority, Police and Health Services.

Vulnerable Offenders Like victims, national figures show that offenders are more likely have greater support needs than the general population. Offenders have higher than average levels of substance misuse, physical and mental health need, and are more likely to have lower rates of engagement in education employment and training.

Safer Places

This is a national initiative and will be relaunched at the end of February with new logo's, flyers and information. Volunteers promote the scheme in Wokingham. The CSP have funded the Safer Places Scheme to give people a safe place to go if they feel unsafe; people can ask for help and they will be offered somewhere quiet to sit. They can also phone a person for help, be assisted in returning home, or call the police if necessary. <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/community-and-safety/community-safety/find-a-safe-place/>

The CLICK Project

Research suggests that children need to be educated at a younger age as to the dangers of on-line grooming and risk of exploitation. The cybercrime theatre production "Click" was originally

commissioned by Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner in conjunction with Thames Valley Local Authorities.

The CSP funded the school drama specialists AlterEgo Creative Solutions to deliver the 'click' project as prevention to exploitation; the play was developed to be suitable for children in Year's 5 & 6 to help them learn about online risk and healthy online behaviour and relationships.

Wokingham had 28 performances in total over 14 days and involved 45 primary schools. It is estimated that the shows will have reached 2315 pupils in state + independent schools. An evaluation of the production proved successful with children having more awareness around the dangers and more confident to speak out. Schools will have access to online learning resources to continue this to work to raise awareness of the dangers online for children and their parents.

Priority Four: Empower and enable the resilience of local communities

The focus of this priority is the relationship with the wider Wokingham Community. In addition to reducing crime, substance misuse and disorder, central government guidance states Community Safety Strategies should work to reduce the fear of crime, improve community cohesion, build the relationship with the voluntary and community sector and support community engagement. Involve will be working with the Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAGs) to progress this work over the coming months

WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL

During 2018/19 the development of the Building Communities Together (BCT) Partnership and Team continued through strengthening the Partnership and broadening the multi-agency Core Team. The BCT Partnership continues to fulfil the statutory responsibilities of a Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and also has responsibility to develop and coordinate work to build community resilience across West Berkshire.

A strategic assessment of crime and disorder was undertaken and the BCT Partnership refreshed its Partnership Plan in light of the findings. The Partnership Vision and Objectives remain unchanged.

Partnership Vision:

We will support Communities to better harness local resources, help each other and build resilience whilst protecting the most vulnerable

Partnership Objectives:

Community Engagement - Develop and sustain effective and appropriate ways of working with communities, groups, networks and individuals

Early Intervention and Prevention - Protect those who are vulnerable and work in partnership to reduce risk

Empowering Communities and Individuals - Identify opportunities for communities and individuals to 'take the lead'

Integrated Working - Strengthen the Building Communities Together Partnership

The following is a summary of some of the work undertaken by the BCT Partnership and Team during 2018/19.

Multi Agency Problem Solving (MAPS) meetings continued every 4 weeks with consistent attendance from a wide range of agencies to address significant issues and emerging concerns within West Berkshire. There were also Mini-MAPS meetings and Case Conferences at a more operational level.

As a Sub Group of the Health and Wellbeing Board the Partnership contributed to the development and delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and provided regular reports on both community safety and community resilience work undertaken.

Community Conversations continued across West Berkshire as the primary way of engaging with communities. These Conversations seek to support collaborative works with communities to problem solve local issues and enable the development of community led solutions.

This approach is also being used to strengthen links with and between BAMER communities across West Berkshire.

There was a change of Chair for the Independent Advisory Group (IAG) during 2018/19, the group refreshed their Terms of Reference and are developing a Forward Plan to include building the membership, BAMER issues and Hate Crime.

The Prevent Steering Group continued to meet regularly and had oversight actions to refresh the local Prevent Referral Pathway Flowchart to ensure that it provides sufficient information to support local practitioners across all agencies.

Delivery of 'Need to Know' awareness sessions on County Drugs Lines continued and were attended by practitioners from a wide range of agencies. Sessions were often oversubscribed prompting additional sessions to be run. The content of these sessions is regularly refreshed to ensure that it remains current and locally relevant.

The BCT Website provides a central point for information and members of the BCT Team also utilised Twitter and Facebook to support targeted communication of community safety and other relevant information to communities, Town/Parish Councils and Community Forums.

West Berkshire continues to take a Restorative Approach to work with communities and a small multi-agency group of trainers have provided 'Working Restoratively' training to colleagues within their own organisations and also to multi-agency groups.

A small pool of Domestic Abuse (DA) Trainers was developed in 2018 and they delivered both DA Awareness Sessions and DA Champions sessions. During 2018/19 97 professionals were trained in DA awareness and 14 DA Champions were trained. A DA Services Directory was created and published which includes information on 33 support services for victims, survivors and perpetrators of domestic abuse.

West Berkshire continued to take a partnership approach to addressing anti-social behaviour and there was efficient and effective use of enforcement powers. West Berkshire successfully applied for and was granted 14 Closure Orders between April 2018 and March 2019 (5 Full and 9 Partial). For each Closure there was a Consultation Meeting involving all relevant agencies to ensure that the action being undertaken was appropriate. Exit Strategy meetings were also held when a Closure was due to expire to ensure that the original issue/s did not resurface and that vulnerabilities had been addressed.

Anti-social Behaviour Injunctions (4) and Acceptable Behaviour Agreements (7) were also utilised, 32 Professional Case Conferences undertaken and the Community Trigger was activated in November 2018 which resulted in a multi-agency response and positive outcome.

The BCT Team assisted in the delivery of 2 theatre in education initiatives, 'Click' and 'Risking it All' providing information on line safety and child exploitation respectively. The Team also delivered 3 workshops at the annual Peer Mentor Conference engaging with 60 young people from 6 local secondary schools on keeping safe and risky behaviour.



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SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Information on the Safer Slough Partnership (SSP) can be found below.

<http://www.slough.gov.uk/council/strategies-plans-and-policies/safer-slough-partnership.aspx>

The Safer Slough Partnership (SSP) is Slough's community safety partnership, which seeks to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime. The SSP is accountable for compliance with the statutory responsibilities set out in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The work of the partnership will support the delivery of the council's 5 year plan 2018-2023.

Read the [Safer Slough Partnership strategy map](#).

- Slough children will grow up to be happy, healthy and successful.
- Our people will be healthier and manage their own care needs.
- Slough will be an attractive place where people choose to live, work and stay.
- Our residents will live in good quality homes.
- Slough will attract, retain and grow businesses and investment to provide opportunities for our residents.

The SSP provides the governance and strategic oversight across core agencies that make up the SSP to reduce crime and disorder. It seeks to reduce violence and create a safer place for residents to live.

The responsible agencies work together in partnership to protect our local communities from crime and help people feel safer. Tackling issues like Exploitation, Domestic Abuse, Modern Slavery, Gangs, drug, Adult and Child Safeguarding and reoffending. Regularly assessing local crime priorities and consulting with partners and the local community about issues facing residents in the local area.

Who we are

[SSP partners](#).

Our campaigns

- [Hidden Harm](#) - culture and tradition are not an excuse for abuse.
- International Men's Day - positive male role models: 'children remember what you do rather than what you say'.

- [Modern Slavery campaign](#) - modern slavery is closer than you think. It is the illegal exploitation of people for personal or commercial gain.
- [Positive relationships](#) - 12 week course to help men find healthier and safer solutions to relationship-based problems and conflict.
- [Stronghold](#) - fighting organised crime in partnership.
- [Home security guide](#) - some steps you can take to make your home and garden as secure as possible.

Safer Slough Partnership priorities

Protecting people

- Violence Against Women & Girls + (Boys and Men)
- Youth and Gang Violence
- [Child Sexual Exploitation \(CSE\)](#). See the [Slough Safeguarding Children website](#) for more details on keeping children safe
- [Modern Slavery and Criminal Exploitation](#)
- Complex and Chaotic
- Cyber Crime.

Looking Back on 2018/19

The Partnership has had a positive and productive year in 2018/19. We have new co-chairs, Josie Wragg (Slough Borough Council CEO) and Sarah Grahame (Thames Valley Police, Slough Borough Commander).

We designed and launched a new partnership logo and web-site, created single page strategies (VAWG and Serious Violence) – both taking elements of National strategy and local data to create local work streams. We have been nominated for a national award for our campaign on modern slavery and our, innovative work on prevention continues to roll out across Slough. Due to the number of projects and programmes we are running, this report will only cover key projects of note, with the other work being given a single line.

Key Projects update 2018/19

The Choices programme, a highly engaging teaching and learning package that supports exploratory learning in order to bring about a cultural shift in our local communities.

Designed collaboratively with young people i.e. ‘by them and of them’ during hundreds of hours of observation and evaluation in local schools. Using character ‘proxies’ and stories that young people can recognise. The programme supports pupils to explore/debate concepts, then critically reflect/build consensus - not ‘telling’ them how to behave - i.e. ‘just say no’ approach.

The aim is to target the drivers of vulnerability NOT individual symptoms of it (i.e. Gangs, CSE, and Radicalisation). The course builds on events in the stories to unpick key concepts, themes and ideas, while providing a route into difficult or sensitive topics through discussions about the characters.

The programme continued to roll out in Slough during 2018/19 with the following achieved,

- 19 Primary Schools on board in 1st wave
- 70+ teachers trained
- 72 iPads loaned to schools
- **1557** pupils completed programme

- 9 Secondary Schools engaged and signed up
- est. 1200 pupils to complete programme
- Trials of bespoke local programme to begin in summer term 2019 with 3 schools

The Youth Offending Team has two youth gang workers funded through the SSP in 2018/19 they,

- YOT Summer programme 2018 - The programme engaged 18 young people aged between 11-17 years of age known to be involved in anti-social / youth violence behaviour and or at risk of re-offending.
- Workshops (25) focusing on SYV took place which covered vulnerability, county lines, risk/protection, medical implications, impact on victims/self, influence of social media/music etc.
- Parental support offered to parents of those young people identified within SYV cohort.

The year we ran a pilot with Browns CIC to provide people who have multiple disadvantages with bespoke support. The project offers intensive engagement with 10 people who, due to their lifestyles, are at risk of a range of harms. Last year the project successfully worked with 12 clients to achieve,

- 5 people have avoided custodial prison sentences as a direct result of their engagement with the project (attended court and given suspended sentences because they were being supported by Browns)
- 9 people have either been found temporary accommodation after being homeless, or been supported to maintain their existing accommodation and avoiding becoming intentionally homeless
- 5 people were supported to re-register with a GP and start to address physical health needs
- Cost savings of over £300k made to the public purse (across NHS, LA and CJS) - project cost £37,500.

To raise awareness of Modern Slavery and Exploitation in Slough we ran a four week campaign, launched on National Modern Slavery Week. Posters in Romanian, Polish and English on bus shelters, buses and in public buildings. The project was evaluated by the Modern Slavery Helpline – they reported a 400% increase in calls following the campaign. This campaign has been shortlisted for the Clear-space outdoor media award 2019 – we will find out in June 2019 if we are successful.

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

The CSP was in the last year of its current three year plan 2016 – 19, and has produced a new Strategic Assessment and draft plan and so moving from its existing priorities to new priorities.

The CSP has continued to work on the priorities outlined to the Police and Crime Panel last year the highlights have been:

1. Violent Crime

Working across a wide range of partners Reading town centre was awarded Blue Flag status in recognition of work to ensure Reading remains a safe place for all those who choose to use the town centre. Reading's night time economy remains one of, if not the most vibrant within the Thames Valley and sees a substantial number of people using it both from within Reading and

outside. The partnership focus across the town has ensured Reading's violent crime remains lower than our most similar group's average.

Work was also carried out to identify other hotspot areas outside of the town centre, some of which were linked to specific buildings. The Delivery Group engaged with those locations to identify measures to reduce the levels of calls and ensure earlier intervention was taking place or other appropriate action was taken. So far this work has shown a substantial reduction in violence in these areas.

2. Violent Crime (associated with Domestic Abuse)

Last year was the final year of the current Domestic Abuse Strategy Reading for Reading, and throughout the year we have been consulting with partners on the priorities for the next three years.

Reading has also:

- Successfully commissioned services to support victims of domestic abuse.
- Updated on website including a quick exit button
- Reviewed training on key action to encourage disclosure
- Established a referral pathway document for partners
- Delivered bespoke training to Adult Social Care Teams
- Run a Safeguarding session regarding support for disabled adults experiencing DA for relevant voluntary sector agencies
- Increased the number of agencies attending approved training
- Increased the number of referrals from partner agencies into the MARAC
- Increased the number of agencies referring into the MARAC

3. Adult Exploitation

Over the course of the last plan Reading has seen a significant increase in the number victims identified and referred into services. Much of the work has focused on improving training and operation response to Modern Slavery and Adult Exploitation. For the period January 2017 to June 2018, the support service submitted 66 intelligence reports to the Police, which highlighted the growing number of males being trafficked, surpassing the number of female victims of trafficking. They identified the following types of exploitation cases for the same period:

- Modern Slavery – 17 (Forced labour: 13, Domestic Servitude: 4)
- Sexual – 22
- Financial – 15
- Criminal – 21
- Other (including Cuckooing) - 20

4. Vulnerable Communities (*Prevent*, hate crime and counter-terrorism)

The CSP has continued to work with ACRE to monitor the progression and oversight of Hate Crime cases in Reading. It held four case monitoring groups where community representatives were invited to look at cases and the decision making process. The CSP is the governing body of the Prevent Strategic Group and Channel Panel. A proportionate action plan is in place and the CSP receives regular updates, this has included details of the number of referrals into channel and the outcomes and progress on training for partner organisations. The Prevent Management group organised specific training for the Channel Panel provide by the South East Counter Terrorism Unit. In addition the CSP has continued to raise awareness of the Terrorism threat to local

businesses and other Town Centre organisations. It has held a half day briefing event for over 60 businesses run by SECTU. The CSP partners also facilitated a learning event following a sophisticated bump hoax at the Oracle shopping centre.

The CSP has received the findings from the Strategic Assessment and agreed new priorities for the next 3 year rolling plan. These are:

1. Adult exploitation and Modern Slavery
2. Violent Crime and Serious ASB
3. Class A Drugs and associated ASB

ROYAL BOROUGH OF 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

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Current Priorities:

The Safer Bucks Plan 2017-20 priorities are:

Safeguarding against Vulnerability and Exploitation

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

Tackling Violence and Abuse (including Domestic)

Including abuse of children and young people, abuse of older people and domestic violence and abuse (DVA).

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.

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 and support for those who are social isolated.

Performance Highlights:

Safeguarding against Vulnerability and Exploitation

TEC Select Committee Inquiry into Modern Slavery

The emerging topic of modern slavery and exploitation was a work area chosen by the TEC Select Committee to be under inquiry. As part of the inquiry there were 8 recommendations that the Committee chose to focus on, progress and then action feedback at the 6 and 12 month update meetings. This included devising a multiagency training strategy, making progress in the delivery of training to county and multiagency staff, having nominated Single Points of Contact (SPOCs), campaigning to public and staff and having readily available guidance for staff on how to complete a NRM form (National Referral Mechanism)/MS1 (Modern Slavery) forms. This inquiry required significant work to be undertaken by county and multiagency partners. The Bucks Community Safety Team presented the progress made at the 6 month TEC Select Committee on the 6th November 2018. The Chair, Cllr Carroll said that this was one of the best progress briefings delivered to the committee in his time chairing it.

Exploitation and Modern Slavery Training

The BCC Community Safety Team are working alongside Willow Project (the new exploitation and modern slavery victim service which also provides training) to provide training dates for BCC staff and external organisations. To date over 650 professionals have been trained of which 99 are from BCC with a further 50 (as of 11th Oct) BCC staff primarily from Adult Social Care and Children's Social Care booked on to attend a specified future date. Future training dates are also available.

Willow Project and Operation Ravine

The exploitation Thames Valley wide pilot service (RAHAB) was due to start in Spring 2018 but due to contractual issues with the PCC this was delayed. These issues have been resolved and a new service (Willow Project) headed up by the same service lead launched in September 2018. There is one coordinator and two support workers based in Bucks providing this service. Willow Project is in place until March 2020 with the possibility to extend. Touch down points for the staff are spread around the county and the Programme Lead works at BCC every other Friday to discuss progress and any issues we can assist with.

The pilot is moving well and is proven by the success of Operation Ravine. In total 11 individuals attended the Reception Centre between 11th-12th September 2018; 6 of whom have now been referred into the National Referral Mechanism to access further support.

Feedback from the Reception Centre reflected the fantastic level of engagement and support from multi agency partners, both from those who were in attendance on the day and for those who were on call as a point of contact. Thames Valley Police have arrested 3 individuals for Modern Slavery offences as part of Operation Ravine.

"Click" Production

A new play entitled "Click" aimed at year 6 pupils that teaches them about online risk and healthy online behaviour has been delivered to over 5500 pupils across the county in September/October

2018. Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire County Councils were awarded money as part of the Cybercrime grant from the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner to tackle the issue. They commissioned "Alter Ego" the drama school specialists who previously produced Chelsea's Choice, to develop the play with input from year 7 pupils and a number of agencies across the Thames Valley area. The production was well received and one school in particular said, "our year 6 children were so impressed by what they saw and experienced, they are now getting together to have a performance ready to share with the rest of the school, as appropriate, what they have learnt". The play is being followed up in the classroom with a number of resources addressing cyber bullying, digital resilience and healthy/unhealthy relationships.

Preventing Extremism

The Government published its **new Counter Terrorism Strategy (CONTEST)** in June 2018 and sets out 3 key factors that terrorists exploit:

- The proliferation of extremist attitudes, which fragment and divide communities.
- Conflict, instability and poor governance which can create environments where terrorists can thrive.
- Developments in technology, which provide the means for terrorists to operate undetected, together with the global reach to inspire their atrocities.

The 4 P's (Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare) continue to feature in CONTEST but there is a new emphasis on the Pursue and Prevent elements working more closely together.

In September 2018 the Home Office published the **Prevent Duty Toolkit for Local Authorities and Partner Agencies** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-toolkit-for-local-authorities-and-partner-agencies>. The Home Office have held workshops around the country to promote the toolkit and Buckinghamshire was well represented in January with colleagues from health, local government and the further education sector participating.

Work continued across partners to improve the robustness of information about the local threat and risk picture to inform the counter terrorism local profile and the local assessment of risk (which continues to be reflective of the national picture). The risk and progress against actions to tackle those risks continue to be reviewed quarterly through the Prevent Network.

The Channel Panel continues to receive referrals and has ongoing cases. The County Council was notified that proposed phased changes to Channel (Dovetail) which were expected to be implemented by early 2019 will not now take place until 2020/21. A training needs survey of the Channel panel will see an annual development day to ensure all members are suitably skilled to ensure the continued effective operation.

The Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board Section 11 Audit in 2017 identified the need for a more robust approach to training and development on Prevent across a wide range of partners. The proposed approach was reported to the Safer Stronger Buckinghamshire Partnership Board in July 2018. It builds on the model developed by the Health sector for safeguarding training and

provides guidelines for content, learning outcomes, delivery methods and performance measures. Individual organisations are responsible for implementing the training and development framework within their own agency including the delivery, recording and maintenance of their own evidence that staff meet the required outcomes.

The County Council and Wycombe District Council jointly developed and delivered a training and development workshop for existing WRAP (Prevent) trainers. This was very well received with requests for further workshops every 6 months.

Tackling Violence and Abuse (including Domestic)

Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA)

The IDVA service has seen some changes over the year which are reported to be working well and which have helped improve the service by ensuring clients are offered help earlier. Following the challenges with referrals from the police, the IDVA started working in the DAU in October 2017 to manage the referrals and carry out safety planning on behalf of the police. This has led to a 26% increase in referrals from the police to the IDVA service when comparing the figures of the first six months of the year to the last six months. There have also been good examples of interagency working. There have been no formal complaints but good feedback has been collected from both stakeholders and clients. The service supported 311 clients (293 women/18 men) in 2017/2018, against an engagement rate of 69% in women and 78% in men. 71% of women had an improvement in risk, safety and management. Of those who completed outcome monitoring forms at both the start and finish of engagement, 72.90% reported improved outcomes.

Domestic Violence & Abuse Youth Worker

Following a 6 month gap in service, the DVA Youth Worker restarted in the south of Buckinghamshire in April 2017. A new worker was appointed and training and coaching was put in place during her induction period to help her understand the dynamics of DVA and take this learning into her work. The worker initially worked to re-establish links with individuals, schools and other agencies. The Youth Worker has also delivered training and awareness raising to help educate young people and enable them to make informed choices about their present and future relationships, as well as encouraging conversations between peers. During 2017/2018 the DVA Youth Worker worked with 19 young people in 1:1 sessions. All were experiencing DVA in the family home, with 4 also experiencing DVA in an intimate relationship. Outcomes include safety plans and measures put in place including 4 for safer contact arrangements, 3 improved their relationship with the non-abusing parent, 4 improved their coping and managing challenges. Awareness raising sessions have been delivered to 10 schools/youth settings which have reached 370 young people and to professionals, e.g social care, MASH, which have reached 82 adults. Reduction in risk was achieved for all the young people who were worked with.

DVA Strategy 2018-2021

The DVA Strategy 2018-2021 was produced and ratified by partners prior to its approval and sign off at the July 2018 Safer & Stronger Bucks Partnership Board. The vision of the strategy is

“everyone in Buckinghamshire lives a life free from domestic abuse”. This strategy will be delivered by working in partnership with all agencies to deliver against 5 strategic aims:

- 1) Prevent domestic abuse from happening by raising awareness and challenging attitudes and behaviours which foster or tolerate it.
- 2) Reduce the impact of domestic abuse on children and adults by intervening early.
- 3) Provide support to victims.
- 4) Ensure perpetrators are held to account.
- 5) Reduce the risk of people becoming victims again.

The DVA Delivery Plan has also since been compiled with various stakeholder workshops to ensure multiagency buy-in across the Community Safety Partnership. This was approved at the October 2018 Safer & Stronger Bucks Partnership Board.

Reducing Re-offending

IOM (Integrated Offender Management)

IOM has three officers across Chiltern & South Bucks, Aylesbury and High Wycombe. During 1st January 2018 to 30th September 2018 they’ve worked with 66 persons (increase of 65% engaged with compared to the previous year). The cohort still features serious acquisitive crime offenders but the shift is a move towards “*threat risk and harm*” (risk assessment process) and therefore low level serious acquisitive crime offenders have been removed (shoplifters, theft from motor vehicle etc.). There has been a drive to increase domestic abuse perpetrators to 25% of the cohort, which at this time we are achieving. The female cohort has been expanded (to 15% from 7%) in line with the Ministry of Justice female offender strategy. As you’d expect with more emphasis on threat, risk and harm there has been a shift from predominately Community Rehabilitation Company managed offenders on the cohort to a more balanced National Probation Service/Community Rehabilitation Company split. Over the next year IOM are looking to increase the number of organised crime group named persons on the cohort, whilst maintaining the number of female and domestic abuse perpetrators on the cohort. There has been a reduction in the offending across all three districts (Aylesbury -29%, High Wycombe -33% and Chiltern & South Bucks -54%) when comparing charges in the six months prior to being adopted onto the scheme and the first six months on the scheme. This reduces further still when comparing to the last six months (Aylesbury -56%, High Wycombe -42% and Chiltern & South Bucks -68%).

Youth Offending Service

Latest figures released from Youth Justice Board continue to show a dip in repeat offending (48.5% in Oct – Dec 2015, to 33.3% in Oct – Dec 2016). The Youth Offending Service (YOS) are due to train staff in Trauma Informed Approaches as it is recognised the cohort of children who continue to repeat offend are recognised as the most complex thus needing a therapeutic approach to intervention delivery.

The YOS Board has been relaunched to ensure a partnership approach is in place to tackle youth violence across the county and this includes representatives from Education, Youth Services and Early Help.

The Front Door service now has access to the YOS database. YOS are in the process of training staff to navigate their way around the system. There are a number of benefits to this, one of which is to

ensure that where young people were previously known to YOS they are identified at the earliest opportunity, so any context in terms of criminal exploitation can be explored at the earliest opportunity.

Helping our Communities to be Resilient

Street Association

Street Association brings together local residents who want to make their community stronger, friendlier and more supportive. Street Association members achieve this by acting as the eyes and ears on their street, learning to spot those who may need some help, and point them in the direction of support.

In July 2018 the fifth Street Association pilot launched and currently has 22 members covering 20 streets looking out for their neighbours and signposting them to existing referral routes. The initiative is backed by 8 local businesses and residents have attended 15 presentations and workshops. A strong Neighbourhood Watch in the area is working well alongside the Street Association and the initiative has already spread to Askett, a small hamlet bordering Princes Risborough. The sixth Street Association launched in October 2018 with 10 residents signed up as members and a series of workshops and engagement are scheduled.

Countywide, the initiative has attracted 260 street members covering 178 streets. 141 presentations, workshops and engagement events have taken place in the six pilot areas with the backing of 75 local businesses and 215 residents trained on community safety issues.

Members are continuing to signpost their neighbours to Prevention Matters and referrals have increased by an average of 20% across the pilot areas, including an almost 50% increase in one pilot area. Members are also identifying and directing scam victims to support at the earliest opportunity.

A programme of workshops is being planned for each pilot area to continue to raise awareness of scams and doorstep crime, while providing an opportunity to gather feedback from street members and understand how the initiative can be improved.

CRIME AND DISORDER

The Transport, Environment and Communities Select Committee at Bucks County Council is the dedicated crime and disorder Select Committee. During the last financial year, the Committee has had agenda items/inquiries on the following crime and disorder topics:

Modern Slavery Inquiry – The County Council’s duty. The report and recommendations were agreed by Cabinet in April 2018. The 6 month update was provided to the Committee on the 6th November 2018. Of note: The 12 month update was provided to the Committee on the 4th June 2019. Details can be found via these URLs (item 7/item 8):

<https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=789&MIId=9678&Ver=4>

<https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=789&MIId=12284&Ver=4>

Of note: The Prevent Duty in Buckinghamshire Annual Update was discussed at the Select Committee on 4th June 2019. Details can be found via this URL (item 9):

<https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=789&MIId=12284&Ver=4>

AYLESBURY VALE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Update On The Community Safety Plan 2018/19

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998, requires the Aylesbury Vale Community Safety Partnership (AVCSP) to produce a three year partnership strategy and annual action plans to achieve the priorities set in the strategy. The strategy (2017-2020) has two key priorities:

- Supporting communities and town centres to become safer, more resilient and cohesive places to live and work.
- Work closer in partnership to cut crimes that are of most concern to the public and to protect the most vulnerable members of our community.

The Annual Plan for 2019/20 is in draft form, the Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group has reviewed and agreed its priorities. It will be published at: <http://www.aylesburyvalcdc.gov.uk/section/communitysafetypartnership-news-and-events>

Purple Flag

Renewal of the Purple Flag Award was featured in the 18/19 plan. Having held the Purple Flag Award in Aylesbury town centre since 2010 though, a review has been conducted as to its effectiveness. The award recognises how the partnership currently works together to make town centres safer places for visitors and residents. Following the submission of a new full application and consequent assessment evening on the 6th April, where Aylesbury partners showcased the town centre evening and night-time economy as a safe and vibrant environment, commensurate with a town of its size; a decision was made not to renew.

This was based on the following concerns:

- The cost in terms of officer time and financial outlay did not match the benefits perceived to have been gained by holding the Purple Flag status.
- The award does not attract sufficient national marketing from the awarding body (ATCM – Association of Town Centre Management).
- That during street surveys held in Aylesbury the general public seemed unaware of its existence and purpose; despite local marketing and signposting.

The “Night Moves” group will continue its focus on making Aylesbury Town Centre safer, to the same standard that achieved the award, as before. The group will decide actions to reduce crime and disorder in the night-time economy. It will link in with other groups such as the proposed stakeholder group around “Aggressive begging” (see below).

Criminal Drugs Exploitation

Following the previous Locality Review which was focussed on “County Lines” drugs exploitation, and carried out by the Violence and Vulnerable Exploitation Unit in the previous year’s plan, governance recommendations have been adopted and the partnership now represents on a

county-wide tactical Serious Violence Group. This is a sub-group of the Safer & Stronger Bucks Partnership Board and will take forward elements of the government and Thames Valley Police Serious Violence Strategies, with a strong focus on Criminal Drugs Exploitation and County Lines. This tactical group will draw up plans to tackle the issues identified within the Vale of Aylesbury as part of a wider Bucks initiative.

The joint agency Vulnerable Tenancy Group, which takes cognisance of those individuals exploited in their homes for the purposes of drugs supply, was held up as good practice within the review's report and remains in place locally for the Vale. National and regional campaigns in relation to security and personal safety have been supported and social media employed to focus messages on key demographics, for example the "Hidden Harm" campaign aimed at raising awareness of Modern Slavery, Online Child Abuse, Honour Based Abuse. Domestic Abuse and Hate Crime.

Other Partnership Activity

The AVDC Community Safety Team continue to take key roles at a strategic level in relation to Child Sexual Exploitation, Modern Slavery/exploitation, Cyber Crime and the county-wide substance misuse strategy groups; along with other partners within the CSP. This interaction informs CSP actions in the annual plan. Housing and Community Safety Officers from AVDC have supported a number of Modern Slavery police operations to safeguard suspected victims of Modern Slavery in the Vale and neighbouring CSP areas. One major operation utilised a Reception Centre identified from AVDC's Emergency Plan. Crime reduction and engagement events have been carried out across the Vale, especially in the rural areas, offering home safety and tool marking advice. Bucks Fire and Rescue Service continue to provide crime reduction advice as part of their events and Home Safety checks.

Emergency Planning & Community Resilience

Emergency Planning and Resilience are aligned with the Community Safety sector in AVDC. This year, training of Senior Managers has been conducted by the national Emergency Planning College in their roles around Integrated Emergency Management. The emergency plan, and AVDC's response in partnership with the wider Thames Valley Local Resilience Forum, was tested on two occasions this year. The first being as part of a regional and national exercise, Evolving Formula, where officers attended and played their roles at both tactical and strategic levels; at Upper Heyford and Kidlington respectively.

The second table-top exercise sought to put Incident Managers and Crisis Management Team officers through their paces in an adverse weather scenario. The exercise was supported by partners in Bucks County Council, Milton Keynes Council and the Met Office; as well as a retired Police officer from Thames Valley Police. The temporary Community Safety and Emergency Planning Support Officer post has been made permanent to ensure AVDC meets its commitments under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004, and to the wider Thames Valley Resilience Forum. Work streams now include HS2 and EU Exit contingencies, which are emerging as priority areas, going forward.

CHILTERN AND SOUTH BUCKS DISTRICT COUNCILS

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. This year the CSP particularly focused on cyber-crime and scams.

- Operation Gauntlet – a scam awareness and prevention initiative to raise awareness of telephone scams. This is a multi-agency initiative working with TVP, C&SB District Councils, Natwest (Friends against Scams) and Trading Standards and continues into Year 3 of the Plan targeting local residents associations and groups to continue to ensure vulnerable residents won't be a victim.



SCAM AWARENESS AND PREVENTION.pdf

- 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, loan sharks, intergeneration and dementia, faith establishments etc. The winning school from each District goes to Legoland. Further info can be found on both DC websites.
- Modern slavery – the Community Safety team is offering RAHAB training to all new starters at the Council to ensure staff can recognise the signs of modern slavery and who to report it to. The team has worked closely with TVP and other partners where a premise has been identified that may have modern slavery victims. Rest Centres have been identified to support modern slavery operations.
- Ask for Angela continues to thrive 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/askforangela> or here <http://www.southbucks.gov.uk/askforangela>
- Hotel Watch test purchase operations with TVP have taken place this year with good results. All establishments received feedback from the community safety team, licensing team and local police neighbourhood team and further training has been offered.
- Neighbourhood Watch – we continue to support the establishment of new neighbourhood watch schemes and existing schemes and are working closely with Street Associations to build community resilience.
- 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.
- The Community Forums have been set up for both Districts. Quarterly surveys are produced to help identify the top three priorities for each Neighbourhood team to address. The Chiltern Community Forum in particular is thriving with an informative website www.chilterncommunityforum.org and proactive Independent Chair and web developer.

- In terms of performance monitoring community safety reports have been submitted to Policy Advisory Groups in Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils over the past year.

The Councils are now in Year 3 of the Plan and will continue to have a focus on cyber-crime and scams.

WYCOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Our Achievements during 2018/19

As a result of the last Partnership Plan significant steps were taken to address crime and disorder issues. A few examples of activities undertaken in relation to the priorities from the last Plan are highlighted below.

Priority one: Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour and Crime

- A multi-agency Street Community Group has been established which includes both statutory and non-statutory organisations who come together to see how they support those begging or living on the streets, and how they can safeguard the wider community.
- The Street Community Group has also launched its communications campaign, which includes an information leaflet for the public explaining the partnership work and encouraging people to give money to support charities rather than people begging. A webpage where people can find out further information has been developed and articles are going in Wycombe District Times and via social media about begging and how people can help the street community.
- A partnership campaign around spring crime and garden security was undertaken, through social media and Thames Valley Alert.
- Cocooning packs have been revised and materials are included on property marking and services available etc.
- The Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order has been varied so that alcohol can be taken from people found drinking on the streets.

Priority Two: Safeguarding our communities

- The regular monthly MARAC meetings have changed to weekly meetings
- A new Countywide Domestic Abuse Strategy and Action Plan has been developed.
- WDC community safety web pages have been updated, and include information on Honour Based Violence, Female Genital Mutilation, hate crime and Prevent.
- The Partnership agencies have supported national loan shark awareness campaigns through social media.
- Training materials were produced for on-licensed premises, which includes information on their safeguarding responsibilities. The training was undertaken during 2018.
- WDC licensing have funded a safeguarding training package for taxi and private hire license holders on issues such as CSE, slavery and dementia – as a mandatory condition of their license.
- The Willow Project have received PCC funding to be the exploitation victim support service across the Thames Valley, and rolled out extensive training to staff.
- New training materials were produced for Hotel Watch members on raising awareness of slavery – both as guests and as potential staff (from 'agency providers').

Priority Three: Working together to address Child Exploitation

- All safeguarding leads at all schools in Wycombe LPA have met with the new Safeguarding Sgt/PC. All schools have been able to communicate their needs in terms of safeguarding packages. A bespoke training package for each school will be created.
- A multi-agency group has been established, the Wycombe Child Exploitation & Missing Partnership, which identifies and safeguards vulnerable children and has strengthened relations with school safeguarding leads.
- The Hotel Watch scheme has been utilised to assist with finding a high risk missing young person.
- Test purchase operations have been undertaken in Hotels within the district. An undercover police officer and an underage police cadet try to purchase drinks and a room. Where premises fail to perform the required checks, or raise concerns with the police, further work is undertaken with that premise.

Priority Four: Building community resilience

- The Safe Place scheme continues to grow in business membership – particularly in the rural areas.
- TVP and WDC continue to regularly meet with NHW to discuss the success of their scheme and opportunities for partnership working.
- Marlow Neighbourhood Policing Team completed their Cop Cards project for 2018 and are awarding the prizes.
- WDC supported World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and the Dementia Awareness Days in June, through displays in reception and via social media.
- PCC funding was awarded to the Street Association Scheme for 2018/19 and another scheme was rolled out within Wycombe.
- Scam awareness materials are shared through the Street Association Project.

The above priorities will remain in place for the final year of the Community Safety Partnership Plan (2019/20), and the updated Plan can be found at

<https://www.wycombe.gov.uk/pages/Community/Community-safety/Community-Safety-Partnership.aspx>

OXFORDSHIRE

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

https://www.oxford.gov.uk/downloads/file/647/community_safety_plan_2017-18

Oxford Safer Communities Partnership's (OSCP) annual plan for 2018-19 sets out priorities and actions for the year ahead, an overview of community safety issues from the previous year and a review of our achievements in 2017-18.

Since the introduction of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, local authorities, the police and other statutory agencies are legally obliged to set up Community Safety Partnerships that developed joint strategies to tackle crime and disorder. Over the years, more organisations have joined OSCP, including both universities and third sector organisations.

In recent years priorities have concentrated on more victim focussed offences, such as child sexual exploitation and modern slavery. This is reflected by partnerships across the country as the impact of organised crime and county lines drug models put the more vulnerable in our communities at greater risk. Our work has been challenging and demanding but over the years, OSCP has worked together successfully to reduce crime across the city.

In March 2018, partners agreed the priorities for 2018-19. These were:

- Tackling negative street culture and its connection to drug dealing, young people and vulnerable adults at risk of exploitation;
- Reducing serious violence and to undertake a review into policing Oxford's late night entertainment;
- Developing a project to embed restorative approaches across partner organisations;
- Tackling Organised Crime Groups;
- Supporting the Government's Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy by tackling domestic abuse and other interpersonal crimes; and,
- Tackling the open drug markets that impact on our communities feelings of safety. We aim to undertake these challenges with a number of actions, set out in a table at end of this plan. Some of these actions are:
 - To work in partnership to keep our communities safe from the harm caused by drug lines operating from other major cities.
 - To identify hot-spot areas that are affected by the open drug markets and lead and support communities to take back their streets.
 - Continue the Streetwise project in the city centre to tackle begging, drug abuse, street drinking and environmental crime.
 - Protecting those vulnerable adults who are at risk of being "cuckooed" into hosting drug dealing.
 - To provide a local response to a County-wide Modern Slavery Action Plan, currently being developed.
 - Continue to undertake environmental audits of our neighbourhoods to tackle fly-tipping and litter that blight our communities.
 - Working with partners across Oxfordshire to protect victims of domestic abuse. During 2017-18, we responded to many challenges in a robust and coordinated way. This rolling plan continues to build on our successes to make Oxford a safe and enjoyable place to live, work and visit

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

Oxford Safer Communities Partnership's achievements for 2018-18 were focused on the following areas:

- Tackling negative street culture and its connection to drug dealing, young people and vulnerable adults at risk of exploitation.
 - Continue the Streetwise project in the city centre to tackle begging, drug abuse, street drinking and environmental crime. Police, City Council, Turning Point, homeless services working together to support and address behaviour of most chaotic clients. Top 10 client share process, daily patrols by City Centre Ambassadors, street engagement by dedicated City Council and police resources.
- Reducing serious violence and to undertake a review into policing Oxford's late night entertainment;
 - Review the partnership response to policing the night time economy. Project brief developed during 2018-19. Partner data collection and analysis underway. The Review will also assist with police resourcing of the late night entertainment economy.

- Develop a local hate crime action plan to support victims of hate crime. In 2028-19 a Partnership hate crime plan developed. Activities included:
 - Hate crime awareness week working with the police to promote reporting through their “Hidden harm” campaign.
 - Police have an Independent Advisory Group of representing a wide range of communities.
 - Police Community and Diversity Officer works with communities, particularly in response to issues that raise community concerns or tensions.
 - Hate crime page on City Council’s website
 - Promotion of the Victim First service
 - Analysis of repeat victims and perpetrators of hate crimes reported to the police – repeats are problem-solved.
 - All hate crime offences are reviewed by a specialist police officer.
- Supporting the Government’s Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy by tackling domestic abuse and other interpersonal crimes;
 - In 2018-19 a County wide Modern Slavery Action Plan was developed and presented to OSCP. Elmore research project continues and is due to report back to OSCP in October. Unfortunately, data sharing hurdles have cause delays.
 - Work continues to deliver on cuckooing along with training by the Willow Project. Human Exploitation Coordinator is managing the plan on behalf of the Oxfordshire Community Safety Partnership.
 - Continued the successful work of the Sex Workers Intervention Panel that supports vulnerable individuals who have chaotic lifestyles to reduce the harm to themselves and the wider community. This included the introduction of Sex Worker Harm Reduction packs including health products and support service information. The SWIP also continued its support with the national Ugly Mug information, which was included within the packs.
 - Worked with partners across Oxfordshire to protect victims of domestic abuse. This included development of a Young People’s Pathway, Domestic Abuse Training for professionals, and drafting of a DA strategy, delivery plan and dashboard.
 - Thames Valley wide, we worked with TVP on the updated MARAC Protocol and supported the Thames Valley BAMER Project to provide improved services for victims from BAMER communities.
 - Continued to work with our Oxfordshire local authorities to address safeguarding responses under the Joint Operating Framework for Taxis and Transporting Vulnerable Adults. Enforcement work has increased in the evenings resulting in a 3rd of all complaints relating to taxis from neighbouring districts. All drivers are safeguarding trained.
- Tackling Organised Crime Groups, that included:
 - Working against OCG’s primarily led by the MADE partnership group. Most OCG’s in Oxford are involved in the drug trade. 4Ps approach has resulted in good partnership work on protecting young people, vulnerable adults and disrupting the groups.

- Promote, advise and support all activities incorporated within Thames Valley Police Cyber Crime Strategy
- Tackling the open drug markets that impact on our communities' feelings of safety by Identify hot spot areas that are affected by the open drug markets and lead and support communities to take back their streets. Launched in 2018, TVP and Oxford City Council's Drug Task Force targeted priority areas such as Meadow Lane, South Parks, Friars Wharf and areas in East Oxford. Community call-backs develop intelligence and provide reassurance (259 so far). Uses CLEAR, HOLD, BUILD approach. Led by the MADE group, CDL activity has fluctuated during the year in response to making Oxford a more hostile environment to deal drugs in open spaces and cuckooed properties. A number of arrests have assisted in the disruption in these activities.
- We are also protecting vulnerable adults who are at risk of being "cuckooed" into hosting drug dealing with the use of closure orders to protect these vulnerable adults, relying on close cooperation between housing providers and the police.
- Developing a project to embed restorative approaches across partner organisations with an independent review of the City Council's ASB Service's capability to undertake mediation and restorative justice.

In 2019, a report went to the Scrutiny Committee last year on the use of [Public Space Protection Orders](#), with recommendations to the City Executive Board (Cabinet). This is hyperlinked above.

Last year, the Scrutiny Committee also considered several reports at the same meeting concerning crime and disorder matters. These included:

- The use of guest houses
- Graffiti prevention
- Public safety and anti-social behaviour on Oxfords Waterways.

Links to each of these reports can be found [here](#).

SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE AND VALE OF WHITE HORSE

DELIVERING THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP'S PRIORITIES AND STATUTORY DUTIES – SUMMARY OF KEY AREAS OF WORK IN 2018/19

VULNERABILITY: MANAGING DEMAND ON SERVICE THROUGH WORKING TOGETHER

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

There are a number of statutory functions relating to anti-social behaviour (ASB) that the community safety team is responsible for delivering:

Statutory responsibility	Relevant legislation
Public Spaces Protection Orders (currently in place in Thame, Abingdon and Henley) to tackle anti-social behaviour	Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014
Managing the process for the issuing Community Protection Notices (non-noise related)	Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014
On behalf of the CSP, managing the Community Trigger process	

If residents don't feel able to report ASB directly to the police, they can contact the district council's community safety team by telephone, email, website report form or in person to report the incident. The issues reported to the team are varied and range from neighbour disputes to racist abuse and harassment. We investigate, and risk assess cases, working in partnership with relevant agencies and providing updates to the complainant until the issue has been resolved. This service provides residents who are unable or unwilling to report ASB to the police with an effective alternative reporting option. Acting as a 'critical friend', the community safety team ensures that appropriate and joined up action is taken by agencies to resolve cases.

In addition, the CSP helps to fund local community-based projects that aim to improve young people's resilience and divert them away from committing asb.

The community safety team is responsible for running Joint Tasking Meetings (JTM) previously known as Joint Agency Tasking (JATAC) which merged with the Police Tactical Tasking and Co-ordination Group in 2017. These meetings maximise partnership working and make best use of resources and data sharing. 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 exploitation).

The Community Safety Officers (previously Anti-Social Behaviour Coordinator) co-ordinate monthly ASB neighbourhood meetings to ensure they are accountable, effective and inclusive of relevant agencies.

The CSP has a legal duty to provide a Community Trigger, in accordance with the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. This mechanism gives victims and communities the right to require agencies to review cases of persistent anti-social behaviour if they feel the issues have not been properly addressed already. The trigger could be activated by a member of the public, a community or a business. Rather than set up a new panel, the CSP use JTM as the ASB case review panel for the statutory Community Trigger process which maximises resources and ensures that information is properly shared across a broad range of agencies.

The Community Safety Officers work closely with partners to deliver warnings to offenders whose behaviour has a detrimental impact on others. Failure to comply may result in a Community Protection Notice being served.

Seven community protection warnings were delivered by the community safety team in 2018/19; two for works carried out on vehicles in a residential car park, four for vehicles parking in a pedestrianised area between a play park and school and one in relation to the misuse of a wheelie bin. Out of seven warnings issued, three resulted in community protection notices being served. One of those notices has been breached and a fixed penalty notice is due to be served.

The community safety team co-ordinate the installation of guardcams (covert cameras) for vulnerable people in response to incidents of ASB, criminal damage, burglary and domestic abuse. In 2018/19, 66 guard cams were installed compared to 18 guard cams in 2017/18. These cameras provide reassurance to victims of crime and are in place for approximately three to six months. They are periodically reviewed in consultation with the victim and referring agency. 18 people chose to retain their cameras and purchased them from the CSP.

The community safety team co-ordinate the Safe Places scheme in partnership with multi agencies, such as the police, fire and rescue, Oxfordshire Family Support Network and local businesses. The scheme helps vulnerable people feel confident and safe whilst out in the community. If someone feels they are being abused or harassed whilst they are out in the community, they have a safe place to go. Window stickers are displayed in public places (shops, libraries, community centres) to identify themselves as Safe Places. The scheme was launched in South Oxfordshire in Wallingford in November 2017 followed by Didcot, Henley, Thame and Abingdon in 2018 with over 65 premises registered as a Safe Place. The scheme is due to be launched in Faringdon and Wantage in June 2019. Now that the scheme has been operational for a year a review of participating locations will take place in 2019/20 and include feedback from staff and service users.

DOMESTIC ABUSE

The CSP provides funding to the Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Service (ODAS) to deliver outreach and support for women, men and children whose lives have been disrupted by domestic abuse in South and Vale. In 2018/19 A2 Dominion and Reducing the Risk were awarded the contract to deliver this service for the whole county. In addition to outreach, they set up and run support groups and enable those in need to draw upon a range of resources, for example, providing a local help-line service and refuge accommodation.

In quarter three 110 clients were supported in South and Vale. 21. The CSP continue to provide support to victims of domestic abuse by coordinating sanctuary scheme works to help vulnerable victims of crime stay and feel safe in their own homes. In 2018/19 the community safety team coordinated 49 referrals compared to 44 in 2017/18.

The CSP also fund a small repairs/target hardening service to help those at risk of domestic abuse and victims of burglary stay and feel safe in their own home. Security works for 43 properties were carried out in 2018/19 compared to 33 in 2017/18. For example, a change of locks, fire proof letter boxes, covert cameras and outside lighting. These additional security works provide comfort for the client enabling them to feel safe in their own home.

The CSP has a statutory duty to conduct Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004. These take place when a murder has been committed in either of the district areas and the victim and offender were in some form of relationship. The main aim of a review is to establish what lessons can be learned regarding the way in which local professionals and organisations work individually and together to safeguard victims. The community safety team is responsible for managing the DHR process and providing administrative support.

The community safety team promoted the 'know this isn't love' domestic abuse campaign launched by the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner raising awareness of coercive control and emotional abuse in relationships. This message was promoted on the councils' website, Facebook

and twitter pages and featured the Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse helpline number if someone needed support.

MODERN SLAVERY

From 1 November 2015, specific public authorities have a duty to notify the Secretary of State of any person identified in England and Wales as a suspected victim of slavery or human trafficking. The CSP has developed a multi-agency approach to tackle exploitation with the introduction of a rolling exploitation delivery plan for 2019/20. This plan will support the Oxfordshire Violence and Vulnerability delivery plan and Oxfordshire Modern Slavery delivery plan. This partnership approach aims to address the threat, harm and risk of County Drug Lines, local Organised Crime Groups, Child Drug Exploitation, Child/Adult Sexual Exploitation, Labour/Domestic Servitude Exploitation and Criminal Exploitation. For example, supporting early intervention projects that help young people identified as most vulnerable through education and diversionary projects. These projects help young people reflect on their behaviour and encourage positivity for the future. Another example is the delivery of training for staff, to raise awareness of exploitation, recognise the signs and know how to report any concerns.

RURAL CRIME

The community safety team support and chair the South and Vale Rural Crime meetings bringing partners, landowners, farmers together to reduce incidents of rural crime. The CSP provided funding to the police for 'Stop that Thief', a scheme that provide cost-effective security solutions. If security equipment is required, it is provided at cost and installed at a fixed fee on a try before you buy principle. During a national week of action for rural crime in March 2019, local police teams promoted this initiative by visiting over 120 farms in South and Vale.

BURGLARY

The community safety team supports vulnerable people being a victim of burglary by funding smartwater kits. Smartwater is a colourless liquid that contains a unique forensic code registered to an address and can be applied to valuable items discreetly. If marked items are stolen and recovered by the police, the smartwater can be detected by a UV light and used to trace back to the owner. When individuals are arrested in connection with burglary, they walk through a smartwater arch detector in custody. This will reveal if they have been in contact with smartwater as this shows up on their skin and clothing. To qualify for Smartwater status, 80 per cent of homes need to be covered. There are seven Smartwater streets in Henley, six streets in Shrivenham, four streets in South Hinksey, and six in Cumnor. Due to a recent spate of burglaries in Cumnor, the Chair of the Resident's Association said "the Smartwater has had a positive effect of building community and linking neighbours together. We now have Smartwater signs in place and highlighting that fact should make the neighbourhood less attractive to burglars and property can now be easily traced".

PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION: IMPROVING SAFEGUARDING IN PHYSICAL AND VIRTUAL SPACE

CYBERCRIME

With regards to cybercrime, the community safety team continue to promote various campaigns and messages from the national websites Action Fraud and Get Safe online through social media platforms to encourage residents to protect their identities and keep safe whilst online. 29. The

community safety team delivered an e-safety workshops for parents and carers of primary school children in July 2018 in response to a request from parents who had attended a cybercrime awareness workshop. The aims of our workshop were to raise awareness of the risks to children online and assist parents/carers with keeping their children safe. Two one-hour workshops were delivered on 3 July 2018. Feedback from the 25 parents who attended stated that 100 per cent would recommend the workshop to other parents, 75 per cent were 'very satisfied' and 25 per cent were 'fairly satisfied'. The community safety team will continue to work with partners and schools to ensure parents are aware of the risks online to young people.

CHILD EXPLOITATION

The CSP support the priorities of the Oxfordshire Child Exploitation sub group by implementing actions and recommendations from the group. To tackle these priorities the community safety team co-ordinated the local delivery of "Chelsea's choice", a hard-hitting play that shows how young people are can be groomed by adults for the purposes of sexual exploitation using various methods, ensnaring young people and eventually taking complete control and dominating their whole lives. This play was delivered to parents, staff and young people in ten South and Vale secondary schools, eight in May and two in November 2018. Over 1500 students saw the play. Evaluation from the audience revealed 96 per cent of students have a better understanding of the issues surrounding child sexual exploitation and the grooming process and that it can happen to boys as well as girls. 92 per cent of students felt they have a better understanding of safe internet use. The schools paid a contribution towards each production and the remaining cost was funded by the CSP. Feedback from staff and parents was very positive and the production has since been delivered again in May 2019. We are currently evaluating feedback from students and will share this feedback with schools with a view to deliver the project in May 2020.

"Hotel Watch" is a project that aims to develop better links between the hospitality industry, the police and the CSP. It promotes safe and crime free environments, develops good practice and encourages collection and sharing of intelligence. This covers crimes such as child sexual exploitation (CSE). A test purchase operation was carried out in October 2018 involving a police officer in plain clothes attempting to book a double room with cash and no prebooking or ID, while accompanied by a police cadet aged 14 with no identification. The results revealed that three out of the 12 hotels accepted a booking and supplied alcohol knowing it was for a child. These hotels were called in for a licensing meeting and improvements have been implemented such as understanding the signs to look out for and staff training for underage sales. The community safety team are to introduce guidance for premises in partnership with the police to help hotel staff recognise the signs of exploitation and how to report any concerns.

FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM)

The CSP support the 'Oxford Against Cutting' organisation to raise awareness of FGM to South and Vale communities for example local faith groups, schools and communities where FGM is a significant concern. They have recently delivered an 'Afro beats against FGM' workshop at Abingdon college to raise awareness of FGM. We are currently waiting for the evaluation of this project.

HATE CRIME

The community safety team in partnership with the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner delivered hate crime training and launched third party hate crime reporting centres with Soha, Sovereign, Citizens Advice Bureau's and Wantage Independent Advice Centre. In 2019/20 the

team will review these reporting centres for example how many times have they been used to report hate crime and identify any additional training needs.

REDUCING RE-OFFENDING: TARGETING AND MANAGING HARM AND RISK

The CSP helped offenders during their transition between offending and stability by providing funding to Homeless Oxfordshire who manage ex offender's housing needs after they have been released from prison. Funding from the CSP ceased in August 2018.

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

The community safety team runs Nightsafe, a multi-agency sub group of the CSP which delivers initiatives to help reduce late night violence and associated crime and disorder. Resources, knowledge and data from TVP, licensing, community safety, Public Health and Fire & Rescue are pooled to tackle premises of concern and key events (e.g. running joint test purchase operations to prevent the sale of alcohol to underage people).

Two test purchase operations took place in 2018/19 where intelligence indicated underage drinking was taking place. All premises that failed received advice with remedial actions and fixed penalty notices.

The community safety team migrated the existing Designated Public Places Orders (DPPO) in Abingdon, Henley and Thame over to Public Spaces Protection Orders in 2018 as set out in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. The new Public Spaces Protection Order is like a DPPO. However, in addition to alcohol related anti-social behaviour, it can also include a wider range of offences to help address other local anti-social behaviour issues that are persistent and having a significant, detrimental impact on the community.

The Abingdon PSPO has been used on several occasions to seize alcohol from individuals, particularly at the Abingdon Fair. In addition, warning letters have been sent out by the police to drivers to remind them of the vehicle related conditions of the PSPO. The Abingdon PSPO will be reviewed in 2019/20. 39. The Henley and Thame PSPOs have been referred to by police to remind members of the public of their conditions around alcohol and for Thame to prevent ASB.

In Abingdon, the PSPO has been useful to the police when tackling alcohol related ASB at the Michaelmas Fair (used as a warning/deterrent). In relation to vehicle related ASB, the Order is referenced in letters that the police send out to registered owners of vehicles that have been identified as being involved in ASB in the Charter Car Park, as a deterrent.

SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME AND TERRORISM: IMPROVING THE LOCAL RESPONSE

SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME

The CSP has developed a multi-agency tactical response to tackling Organised Crime Groups (OCGs) in South and Vale through the JTM meetings. The police work in partnership with agencies to prevent and disrupt serious county drug lines in South and Vale market towns and through JTM a partnership approach has been adopted to identify local people vulnerable to being exploited by these gangs. Closure Orders are a tool that the police use under this operation to try and tackle the problem relating to abuse of vulnerable people and their properties. The orders close down or restrict access to properties that are known to be used by drug gangs and the community safety team is consulted before the police apply to the courts. We have a checklist to help the police

consider key safeguarding issues relating to the order for example, if children are at the property and if there is engagement with other organisations such as drug and alcohol treatment services. In 2018/19, four closure orders have been issued by the police in South and Vale compared to 11 in 2017/18. These closure orders are often welcomed by vulnerable people whose lives have been taken over by organised crime groups. The orders help victims feel protected and in addition with other security works, they feel safe in their own homes.

In addition, the Community Safety Manager attends the Safer Oxfordshire Partnership Co-ordination Group which meets quarterly to share information on current issues, priorities, and forward plans. The group aims to identify any overlapping work streams and gaps ensuring that all boards and partnerships are clear where and how the main risks are being managed.

TERRORISM

The CSP has agreed a PREVENT action plan in accordance with Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 which places a duty on local authorities to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”. The Community Safety Manager attends the Oxfordshire Channel Panel meetings when a South or Vale referral is on the agenda. Channel provides a mechanism for ensuring that individuals identified as vulnerable to radicalisation are referred to and assessed by a multi-agency panel which decides on the most appropriate support.

The Channel process uses existing partnership working between the police, local authorities, statutory partners, and the local community to support those who are vulnerable to being drawn into violent extremism by: identifying individuals and groups at risk of being recruited by violent extremists; assessing the nature and extent of that risk through multi-agency panels; and referring cases to intervention providers (as required) to develop the most appropriate support package to safeguard the individual at risk. In addition, low level intelligence/cases of concern relating to Prevent are shared at monthly Joint Tasking Meetings and relevant partnership action is agreed.

WEST OXFORDSHIRE

West Oxfordshire Community Safety Partnership

According to the Strategic Intelligence Assessment 2019 the overall crime rate and most crime categories in West Oxfordshire district were below the average for other comparator areas. No offences were above average AND increasing in West Oxfordshire.

West Oxfordshire Community Safety Partnership priorities 2017-2021:

1. Support vulnerable members of the community
2. Prevention and early intervention to create better outcomes
3. Reduce re-offending and risk
4. Disrupt Organised Crime and terrorism including Rural crime

Work undertaken in 2018/19

- Developed Safe places scheme with 42 Safe Place locations operational in West Oxfordshire
- Safeguarding training and induction programme, including Prevent training, rolled out to all relevant staff at WODC and resources developed to provide online training
- Investment in detached youth work to deploy in Witney
- Domestic Abuse, County Lines and Modern Slavery campaigns undertaken

- Funding secured for Domestic Abuse outreach service, new countywide provider commissioned
- Collaboration with Countywide Strategic Domestic Abuse group and contract review
- Dementia week supported with activities and training for staff delivered
- Robust Safeguarding procedures in place across all partner agencies
- Vulnerable Young People meeting in place with good partner attendance
- New CCTV maintenance contract procured and in place.
- Signed up to the Thames Valley Cyber Strategy
- PREVENT plan at the Council delivered in line with expectations
- Inaugural Violence and Vulnerability meeting held

CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL

<https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/120/community-safety/166/cherwell-safer-communities-partnership-cscp>

Crime in Cherwell is falling; we have had the lowest recorded rates of crime for more than a decade which means that we are living in a very safe district, where the chance of being a victim of crime is very small.

The Cherwell Safety Communities Partnership Plan for 2017-18 provides the platform for the Safer Communities team, and its partners, to deliver the priority pledges we have made to achieve the Cherwell vision of:

- A safe, clean and green Cherwell, and
- Working with partners to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).

Cherwell Safer Communities Partnership (CSCP) is tasked with delivering priorities and targets. It is our vision to address these issues over the next two years, cutting crime, focusing on intervention, enforcement and reduction of re-offending.

Our current priorities are:

- ASB
- CSE
- Domestic abuse
- Youth provision
- Burglary
- Drugs

The CSCP currently comprises representatives from the six responsible authorities who meet on a quarterly basis to discuss the progress on the priorities set out in the Strategy. Each priority has an action plan which has actions and targets set at national, regional and local level.

CSCP reports to the Safer Oxfordshire Partnership.

MILTON KEYNES

Milton Keynes – SaferMK

In 2018, SaferMK agreed on a 3 year Strategy focusing on three broad priorities of Vulnerable Communities and Individuals, Neighbourhoods and Community Cohesion. This was underpinned with a plan of activity to be achieved over the course of those three years.

This section assesses in broad terms, progress in respect of these three priorities and comments on cross cutting themes and opportunities to improve. The full details of progress are subject to a more granular action plan

Priority 1: Vulnerable Communities and Individuals

Tackling Domestic Abuse (DA)

The Community Safety Team (CST) at MK Council in partnership with Safeguarding colleagues and Thames Valley Police collaborated on the development of a Domestic Abuse Needs Assessment which has now been completed. This work was themed on the collection of 'data' and the engagement of service users and professionals.

On White Ribbon Day, the local domestic abuse charity (MK Act) supported a 'pop up' stall at the Civic and led two initial training/awareness sessions to local authority staff.

A Strategic Group is to be formed that will drive future activity in respect of DA

Minimising gang related activity

The Community safety team have been working with Youth Offending, Thames Valley Police and Safeguarding colleagues to build on its approach to the challenge presented by gang related activity.

Achievements:

- A tiered approach to Early Intervention developed in advance of a successful bid to the Home Office included:
 - A universal early intervention programme delivered to year 8 students across all secondary schools which entailed the delivery of a hard hitting performance by a local theatre company followed by three hours of Workshop to embed learning in respect of critical thinking and decision making.
 - Outreach work during the summer, targeting most at risk and involving them in diversionary activity such as sports events
 - 'Boxing Clever' was established across Milton Keynes in 2018. This community safety initiative aims to divert young people away from gang activity. The scheme identified a cohort of youths aged between 12-16 years who are most at risk of entering into gang culture and provide an effective and appealing diversionary scheme away from gangs. It will help safeguard these youths who are likely to be vulnerable to exploitation and elements of modern slavery. This scheme is now being expanded across five Secondary Schools in Milton Keynes.
 - Individual gang meetings to focus on diversion and enforcement opportunities
- A mapping of meetings managing individuals that are vulnerable and also present a risk has taken place, identifying synergies and potential opportunities to become more efficient.

- Spotlight awareness raising event on County Lines & Gangs' delivered to over 200 professionals across numerous agencies

Delivering the Prevent strategy

Achievements:

- A review of the local approach to Prevent against the 'Prevent Duty Toolkit for Local Authorities and Partner Agencies' has been completed and presented to the Prevent Board.
- Improvement Plan implemented
- Channel Panel meetings developed to adopt a Safeguarding approach in respect of 'vulnerable/risky' individuals.
- Expanded membership in respect of those in attendance at the meetings
- MK will be the first area in Thames Valley to pilot a new referral Pathway in Milton Keynes.

Develop understanding of how FGM, Honour Based Violence and Forced Marriage effects Milton Keynes

Achievements:

- Monthly FGM meeting previously commenced prior to Strategy

Raise awareness of Modern Day Slavery

Achievements:

- Modern Day Slavery spotlight event held for professionals
- Steering group established
- Pathways for Modern Slavery referrals agreed (pathways now need embedding via the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub).

Priority 2: Neighbourhoods

Prevent and reduce violence

Achievements:

- Joint Agency Tasking and Co-ordination Meeting re-introduced
- TVP Serious Violence Plan (SVP) adopted
- Knife enabled crime partnership problem solving session held by Thames Valley Police will inform a problem solving approach
- Co-ordination of a Christmas anti-violence campaign and a seasonal 'safe hut' which was situated around the night time economy.

Prevent and Reduce Acquisitive Crime

Achievements:

- Additional funding provided to increase the use of Smart water to tackle domestic burglary

Prevent and Reduce ASB

Achievements:

- Community Resolution Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (CR MARAC) established which discussed high risk/ complex cases and vulnerable individuals. This has now been expanded to address a gap in managing Vulnerable Adults and those transitioning from childhood to adulthood
- Spotlight event on Cuckooing delivered to professionals

Priority 3 - Community Cohesion

Develop Cohesive and Resilient Communities

Achievements:

- Community crime and disorder survey completed- the total number of responses was more than double the number received for the last survey completed
- Developing locational based approaches to vulnerable areas within Milton Keynes susceptible to crime, poverty and substance misuse issues
- Increased partnership integration into the Police Independent Advisory Group

Tackling Hate Crime

Achievements:

- Workshops designed and delivered to students at MK College. These workshops focussed on appropriate language for ESOL students (English as a second language), how to correctly report incidents of hate crime along with encouraging conversations around what a hate crime is (entitled 101 conversations)
- Hate Crime awareness posters designed by college art students
- Involvement of parent ambassadors in Milton Keynes who are positioned in all secondary schools and responsible for Community Cohesion and the schools placement within the wider community.

Focus for 2019/20

The CSP have revised the strategic assessment which uses a wide range of data that is shared within the partnership. The assessment aims to provide details of changes in levels and patterns of crime and disorder that have been perceived within Milton Keynes. It also aims to highlight the community's concerns and issues surrounding crime, disorder and substance misuse.

The strategic assessment proposes future priorities for the CSP which have been identified as follows:

1. Violence (non-domestic)
2. Domestic Abuse
3. Hate Crime